LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0238-19

DATE: July 26, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACT RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, BUDGET AND FINANCE, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING FUNDING OF FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS ($50,000,000) FROM THE SÍHASIN FUND TO ESTABLISH THE NAVAJO NATION SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT EXPENDITURE PLAN PURSUANT TO 12 N.N.C §§ 2501 – 2508; COMPLYING WITH 12 N.N.C. § 2502 (A)(2); ENACTING THE NAVAJO NATION SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to approve funding of fifty million dollars ($50,000,000) from the Síhasin Fund to establish the Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment Expenditure Plan pursuant to 12 N.N.C §§ 2501 – 2508. In complying with 12 N.N.C. § 2502 (A)(2), the legislation enacts the Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowments.

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This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

Amber Kanazhah Crotty (Prime Sponsor) Rec Allen Begay JR Daniel E. Tso

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AN ACT

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BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is empowered to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments to and enactments in the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. § 601 (B) (14).

B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is empowered to exercise oversight authority to review and recommend resolutions relating to social services and education. 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(6)(a).

C. The Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is empowered to review and recommend to the Navajo Nation Council the budgeting, appropriation, investment, and management of all funds. 2 N.N.C. § 301 (B) (2).

D. The Naabik'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is empowered to review all proposed legislation which requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council and shall recommend to [the] Navajo Nation Council financial support and/or financing plan(s) for the purposes set out in 12 N.N.C. § 2502 (the Navajo Nation Síhasin Fund). 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(9) and NABIJY-38-19.

E. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102 (A).

SECTION TWO. THE NAVAJO NATION SÍHASIN FUND

A. The Navajo Nation Code at 12 N.N.C. § 2502, as amended by CJA-03-18, provides the purpose of the Navajo Nation Síhasin Fund ("Síhasin Fund") as follows:

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§2502. Purpose

A. The purposes of this Fund are to provide financial support and/or financing for:

1. The planning and development of economic development and regional infrastructure supporting economic development and community development, including such infrastructure as, but not limited to, housing, commercial and government buildings, waterline, solid waste management development, powerline projects, and transportation and communication systems, within the Navajo Nation; and

2. Education opportunities for members of the Navajo Nation.

B. For the Purpose in § 2502(A)(1), Fund expenditures for infrastructure shall not be limited by 12 N.N.C. § 1301(F) or TCDCJY-77-99.

C. Leveraging the Fund by way of guaranteeing loans, match funding, direct funding in part, and other weighted uses of the Fund, including loan financing from the Fund, for the purposes in § 2502(A)(1), shall be favored over direct funding in whole.

B. The Síhasin Fund provides that Fund Principal shall consist of all deposits made to the Síhasin Fund and that Fund Income shall consist of all earnings (interest, dividends, *etc.*)

generated and realized by the Fund Principal, and that Fund Income shall be deposited in and added to Fund Principal until such time as a Fund Expenditure Plan is duly adopted. 12 N.N.C. §§ 2504 and 2505 (C).

C. Amendments to the Síhasin Fund require "a ninety percent (90%) vote of the full membership of the Navajo Nation Council and signature of the President of the Navajo Nation." 12 N.N.C. § 2508.

SECTION THREE. FINDINGS

A. The purpose of the Scholarship Endowment is to provide full funding for Navajo students pursing a college degree with the condition of returning to the Navajo Nation to complete a minimum of four years of government service to the Navajo Nation.

B. The Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance 2017 Annual Report highlights that $20,434,982 was disbursed in Calendar Year 2016 to 6,486 students and $24,127,385 was disbursed in Calendar Year to 6,755 students. *See* Exhibit "A," the 2017 Annual Report.

C. The Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance 2017 Annual Report indicates only 51% of Navajo students were awarded financial aid in 2016 and only 53% of Navajo students were awarded financial aid in 2017.

D. The Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance 2017 Annual Report shows that in 2017 a total of 1,594 award recipients earned a degree or certification from one of 20 educational institutions within or surrounding the Navajo Nation with the top five (5) areas of study being Nursing, General Studies, Business Administration, Psychology, and Biology and graduate degree areas of study include Social Work, Business Administration, Education, Educational Leadership, and Law.

E. The Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance 2017 Annual Report explains the funding sources for student scholarships and financial assistance comes from Navajo Nation general funds, federal funds, corporate funds, and trust funds for a total of $24,127,385.

F. Even with the funds available for scholarships and financial aid many Navajo students do not have the opportunity to begin, or complete, a college degree program; as outlined in the 2017 Annual Report, 51% in 2016 and 53% in 2017 were denied awards.

G. Diné Customary Law declares and teaches that it is the right and freedom of the people that our children are provided with education to absorb wisdom, self-knowledge to empower them to make a living and participate in the growth of the Navajo Nation. 1 N.N.C. § 204(F).

SECTION FOUR. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF EXPENDITURE PLAN FROM SÍHASIN FUNDS

A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves and adopts the Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment.

B. The Navajo Nation hereby approves funding to establish a Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment in the amount of fifty million dollars ($50,000,000).

C. The Síhasin Funds allocated to establish the Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment Expenditure Plan may be further leveraged by bond or loan financing pursuant to the Navajo Nation Bond Financing Act, 12 N.N.C. § 1300 *et seq.*, as amended, using Síhasin Fund Earnings for repayment and financing costs upon the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee and approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members of the Navajo Nation Council.

SECTION FIVE. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF EXPENDITURE PLAN ADMINISTRATION

The Navajo Nation hereby approves administration of the Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment Expenditure Plan as follows:

A. The Navajo Nation Controller shall determine whether the source of the fifty million dollars ($50,000,000) will be Síhasin Fund Principal or Income or a combination of both;

B. The funds allocated for the Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment shall be for the purposes specified in the Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment, at 12 N.N.C. § 1192, in Section Six of this Resolution.

