



**“Si has ha-elid g s-ge’ehogkam
hemajkam”**

Honoring and Respecting Elders

**Who have contributed to the education and
continuation of the O’odham Language**



“Whereas, the knowledge and wisdom needed by Tohono O'odham for continued survival has been passed forward from the Ancient Ones through Ancestors to the Elders in each successive generation;

Whereas, we must continue to recognize and promote our Elders for they are the only means for carrying on our traditions, our history, our language, our values, our culture for those generations yet to come”

CRITERIA: Recognizing Elders for their contribution to the field of O’odham Language – teaching, sharing through storytelling and sharing through traditional O’odham songs.

- The recognition will recognize individuals who are 55 and older, have demonstrated a level of personal excellence in his/her life whether individually or as a community leader in the field of O’odham Language.
- The recognition must be given to a living person who will be present to accept the honor or a representative, chosen by the nominated person.

WHO CAN NOMINATE? Members of the Tohono O’odham Nation can submit written nominations.

All nominations will be honored and recognized

- Nomination period: February 1, 2020 through March 19, 2020
- Nominations will close on March 19, 2020 – we will not accept nominations after this date. Thank you.

Recipients will be honored during the 22nd Annual Elders Day Gathering.

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