

## HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

The higher education program provides a scholarship for tribal members who want to pursue higher education. This can include programs at universities, community college, technical schools, art schools, cosmetology programs, and training programs that provide job skills. The application process can begin as soon as a tribal member has their GED or high school diploma. If you are interested in the program or have a student who is interested, here is important information for you:

### 3 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

#### 1-THE DEADLINE

The Yavapai-Apache Nation's Higher Education program does have a scholarship application that needs to be completed each year. The deadline for applications for the academic year, Fall and Spring semester, is July 1<sup>st</sup>. The application deadline for Spring semester only is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications for vocational and technical programs are accepted January thru September of each year. The tribal application, pages 1 and 2, need to be completed and turned in by the deadline date. All other documents can be turned in as they get completed. You can access the application on the tribal website at [www.yavapai-apache.org](http://www.yavapai-apache.org).

#### 2-THE FAFSA

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the form required to apply for federal financial aid programs such as Pell grants and student loans. It is a requirement of the higher education program to complete a FAFSA if the student is attending full-time. But it is highly recommended to complete the FAFSA regardless, even if attending part-time. The FAFSA needs to be completed each academic year. You can access the FAFSA application at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

**Attention students who will plan on attending school during the 2018-2019 academic year (This includes current high school seniors!!):**

**You can/should complete your FAFSA now. You do not have to wait until January 1<sup>st</sup> to access the application. Your 2016 financial/tax information is required.**

#### 3-THE FUNDING

The maximum funding limit per academic year is \$20,000.00 or \$10,000.00 per semester. The funding provided by the higher education program is determined by the financial aid office at each school and may be different for each student. The 'Financial Aid Review Form', page 4 of the tribal application, must be submitted to the financial aid office at the chosen school(s). Please be aware of all school expenses such as tuition and fees, housing and meals, books, transportation, etc. This should be something you consider when choosing a school or program.

If you have any questions regarding the higher education application process, please contact Lisa Sandoval, Higher education manager, at 928-649-7111 or preferably by email at [lsandoval@yan-tribe.org](mailto:lsandoval@yan-tribe.org) .