



# Spokane Tribe Education Department

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## HIGHER EDUCATION/ AVT APPLICATION 2018-2019

### I THINK I WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE, WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?

Below is a generalized check list to aid you in your college pursuit. Keep in mind this is generalized and should you have further questions, or need clarification, do contact us at (509) 458-8005 or (509) 458-8009

#### GENERAL CHECK LIST FOR HIGHER EDUCATION:

- Research careers using the Occupational Outlook Handbook, visit <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/> or the department of labor's career search, visit <http://www.mynextmove.org/>
- Find a school (College Navigator – <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>)
- Apply to your school of choice and adhere to their admissions protocol, etc.
- File your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), visit [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
  - o Apply for FSA ID <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>
  - o Complete your FAFSA: you can complete as early as January 1<sup>st</sup> WA State is first-come first-serve, apply early!
  - o Inquire with your school about their FAFSA deadline, this can be different than the state deadline. Also verify with your school on their definition of an "application deadline" – is it the date your college receives your FAFSA, or the date your FAFSA was processed.
  - o Upon completion of your FAFSA, you should receive your SAR (Student Aid Report) within three days to three weeks. Any necessary corrections should be made ASAP.
- Find/gather your HS diploma, GED, or College Transcripts (whichever is applicable)
- Obtain, complete, and submit the Higher Education/AVT Application and required documents
- Ask employer if they have any assistance available
- Search for scholarships – below are some to get you started:
  - o The American College Fund, visit [CollegeFund.org](http://CollegeFund.org)
  - o Catching the Dream, visit [CatchingtheDream.org](http://CatchingtheDream.org)
  - o The Association on American Indian Affairs, visit [indiam-affairs.org](http://indiam-affairs.org)
  - o Indian Health Service Health Scholarship Grants, visit [www.scholarship.ihs.gov](http://www.scholarship.ihs.gov)
  - o Native Ways Federation, visit [www.nativewaysfederation.org](http://www.nativewaysfederation.org)
  - o American Indian Graduate Center, visit [www.aigc.com](http://www.aigc.com)
  - o National Indian Education Association, visit [www.niea.org](http://www.niea.org)
  - o American Indian Education Foundation, visit [www.aiefprograms.org](http://www.aiefprograms.org)
  - o Scholarship Search Engines:
    - [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
    - [www.kaarme.com](http://www.kaarme.com)
    - [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

Get to know your financial aid staff at your school & if they request any additional documents make this your priority. Delays in FA paperwork requested will delay your funding. Keep in mind they deal with a high volume of students; additionally, one document request can lead to another, etc. do not expect an expeditious turn around with your FA Office. They have established work days for task items that most likely will not coincide with your schedule.