C. The Navajo Nation Controller shall establish the Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment during Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2019 or Fiscal Year 2020, provided that the Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment is established within thirty (30) days of the formal adoption of this legislation.

SECTION SIX. ENACTING THE NAVAJO NATION SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

The Navajo Nation enacts the Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment, as follows:

Title 12. Fiscal Matters

Chapter 10. Navajo Nation Trust Funds

Subchapter 10. Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment

§1191. Establishment

The "Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment" hereinafter "Scholarship Endowment" is established with an initial allocation of fifty million dollars ($50,000,000) from the Navajo Nation Síhasin Fund. Any funds deposited into the Scholarship Endowment, plus accrued interest, shall be used only as provided hereinafter in this subchapter.

§ 1192. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship Endowment is to provide full funding for Navajo students pursing a college degree with the condition of returning to the Navajo Nation immediately upon graduation to complete a minimum of four (4) years of government service to the Navajo Nation or reimbursed loan repayment for three (3) of government service to the Navajo Nation immediately upon graduation, but not both.

§1193. Definition of Principal and Income

A. Scholarship Endowment Principal shall consist of the initial funding that established the fund, all Navajo Nation appropriations made pursuant to the Navajo Nation appropriation processes and procedures; and any contributions made by any parties or entities.

B. Scholarship Endowment income shall consist of all earnings, such as interest and dividends generated by the principal and interests of the Scholarship Endowment.

§ 1194. Expenditure of Scholarship Endowment Income

The Scholarship Endowment income shall be expended as follows:

A. Ninety-five percent of the Scholarship Endowment income shall be used as provided in § 1192 of this subchapter. Five percent (5%) of the Scholarship Endowment shall be reinvested to cover the rate of inflation.

B. Any awards made from Scholarship Endowment income to Navajo Nation college students, shall be awarded in accordance with rules and regulations developed by the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance, as approved by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

§ 1195. Expenditure of Fund Principal

Fund principal shall not be expended except pursuant to a referendum adopted by a two-thirds majority of those voting in an election open to all registered Navajo voters. The Navajo Nation Council may place a "Referendum to Expend Scholarship Endowment Principal" on the ballot of any primary or general election by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full Navajo Nation Council.

§ 1196. Expenses

All expenses directly associated with the administration and management of the Scholarship Endowment shall be paid from the Scholarship Endowment income as approved by the Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, prior

to any income distributions made in accordance with §§ 1194 and 1195 of this subchapter. Such expenses shall include investment advisory and management fees, audit costs, and other related expenses, pursuant to duly approved contracts for such services.

§1197. Fund Investment

All monies deposited into the Navajo Nation Scholar Endowment shall be invested in accordance with the Navajo Nation Master Investment Policies as adopted by the Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

§ 1198. Amendments

Any section or sections in this subchapter may be amended upon the recommendation of the Health, Education and Human Service Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council and by a majority vote of the full membership of the Navajo Nation Council and in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 221(B).

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SECTION SEVEN. COMPLIANCE WITH 12 N.N.C. § 2502 (A)(1)

The Navajo Nation Council approves the purpose of the Síhasin Fund appropriation as enumerated in 12 N.N.C. § 2502 (A)(2) to provide the initial funds to establish the Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment.

SECTION EIGHT. DIRECTIVE

All Navajo Nation programs, specifically including, but not limited to, the Office of Controller and the Office of Management and Budget, shall take all steps necessary to expeditiously implement the Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment Expenditure Plan consistent with the provisions set forth above.

SECTION NINE. SAVING CLAUSE

The provisions of the Act which amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo Nation Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such amended provisions in the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code.

SECTION TEN. CODIFICATION

Should any provision of this Act be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the remainder of the Act shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.

SECTION ELEVEN. EFFECTIVE DATE

The provisions of this Act shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 221(B) and 2 N.N.C. §§1005 (C) (10-12).

Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance 2017 Annual Report

Statistical Profile: 2016 & 2017 Calendar Years

	2016	2017
Total Number of Applications Submitted to ONNSFA Agency Offices	16,895	17,272
No. of Students Requesting Awards: (Students are counted once whether they receive one or more awards during a calendar year.)	12,887	12,807
Total No. of Awards: (All financial aid and scholarship awards made by ONNSFA during the calendar year are included in the total. In some instances, a student may have received two awards – one for the Spring term and another for the Fall term. Each award is counted independently.)	8,721	9,423
No. of Students Receiving Awards: (Students are counted once whether they receive one or more awards during the calendar year.)	6,486	6,755
Percentage of Students Funded: (The total number of students awarded from the total number of students that applied. Applicants are counted once.)	51%	53%

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Enrollment Status of Recipients:	
Undergraduate	
Graduate	
Gender of Recipients:	
Female	
Male	
No. of Awards by Funding Source:	
Federal	4
Navajo Nation, Trust, Corporate	4
Total of Awards by Funding Source:	
Federal	11,18
Navajo Nation, Trust, Corporate	9,24
Grand Total	$ 20,434,
Total Federal Fund Awards to:	
Need-Based Students	4,99
Chief Manuelito Scholars	6,18
Grand Total	$ 11,186
Chief Manuelito Awards:	
Total No. of Student Awards	2
Total Expended From All Sources	$ 7,13
Percentage From All Sources	

Types of Student Funding

Financial Need-Based Awards

(up to $2,000 per semester)

Need-based funding is provided to students who demonstrate financial need according to the Financial Need Analysis (FNA) form submitted on their behalf by the school of attendance. Students in this category are deemed not to have sufficient personal or family resources to meet a college's or university's cost of attendance (e.g. tuition, books and housing).

