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**ESEYC is seeing qualified applicants
for teacher education scholarships**

PRESCOTT -- Yavapai County residents interested in pursuing education degrees are eligible to apply for \$1,500 scholarships from the Education Scholarship Endowment of Yavapai County.

The announcement came from the ESEYC board of directors following its November meeting.

Eligibility criteria specify that applicants must be graduates from an accredited school district or have resided in Yavapai County for no less than three years. There are no age limitations. Further, applicants must have no less than a 3.0 high school or college/university grade point average, and must be committed to teaching in any of the grades, pre-school through high school.

Information and application forms are accessible through the ESEYC website—Education Scholarship Endowment Yavapai County.org; or by contacting the ESEYC office at 928-442-5139.

Since its founding only 15 years ago, in 2001, the ESEYC has granted 128 scholarships valued at a cumulative \$223,800.

Robert St. Clair, board president, said that in 2015, the ESEYC gave \$20,900 to 11 qualified applicants.

All applications must be received by no later than midnight March 7.

St. Clair said, “These scholarships fulfill the mission of this foundation created in 2001 by the late Gladys Gardner, a former teacher who later became a state legislator and Yavapai County supervisor. It’s because of her benevolence that so many deserving future teachers receive these substantial scholarships.”

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The ESEYC is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) private foundation administered by unpaid volunteers.

St. Clair said during its upcoming annual meeting in December, the board will elect officers for the coming year. Currently, officers are as follows: president—Robert St. Clair, Prescott Valley; vice president, Cory Gardner, Prescott; secretary, Tim Carter, Prescott; and treasurer, Ray Newton, Prescott.

Other board members are Nancy Baker, Danny Brown, Tara O’Neill, Margaret Savoini, and Loren Thomas, all from the Prescott area; Ron Minnich, Chino Valley; and Paul Zienka, Cottonwood

St. Clair said he would welcome inquiries from persons from throughout the county who are interested in serving on the board. “We hope we can broaden the board’s geographic scope to include still other communities,” he said.