

Constitution Committee Overview

2012-Present

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Questionnaire 1

- Survey taken @ Aug. 2012 Per-Cap/mailed-out in Aug. – Nov. 2012

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2012 QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Tribal Member,

The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Constitution Committee would like your participation in completing this Questionnaire. Thank you for your time and participation.

Below is the current Article from the Fort McDowell Constitution and its requirements to become an enrolled member of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

Article III, Section 1 through 3 – Membership – Constitution of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

Section 1. All persons whose names appear on the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation census roll of 1934 shall be members of the nation.

Section 2. All descendants of members of the 1934 census roll shall be entitled to membership in the Nation if they are at least one-quarter (1/4) degree Fort McDowell Yavapai blood and their name does not appear on another Indian tribal roll.

Section 3. Every person, duly enrolled pursuant to the 1936 Fort McDowell Mohave-Apache Community Constitution and By-laws as of the date of adoption of this Constitution is entitled to membership and is hereby an enrolled member of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

1. Do you think this enrollment requirement should be changed?

YES _____ NO _____

2. How many of your children and family members are not enrolled as Fort McDowell tribal members but may be eligible if the Constitution is changed?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Over 10

3. Would you vote in a Secretarial Election to change enrollment?

YES _____ NO _____

Name (Optional): _____ Comments:

Survey Results

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YES 188 NO 41

2. How many of your children and family members are not enrolled as Fort McDowell tribal member but may be eligible if the Constitution is changed?

1) 43 2) 33 3) 27 4) 17 5) 14 6) 13

7) 3 8) 3 9) 0 10) 7

Over 10 10

3. Would you vote in a Secretarial Election to change enrollment?

YES 193 NO 36

Total filled out and turned in Questionnaire's

229

2012 Questionnaire Part-1 Comments

- **“Per-cap”**
- **“Is there gonna be a decrease in per-cap?”**
- **“Fort McDowell people to decide”**
- **“All persons should be enrolled if they have a census roll of 1934 no matter what because of the ancestors who established the tribe”**
- **“I’m all honesty I do not which to change our enrollment requirements but my son Darius Lejero is directly affected by the current Constitution. I believe acceptations should be made on a case by case basis. Since that would affect the tribe as a whole my vote/stance is to change the enrollment requirements!”**
- **“Yes further research should be address on this very important issue. The Yavapai Nation as you and I know it would cease to exist, and the reservation would be turned over to the white people to do with it what they want!!! And you don’t won’t to in-breed people just to get enrolled!”**
- **“How will it affect me when I get old?”**
- **“We are not looking at the future, well will soon run out of tribe members. What will happen to Per-cap? Think of the future. Let’s not be greedy now!”**
- **“I have four children, 3 are enrolled and 1 is not.”**
- **“Fort McDowell is severely limiting its enrollment leaving the community to replenish from within, in other words emphasizing in breeding to maintain “Fort McDowell” Yavapai heredity.”**

2012 Questionnaire Part-1 Comments

- **“Fort McDowell is severely limiting its enrollment leaving the community to replenish from within, in other words emphasizing in breeding to maintain “Fort McDowell” Yavapai heredity.”**
- **“How come whites, Pimas, and Mexicans have priority on enrollment? Over the apaches which is the true brothers to the Yavapai!!!”**
- **“Change to ¼ any Indian-trace to 34’ roll must have family history-roll”**
- **“I think it should stay the same, no changes with the first one”**
- **“What are the options?”**
- **“1/4 Yavapai blood any tribe with descendants of members of the 1934 census roll this will prevent our members from having children with their family “incest” also allows our Yavapai nation to grow.”**
- **“Timeline-Family lineage, Community Contributions”**

- **“In the old days, people had to be careful of whom to marry because of the Fear being related. I think times have changed. There are many Yavapai kids that remain exempt. This is not fair.”**
- **“Both parents are enrolled here (Fort McDowell) the child can’t get enroll here.”**
- **“It would be nice to enroll New Members especially my Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren would be good.”**

2012 Questionnaire Part-1 Comments

- **“Change ¼ Fort McDowell to Just ¼ Yavapai and descendants on 34’ roll”**
- **“I have documentation showing from the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation tribe that I’m ¾ Native and a tribal ID showing my father Norman Austin past tribal chairman is 4/4 Native American but my kids have been denied enrollment.”**
- **“I feel that those children of enrolled tribal members should have the option to enroll in Ft. McDowell.”**
- **“I feel that an 1/8 degree would be appropriate for today’s members that it’s not “too” drastic of a change to be considered extinction.”**
- **“Just need to change Fort McDowell Yavapai to all Yavapai!!!”**
- **“I would think that changing the enrollment gives eligible tribal members a greater opportunity in life with different benefits Fort McDowell has to offer.”**
- **“I am full and have 2 daughters who are not enrolled and it would benefit greatly if they were enrolled as for medical insurance and help with school clothes.”**
- **“Can change if not getting money and enrolling to be tribal member.”**

Questionnaire Part 2

- Survey taken at **Dec. 2012** Per-cap\mailed-out with **Jan. 2013** per-cap – Feb. 2013

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2012 QUESTIONNAIRE-PART 2

Dear Tribal Member,

The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Constitution Committee would like to thank you for completing our first Questionnaire and for attending the Community meetings. Based on your responses, we are moving forward with a second, Questionnaire Part-2.