Awards of up to $2,000 per semester or $4,000 per academic year are provided to students

No-Need-Based Awards

($500 per semester)

No-need-based funding is provided to students, who are deemed to have enough resources to meet the cost of attendance at a college or university of their choice.

Chief Manuelito Scholarships

($3,500 per semester)

Merit-based scholarships are provided students, who achieve a high grade point average and a commensurate ACT or SAT college test score. Students are required to complete

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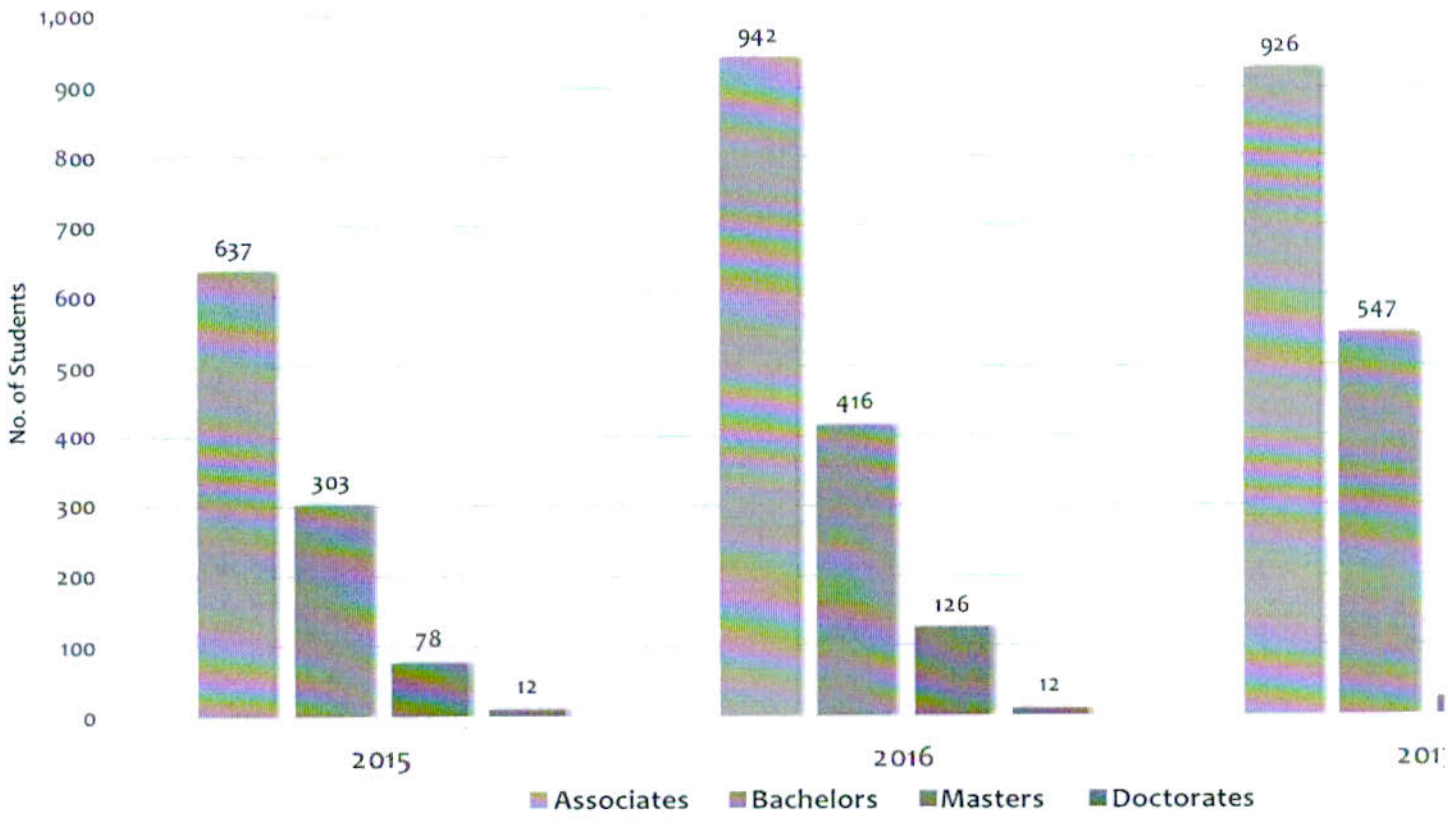
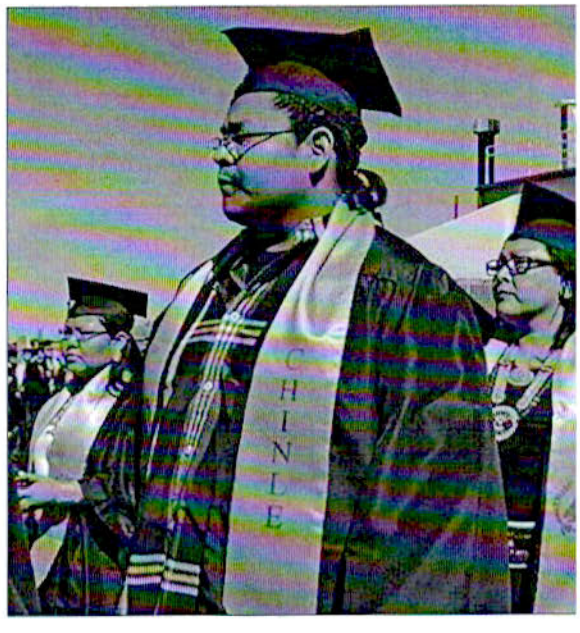


1,594 Award Recipients Attain College Degrees

An increasing number of recipients attained college degrees/ certifications in 2017. Data, compiled from 28 schools within the Four Corners region, revealed a total of 1,594 award recipients earned a degree or certificate. A total of 926 recipients attained an Associates/ Certification, 547 attained a Bachelor degree, 27 earned a Master's degree and 94 earned a Doctorate degree in 2017.

