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Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley

## **Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley Announces 2026 Chloe Jacobsen Scholarship Recipients**

**PHOENIX, Ariz. — April 29, 2026 —** Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley (BGCAZ) is proud to announce **Makaya Coleman** and **Aurora Archer** as the 2026 recipients of the **Chloe Jacobsen Scholarship**, an annual scholarship recognizing East Valley Club members who demonstrate outstanding leadership, resilience, collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and a commitment to community service.

Each recipient will receive \$12,500, for a total of \$25,000 in scholarship awards. BGCAZ staff will help support each student in their academic career with access to these funds and coaching on how to leverage these scholarship dollars.

Makaya Coleman is a senior at Canyon Valley High School and an active member of the Gilbert Branch of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley. She plans to attend Grand Canyon University after graduation to study Early Childhood Education. Although Makaya does not live close to the Club, she remains committed to staying involved and is excited to work at the Gilbert Branch this summer.

Aurora Archer is a member of the Chandler Compadres Branch and a junior at Perry High School. She plans to attend the University of Washington–Seattle to study Sociology. Aurora currently serves as Youth of the Year for the Chandler Compadres Branch and is actively involved in Club leadership and programming.

“The Chloe Jacobsen Scholarship reflects what Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley strives to inspire in every young person: leadership, determination, service and a belief in their own future,” said Marcia Mintz, President & CEO of BGCAZ. “Makaya and Aurora represent the very best of our Clubs and how membership in the Clubs can help shape the lives of young people.”

The Chloe Jacobsen Scholarship recognizes East Valley Club members who demonstrate strong leadership qualities and a commitment to academic and personal success.

### **About Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley**

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley offers affordable after-school and summer programs for young people in grades K-12. Across 30+ Clubs in Arizona, BGCAZ provides award-winning programs that support academic success, character and leadership, healthy lifestyles, and workforce readiness. For more information, visit [www.bgcaz.org](http://www.bgcaz.org) and follow **@BGCArizona** on social media.