Current Membership Requirements under the Fort McDowell Constitution:

Article III. Section 1 through 3 – Membership – Constitution of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

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Section 2. All descendants of members of the 1934 census roll shall be entitled to membership in the Nation if they are at least one-quarter (1/4) degree Fort McDowell Yavapai blood and their name does not appear on another Indian tribal roll.

Section 3. Every person, duly enrolled pursuant to the 1936 Fort McDowell Mohave-Apache Community Constitution and By-laws as of the date of adoption of this Constitution is entitled to membership and is hereby and enrolled member of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

Name (Optional): _____

Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Circle One

Age: 18-25 26-30 31-35 36-40 40 and Over

Below are 3 possible options, which **you** the Fort McDowell Tribal Members have suggested in the changing of the Fort McDowell Membership under the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Constitution.

PLEASE FILL OUT "YES" OR "NO" for EACH OPTION (Please only select one of the following three options):

OPTION 1: Must be a direct descendant of the 1934 Census roll and have at least 1/4 any Indian Blood from either Parent, who are members of a U.S. federally recognized tribe. (Applicants name must not appear on another Indian tribal roll. And must provide CIB from either parent).

YES _____ NO _____

Comments

Positive: _____

Negative: _____

OPTION 2: Must be a direct descendant from the 1934 Census roll and have at least 1/4 any Yavapai Blood from either Parent, who are members of a U.S. federally recognized Yavapai tribe. (The Yavapai-Apache Tribe (Camp Verde), Yavapai- Prescott Indian Tribe (Prescott), or Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation (Fort McDowell)). (Applicants name must not appear on another Indian tribal roll. And must provide CIB from either parent.)

YES _____ NO _____

Comments

Positive: _____

Negative: _____

OPTION 3: Change the Constitution back to the old Membership-Constitution of 1936.

Previous Constitution Enrollment Requirements:

Section 1. All persons whose names appear on the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation census roll of 1934 shall be members of the community, provided that corrections may be made in this roll by the Community Council, with the approval of the Interior, within two years after the approval of the Constitution.

Section 2. All descendants of members shall be entitled to membership in the Community if they are of at least one-quarter (1/4) degree of Indian blood.

Section 3. Any person of Indian blood who has resided within the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation for at least three years and whose name does not appear on any other reservation roll may be granted membership in the Community by a majority vote of the Council and upon the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

YES _____ NO _____

Comments

Positive: _____

Negative: _____

Please return completed questionnaire to the Constitution Committee Office at the Tribal Headquarters Building or email to constitution@ftmcdowell.org.

For more info you may contact Nicole Ramirez (Constitution Secretary) at (480)789-7145

- ❖ Survey taken at Dec. 2012 Per-cap
- ❖ Mailed-out with Jan. 2013 per-cap – Feb. 2013



Questionnaire part 2 Results

Results from 2012-2013 Questionnaire Part-2 as of 2/13/13

Age Groups

18-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41 and over
<u>22</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>33</u>

Gender

Male	Female
<u>42</u>	<u>49</u>

Options

Option #1	Option #2	Option #3	Leave as is	All options	More than one
<u>37</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>

Total turned in Questionnaire's

90

2012 Questionnaire Part-2 Comments

- Option #1 comment-

Pros Comment-

1. This will improve the Nation and all its aspects. It will give the rightful ones that are entitled to their rightful claims. Discrimination is very terrible thing and this does exist in our community once we remove it things can go forward in a positive way.
2. We need our kids to be enrolled
3. Have 5 kids and they have a descendant from 1934
4. Good!
5. It would include Native Blood when many kids are a little of 2 tribes
6. Enrolled members who are direct descendants may currently have children who do not receive medical coverage. This ensures medical coverage Also, this ensures Yavapai blood/ and culture is protected.
7. Who help our family's strength, growth and acceptance w/no one left behind, or lost. Forgotten as strangers. Not Knowing ourselves, or each others.
8. I feel that the Nation makes a substantial amount of profits from the Fort McDowell Indian Gaming Casino would be fair to share it with all people of all tribes.
9. If parent has a notarized copy or legal papers stating Yavapai Indian Blood should be permitted to be tribal members. I know I want good healthcare for my children. Should be an option.
10. It's not problem for me
11. My family could really use the benefit and our culture means a lot to me.
12. There is too many options that these children need anywhere from medical to education. Now let's expand the community and give great opportunities.
13. Would allow my fourth child to become a tribal member. She shares the same amount of Yavapai blood as her 2 older sisters who are 20 and 19 and one brother who is 17 she is 7 and this will allow her to receive just even medical insurance. Both great grandparents are full Yavapai but grandmother moved to San Carlos as a little girl.
14. It gives our kids a chance at being intergraded without incest coming into play.