Data was obtained from two- and four-year institutions including Arizona State University, Chandler-Gibert Community College, Coconino Community College, Diné College, Estrella Mountain Community College, Fort Lewis College, Gateway Community College, Maricopa Community Colleges, Mesa Community College, Navajo Technical University, Northland Pioneer College, Paradise Valley Community College, Phoenix College, Rio Salado Community College, San Juan College, Scottsdale Community College, South Mountain Community College, Southern Utah University, University of New Mexico,



ABOVE Diné College is among the top 20 schools a
undergraduates served by ONNSFA. A total of $1.6

Background and Operating Highlights

ABOVE President Russell Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez recognized the academic achievements of 147 graduating seniors, whc Manuelito Scholarship in 2017. The ONNSFA's Shiprock Agency staff hosted the Chief Manuelito Scholarship Awards Ceremony on July 21, College in Farmington, NM. *Courtesy photo*

Background

The Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance (ONNSFA) was established in 1972. The ONNSFA provides scholarship and financial assistance to enrolled members of the Navajo Nation attending accredited institutions of higher education or accredited vocational training schools.

Agency Offices

The ONNSFA has five agency offices across the Navajo Nation including: Chinle, Ariz., Crownpoint, N.M, Window Rock, Ariz., Shiprock, N.M., and Tuba City, Ariz.

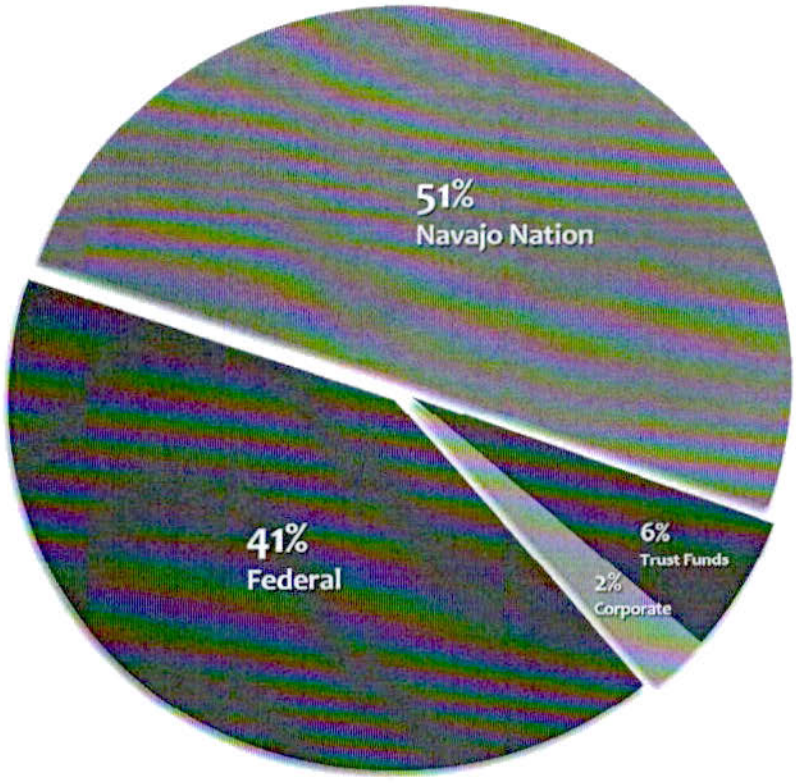
ONNSFA Website - www.onnsfa.org

Information about ONNSFA policies, downloadable forms and a link to the online application process may be found at www.onnsfa.org. Students are encouraged to create an account, a username and password and apply online. Applicants with online accounts are able to check the status of their application, the documents received by the ONNSFA and the decision rendered on their application.

Operating Highlights

Acceptance Ratio of ONNSFA recipients: (no. students awarded to no. of denied students)	
Denial Ratio of ONNSFA recipients:	
Awarded to Denied Students Ratio:	
Total Denials:	
Total Funding to Undergraduate Students:	$16,355
Total Funding to Graduate Students:	$ 4,079
Average Undergraduate Student Award:	$
Average Graduate Student Award:	$
No. of Undergraduate Students Awarded:	
No. of Graduate Students Awarded:	
Class Level of Recipients:	
Freshman	
Sophomore	
Junior	
Senior	
Master Candidate	
Doctoral Candidate	
Post Bachelor Certificate	

Funding Sources



2017 Calendar Year

Federal Funds:	$ 9,97
General Funds:	12,1
Trust Funds:	1,4
Corporate Funds:	5
Total :	$ 24,12

Calendar Year 2017

Total Awarded: $24,127,385
Number of Awards: 9,423

From January 1 to December 31, 2017, the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance awarded a total of $24,127,385 in scholarships and financial aid. The total number of students who received awards from the four funding sources equated to 6,755. The total number of awards made from all funding sources amounted to 9,423. The pie chart above illustrates the proportion of each funding source to the total amount administered by the ONNSFA.

Federal Funds (BIA P.L. 93-638)

Total: $9,971,453
No. Students Awarded: 2,927
No. of Awards: 3,879

Federal funds, provided though a P.L. 93-638 contract with the Navajo Region Bureau of Indian Affairs, comprised about 41 percent of as determined by the student's Financial Need Analysis and also for merit-based awards to Chief Manuelito Scholars.

Navajo Nation General Fund

Total: $12,168,071
No. Students Awarded: 3,026
No. of Awards: 4,481

Navajo Nation General Funds comprised about 50 percent of scholarship funds. These funds are used to provide awards to graduate students, undergraduates and students enrolled in the Navajo Teacher Education program.

