

First Things First Pre-Kindergarten Expansion Grant

The Lake Havasu Unified School District has just received approval for a Pre-Kindergarten Expansion Grant from First Things First. This grant will allow up to 40 students who meet income eligibility to receive **free** preschool services for a 12 hour per week program. This program will run from January to May 2012. In addition, Lake Havasu Unified School District will be partnering with community First Things First Quality First preschools, Little Lambs Preschool and New Day School, to provide 5 full time scholarships to eligible children from January 9th to June 1st. The District has the opportunity to submit another grant application for two more years, which we will submit once the grant opens for applications.

Eligibility and Financial Enrollment Requirements

Lake Havasu's First Things First Prekindergarten is offering income eligible free scholarships for families of children who are **at least three years** of age on or before September 1 of the program year. The First Things First Preschool's goal is to help children start kindergarten healthy and ready to succeed.

Eligibility for the free program is based on family size and income. Use the following chart to calculate the gross income from all wage earners in the family. If your family's combined gross income is less than the amount listed on the chart for your family size, your child may be able to attend preschool for free.

Family Size	Monthly	Yearly
1	\$1,679	\$20,147
2	\$2,268	\$27,214
3	\$2,857	\$34,281
4	\$3,446	\$41,348
5	\$4,035	\$48,415
6	\$4,624	\$55,482
7	\$5,213	\$62,549
8	\$5,802	\$69,616
For each additional person add	\$589	\$7,067

Child must meet all requirements listed below:

- Children participating may not be receiving services through other funding available from State, Federal or Tribal sources such as: Department of Economic Security (DES) child care subsidy (if applicable), Early Childhood Block Grant (ECBG), Title I, Special Education Programs, or Head Start. Children ineligible for these resources or who are currently on waiting lists for these programs are eligible to participate.
- Family income must be at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.
- **You must provide each of the following documents to complete the registration process:**
 - Two of your most current paycheck stubs for each wage earner in the family or your 2010 federal tax statement; documentation of current receipt of unemployment insurance; Documentation of receipt of public assistance such as Kids Care, Food Stamps, etc; Adjusted Gross Income as listed in the most current federal Individual Tax Form 1040, Form 1099, or W2 forms may also be used for documentation. For those who are self employed, at least one of the tax forms are required.
 - Certified copy of your child's birth certificate
 - Child's immunization record with current immunizations
 - One of the following documents to show proof of residence (the child's home address): rent receipt, utility bill, motor vehicle registration, housing contract, lease agreement, state income tax return, bank account, paycheck, employer letter on letterhead
 - Complete LHUSD #1 Registration Packet

Lake Havasu Unified School District Pre-Kindergarten Location Options

Smoketree Developmental Preschool

The half-day program will meet for three hours in the morning (8-11) or afternoon (12-3), four days a week; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Little Knights Preschool at Lake Havasu High School

The program will meet 8:15 -2:00 on Tuesday and Wednesday and 8:15 -11:30 on Fridays.

Application Process and Contact Information

Parents interested in applying for a Lake Havasu First Things First Prekindergarten scholarship may contact Jessica Miller at Smoketree Preschool at 505-6033 or pick up an application at Smoketree Developmental Preschool located in lower annex building of Smoketree Elementary School at 2395 N. Smoketree Ave. Applications will be accepted through December 21st, 2011.