2012 Questionnaire Part-2 Comments

- Option #1 comment-

Cons Comment-

1. Others can gain entitlement
2. We need to maintain the integrity of our tribe i.e. Yavapai Nation. If we accept any Indian blood we cannot rightfully claim “Yavapai Nation”. If we accept any Indian blood there will be a flood of new tribal members beyond our imagination.
3. I feel this not to be good. Allowing other tribes to come and say “I’m Yavapai-Apache” when they’re not and do not know the history of the Yavapai Apache people.
4. Not now, but maybe in a few generations.

- Option #2 Comment-

Pros comments-

1. This is the smartest route for the future of FMD Yavapai people.
2. As a tribal member I’m always proud to be Fort McDowell Yavapai-Apache. I still feel we should know which Yavapai-Apache Tribe we hail from.
3. I know a lot of people get upset because there are a lot of kids enrolled whose dads are full Mexican or black or white I don’t care about that, when I get out of jail I’m going to try an enroll my children. I’ve lived on FMD all my life. My kid’s mother is enrolled. We have 3 children together, I’m more than half their mom is half or a little under. I would be very upset if they were turned down.

2012 Questionnaire Part-2 Comments

- Option #2 Comment-

Cons comments-

1. I feel this question to be very tricky, cause it can go either way. And it can also lead people into lying on important documents, to dupe Fort McDowell out of expensive benefits.
2. I would prefer to keep members limited to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation $\frac{1}{4}$ blood. It's unfair to let other tribes in while excluding people with $\frac{1}{8}$ Fort McDowell blood who are actively involved or living in the community.

- Option #3 Comments

Pros comments-

1. Keeping it how the old people wanted it will help preserve our heritage, culture. We still are a very small tribe.
2. My son can be enrolled
3. I think it's a good Idea.

Cons comments-

1. Community members first
2. If the tribe is enrolling more people, how will this affect the per-capita will we receive less money? If so I wouldn't be in favor of enrolling more.
3. Letting all these different people in destroys are ethnic background. Younger generations don't respect what was handed to them.
4. Any person should not be able to enroll as a member. Member benefits and culture should be sanctioned and protected.

Questionnaire 2013

- Survey taken at 2013 Sovereignty Day / mailed-out with June 2013 Per-cap – April 2015

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Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Constitution Committee Survey 2013
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>New Enrollment Options</u></p> <p><u>Option 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must have lineal descendent that dates back to that 1934 Census Roll, AND• Must have at least ¼ Indian blood, AND• Must not be enrolled in any other tribe <p><u>Option 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must have lineal descendent that dates back to 1934 Census Roll, AND• Must have at least ¼ Yavapai blood (Camp Verde, Prescott, or Fort McDowell Yavapai), AND• Must not be enrolled in any other tribe <p><u>Option 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must have lineal descendent that dates back to the 1934 Census Roll, AND• Any degree of Indian blood, AND• Must not be enrolled in any other tribe
<p>Of these options, which is your 1st choice? _____</p> <p>Of these options, which is your 2nd choice? _____</p> <p><u>Comments:</u></p>

2013 Questionnaire Results

7/26/2013

NEW ENROLLMENT OPTIONS RESULTS

OPTION 1

Selected only Option 1 ~ 7

1st choice option 1 with ~ 21
2nd choice option 2

1st choice option 1 with ~ 8
2nd choice option 3

Total for Option 1
36

OPTION 2

Selected only Option 2 ~ 1

1st choice option 2 with ~ 13
2nd choice option 1

1st choice option 2 with ~ 3
2nd choice option 3

Total for Option 2
17

OPTION 3

Selected only Option 3 ~ 2

1st choice option 3 with ~ 2
2nd choice option 1

1st choice option 3 with ~ 7
2nd choice option 2

Total for Option 3
11

OTHER SUVERYYS

Selected neither options with ~ 3
comment

All comments suggested ½ Indian blood

Total Survey's
67

2013 Questionnaire Comments

- Lineal descendants with history would most likely be inclined to protect and preserve the Yavapai culture and its legacies.
- $\frac{1}{4}$ Yavapai blood (C.V, Prescott or FMD)
- Option 3 Yes I would for this option, due to the fact that I do not want my children to have kids with their own Cousins. I would also like to say that option 3 should only last for only 3 or 5 years than cut it off and then go to option 2 Thank You
- Option 3 most community members are not $\frac{1}{4}$ degree, and if it remains @ $\frac{1}{4}$ Yavapai, then eventually, the Yavapai will slowly deteriorate. So I think any degree of blood, with a descendant of the 1934 census roll!!!!
- They should be $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Blood and those that, should be enrolled in the Yavapai Nation that be the right thing to do for the people now we all $\frac{1}{2}$ of some other tribe but still Indian.
- Must be lineal descendent from 1934 Census Roll , Must be $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Blood
- Lineal descendent half Indian blood