Trust Funds

Total: $1,422,534
No. Students Awarded: 354
No. of Awards: 522

Interest revenue from trust funds comprised about 6 percent of funds awarded by ONNSFA

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Corporate Funds

Total: $565,327
No. Students Awar
No. of Awards: 541

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El Paso Natural Gas inclu
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scholarship fund.

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Summary of Awards by Funding Source

Federal Funds	Number of Awards	Total Awa Amount
Chief Manuelito Scholarships	749	$ 2,464,(
Need-Based	3,130	7,506.(
Total	**3,879**	**$ 9,971,4**

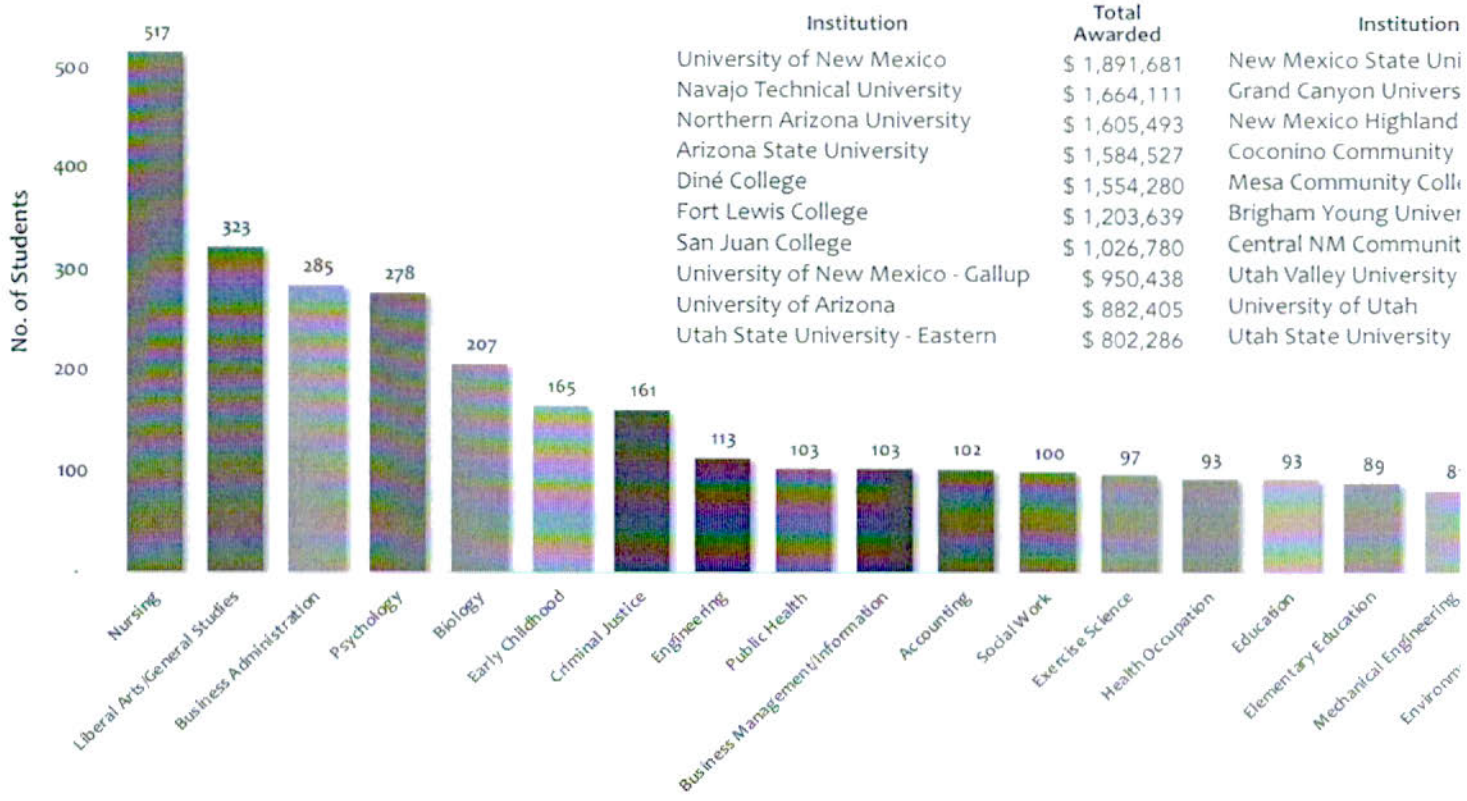
Navajo Nation General Funds	Number of Awards	Total Awa Amount
Chief Manuelito Scholarships	1,579	$ 5,410,
Navajo Nation Grant	690	1,352,(
Need-Based	313	983,:
Teacher Education	132	312,:
Vocational	1,199	2,638,(
Univ of Arizona College of Medicine	6	46,!
No-Need	40	36,(
Summer Sessions	58	69,(
Sales Tax Revenue	464	1,318,!
Total	**4,481**	**$ 12,168,(**

Corporate Funds	Number of Awards	Total Awa Amount
Chevron Mining Inc.	265	$ 263,!
DSAF	63	63,(
Peabody Energy	190	157,:
Sussman	21	79,(
Diné Annual Scholarship Fund	2	1,!
Total	**541**	**$ 565,:**

Trust Funds	Number of Awards	Total Awa Amount
Graduate Trust	118	$ 468,!
Navajo Engineering & Construction Authority	221	300,(
Tucson Electric	26	54,(
Vocational	120	251,(
ASU Law	13	176,(
UNM Law	24	159,!
Total	**522**	**$ 1,422,!**

