

Royd Lee's Bio

My name is Royd Lee, I'm twenty-six years old. I'm an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, born and raised on the Navajo Nation. I'm from a small community called Shonto, Arizona, in Northeast Arizona. I used to catch the school bus in the early morning hours, my average bus ride to school would be on average of an hour ride. I graduated from Monument Valley High School in Kayenta, Arizona in 2008. I've been married to my wife Rebecca Lee, my strongest supporter since 2013.

My grandparents raised me, living with my grandparents was normal to me, where I spoke the Navajo language, due to the fact my grandparents hardly knew English. Growing up on the Navajo Nation was a challenge, especially having no running water or electricity. My late grandfather retired from the Santa Fe railroad before I was born, my grandmother was a homemaker. I grew up in a traditional Navajo setting, I learned the skills of survival, and our livelihood depended on livestock as well as our crops.

Growing up I got involved with my community, at a young age I started participating at the local community government level. Shonto Chapter is where I learned about the how our Navajo Nation Government functioned. I've adapted to learning new traits, especially leadership. In 2014 I was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Shonto Chapter as a West Representative. I got involved in many ways with my community.

I'm an elected school board member for Shonto Preparatory School, going on my second term of office; I got elected to this position since I was twenty-one back in 2012. I've been named the youngest elected school board member throughout the entire Navajo Nation. I represent my school to Native American Grant School Association (NAGSA) since 2013. I'm the current President of NAGSA. My background of work is education, I've worked within Arizona state public schools: Kayenta Unified School District #27, Page Unified School District #8, and currently Tuba City Unified School District #15. I work for Tuba City Unified School District as a Navajo Language Instructor. I enjoy teaching my language to the younger generation.