Top 20 Majors & Universities

Undergraduates



Institution	Total Awarded
University of New Mexico	$ 1,891,681
Navajo Technical University	$ 1,664,111
Northern Arizona University	$ 1,605,493
Arizona State University	$ 1,584,527
Diné College	$ 1,554,280
Fort Lewis College	$ 1,203,639
San Juan College	$ 1,026,780
University of New Mexico - Gallup	$ 950,438
University of Arizona	$ 882,405
Utah State University - Eastern	$ 802,286

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New Mexico Highland
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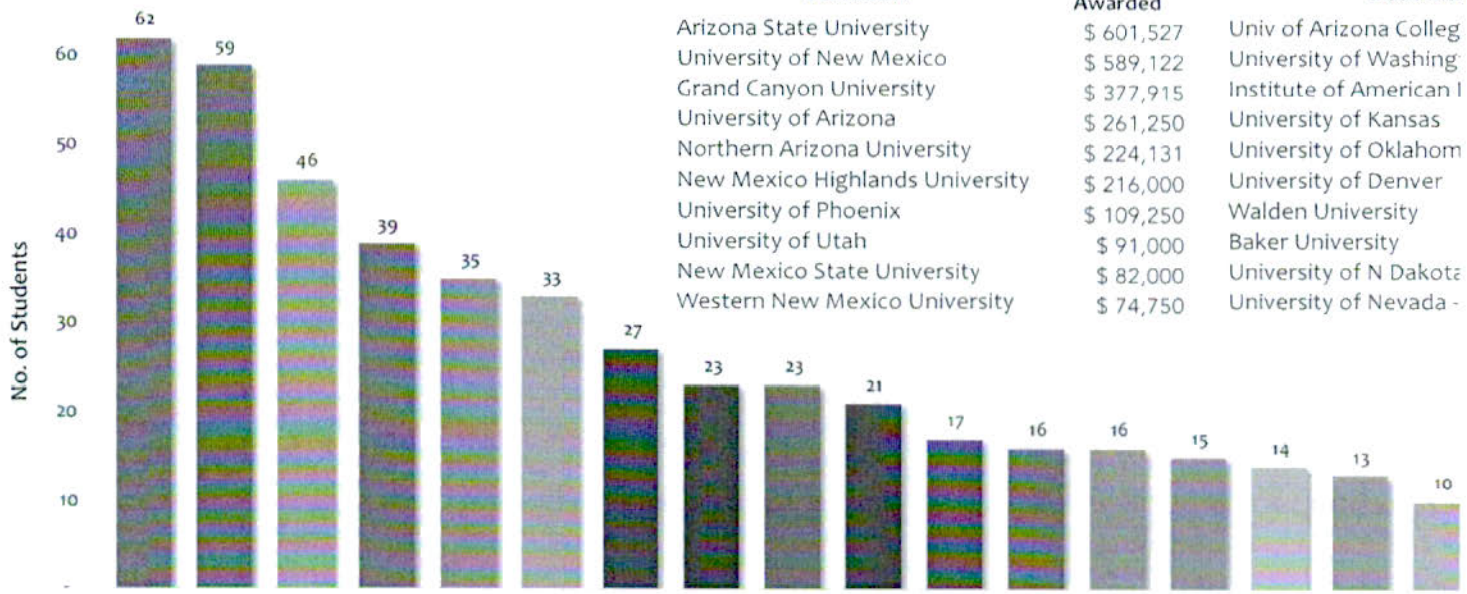
Central NM Communit
Utah Valley University
University of Utah
Utah State University

Graduates



Institution	Total Awarded
Arizona State University	$ 601,527
University of New Mexico	$ 589,122
Grand Canyon University	$ 377,915
University of Arizona	$ 261,250
Northern Arizona University	$ 224,131
New Mexico Highlands University	$ 216,000
University of Phoenix	$ 109,250
University of Utah	$ 91,000
New Mexico State University	$ 82,000
Western New Mexico University	$ 74,750

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University of Kansas
University of Oklahom
University of Denver
Walden University
Baker University
University of N Dakota
University of Nevada -

Student Awards (by Chapter)

Chapter Affiliation

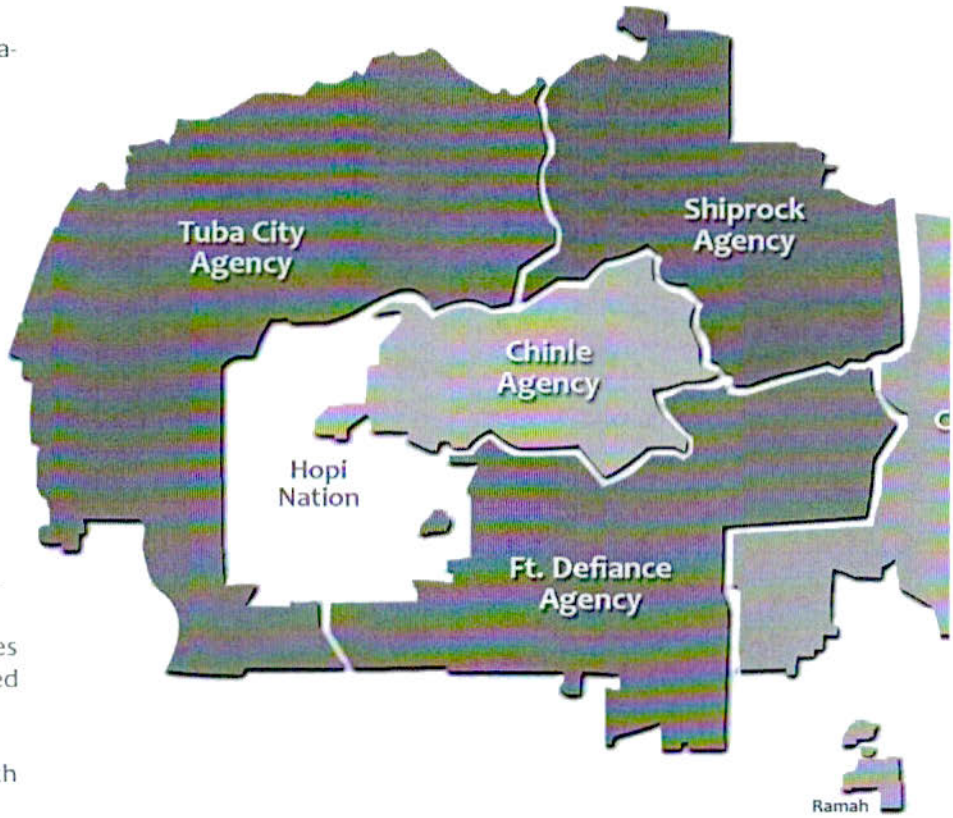
Students submitting an ONNSFA application are asked to state their chapter affiliation. This information is used to determine which agency office a student's file will be assigned to and for reporting purposes.

Choosing a Chapter

On occasion, students inquire about which of the Navajo Nation's 110 chapters they should state on the application. We encourage students to consider the chapter nearest to their residence or the chapter at which their parents are registered to vote.

Voter Registration

Students, who become registered voters on the Navajo Nation, have an opportunity to elect leadership at the chapter and national levels. Many Navajo Nation services and funds are divided among chapters based upon the number of registered voters and population. A list of the number of awards provided by the ONNSFA to students at each chapter follows:



Ft. Defiance Agency

1,836 Students

Cornfields - 38
Coyote Canyon - 50
Crystal - 59
Dilkon - 59
Ft. Defiance - 390
Ganado - 98
Greasewood Springs - 46
Houck - 59
Indian Wells - 33
Jeddito - 43
Kinlichee - 72
Klagetoh - 42
Low Mountain - 35
Lupton - 28
Mexican Springs - 31
Nahata Dziil - 37
Naschitti - 60
Oak-Pine Springs - 61
Red Lake - 37
Sawmill - 49

(Ft. Defiance Agency)

Twin Lakes - 70
White Cone - 40
Wide Ruins - 40
Unknown - 5

Crownpoint Agency

1,265 Students

Alamo - 20
Baca/Haystack - 41
Bahaalí - 44
Becenti - 43
Casamero Lake - 22
Chichiltah - 54
Church Rock - 102
Counselor - 26
Crownpoint - 201
Huerfano - 54
Iyanbito - 41
Lake Valley - 14
Littlewater - 19
Manuelito - 37

(Crownpoint Agency)

Pinedale - 35
Pueblo Pintado - 26
Ramah - 38
Red Rock - 50
Rock Springs - 51
Smith Lake - 18
Standing Rock - 33
Thoreau - 52
Tohajiilee - 30
Torreon/Star Lake - 37
Tsayatoh - 32
White Rock - 12
Whitehorse Lake - 13

Shiprock Agency

1,473 Students

Aneth - 108
Beclabito - 42
Cove - 24
Gad íí'ahí - 24
Mexican Water - 33
Nenahnezad - 107
Newcomb - 24

(Shiprock Agency)

Sanostee - 62
Sheepsprings - 34
Shiprock - 460
Sweetwater - 46
Teec Nos Pos - 52
T'iis Tsoh Sikaad - 29
Tsé Daa K'aan - 55
Toadlena/
Two Grey Hills - 26
Upper Fruitland - 98
Unknown - 5

Tuba City Agency

1,094 Students

Birdsprings - 21
Bodaway/Gap - 38
Cameron - 40
Chilchinbeto - 31
Coalmine Canyon - 34
Coppermine - 35
Dennehotso - 38
Inscription House - 26
Kaibeto - 31

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Speaker
24th Navajo Nation Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
24th Navajo Nation Council

FROM: Edward A. McCool, Acting-Chief Legislative Counsel
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: July 30, 2019

AN ACTION RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, BUDGET AND FINANCE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING FUNDING OF FIFTY MILLION ($50,000,000) FROM THE SÍHASIN FUND TO ESTABLISH THE NAVAJO NATION SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT EXPENDITURE PLAN PURSUANT TO 12 N.N.C.§§ 2501-2508; COMPLYING WITH 12 N.N.C. § 2502(A)(2); ENACTING THE NAVAJO NATION SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge. Please ensure that this particular resolution request is precisely what you want. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§500, 501. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution.

THE NAVAJO NATION
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION

LEGISLATION NO: _0238-19_____ SPONSOR: Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

TITLE: An Act Relating To Law And Order, Health, Education And Human Services Committee, Budget And Finance, And Naabik'íyáti' Committees, And Navajo Nation Council; Approving Funding Of Fifty Million Dollars ($50,000,000) From The Síhasin Fund To Establish The Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment Expenditure Plan Pursuant To 12 N.N.C §§ 2501 – 2508; Complying With 12 N.N.C § 2502 (A)(2); Enacting The Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment

Date posted: August 3, 2019 at 2:13pm

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Written comments may be mailed to:

Executive Director
Office of Legislative Services
P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515
(928) 871-7590

Comments may be made in the form of chapter resolutions, letters, position papers, etc. Please include your name, position title, address for written comments; a valid e-mail address is required. Anonymous comments will not be included in the Legislation packet.

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THE NAVAJO NATION
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW SUMMARY

LEGISLATION NO.: 0238-19

SPONSOR: Honorable Kee Allen Begay Jr.

TITLE: An Act Relating To Law And Order, Health, Education And Human Services Committee, Budget And Finance, And Naabik'íyáti' Committees, And Navajo Nation Council; Approving Funding Of Fifty Million Dollars ($50,000,000) From The Síhasin Fund To Establish The Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment Expenditure Plan Pursuant To 12 N.N.C §§ 2501 – 2508; Complying With 12 N.N.C § 2502 (A)(2); Enacting The Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment

Posted: August 3, 2019 at 2:13 PM

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: August 8, 2019

Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	1) Al Henderson
Comments Opposing	*None*
Inconclusive Comments	*None*

Legislative Tracking Secretary
Office of Legislative Services

8/9/19 8:13AM
Date/Time

Legislation 0238-19 reference $50,000,000 Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment

Al Henderson <ahec01@gmail.com>

Wed 8/7/2019 9:15 PM

To comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Members of the NN Council respective Committe Members, please pass this legislation. Research says that it is those communities who invest in their people who will be winners in the long-run. Close to home here on the Navajo Nation such and investment can translate into reduction in persistent poverty and high unemployment rates. Since 2013 I have advocated for $2.5 million to be earmarked for growing Navajo economist. It has been a belaborious process and I am really glad that this path, with your approval, will achieve delivery of such an important profession that is dearly missing. On a personal basis, may I request for serious consideration that $2.5 million of the $50 million be used to establish the UNM Navajo Nation/Boyle Endowment Fund. To get immediate result for Navajo students to acquire advanced degree at the Master's and PhD level will require a targeted approach along the same pathways that gave the Navajo Nation certified teachers, attorneys and architects and engineers established back in the 70s and 80s. In the 21st Century it is essential that the Navajo Nation have their own battalion of economist who will research, analyze and recommend policies that can lead to Navajo Nation prosperity. If desired, I can make myself available to answer questions you may have about the value and practices of economist..

Thank you.

THE NAVAJO NATION
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SPONSOR: Honorable Kee Allen Begay Jr.

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Posted: August 3, 2019 at 2:13 PM

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: August 8, 2019

Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	*None*
Comments Opposing	*None*
Inconclusive Comments	**1. Dominic Beyal**

Legislative Tracking Secretary
Office of Legislative Services

8/16/19 1:02 pm
Date/Time

Legislation 0238-19 on Sihasin Fund for Scholarships

Dominic Beyal <dbeyal@omb.navajo-nsn.gov>

Mon 8/12/2019 7:11 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Cc: Yvonne Kee Billison <yvonnekeebillison@navajo-nsn.gov>; Nanette Francisco <nfrancisco@omb.navajo-nsn.gov>; Albertina Tom-Sandoval <atsandoval@omb.navajo-nsn.gov>;

This proposed legislation at Section Three, Findings, paragraphs C and F use the same percentages yet the subjects are different. C = awards of 51% and 53% ; and F = denied awards of 51% and 53%. One or the other is erroneous or mislabeled.

LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE
24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

FIRST YEAR 2019

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker,

The **LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

Legislation No. 0238-19: An Act Relating to Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services Committee, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyati' Committees, and Navajo Nation Council; Approving Funding of Fifty Million Dollars ($50,000,000) from the Síhasin Fund to Establish the Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §§ 2501 – 2508; Complying with 12 N.N.C. § 2502 (A)(2); Enacting the Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment – Sponsor: Honorable Kee A. Begay, Jr.

Has had it under consideration and reports the same with the recommendation that it DO PASS with no amendment

And thereafter referred to Health, Education & Human Services Committee

Respectfully submitted,

Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman
Law and Order Committee
24th Navajo Nation Council

Date: August 12, 2019

Main Motion: Honorable Otto Tso
Second : Honorable Vince James
Vote : 2-0-1 (Chairwoman not voting)

LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
August 12, 2019

VOTE TALLY SHEET:

Legislation No. 0238-19: An Act Relating to Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services Committee, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyati' Committees, and Navajo Nation Council; Approving Funding of Fifty Million Dollars ($50,000,000) from the Síhasin Fund to Establish the Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §§ 2501 – 2508; Complying with 12 N.N.C. § 2502 (A)(2); Enacting the Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment – Sponsor: Honorable Kee A. Begay, Jr.

Main Motion: Otto Tso **Second:** Vince James **Vote:** 2-0-1

VOTE TALLY:
Yea: VJames/OTso
Nay:
Excused: ETso
Not Voting: ECNewton
Absent: EYazzie

Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman

Laureen Spencer, Legislative Advisor
Law and Order Committee

Committee Report

THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL to whom has been assigned;

LEGISLATION NO. 0238-19

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(Note: Eligible for Committee Action July 31, 2019)

Sponsor: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Co-Sponsor: Daniel E. Tso

Has had under consideration and report the same with the recommendation that Legislation 0238-19 PASS with no Amendment and no Directive; and therefore referred the same to the **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Begay, Jr., Chairperson Pro Tem
Health, Education and Human Services Committee

August 21, 2019 - Main Motion
Motion by: Honorable Edison J. Wauneka
Seconded by: Honorable Pernell Halona
Vote: 3 in favor; 0 Opposed; Chairperson Pro Tem Not Voting
Yeas: Edison J. Wauneka; Pernell Halona; Daniel E. Tso
Nays: None
Absent (excused): Charlaine Tso

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
August 21, 2019

Roll Call
Vote Tally Sheet

LEGISLATION NO. 0238-19

AN ACT RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, BUDGET AND FINANCE, AND NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEES, AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING FUNDING OF FIFTY MILLION ($50,000,000) FROM THE SIHASIN FUND TO ESTABLISH THE NAVAJO NATION SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT EXPENDITURE PLAN PURSUANT TO 12 N.N.C. §§ 2501- 2508; COMPLYING WITH 12 N.N.C. §§ 2502 (A)(2); ENACTING THE NAVAJO NATION SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

(Note: Eligible for Committee Action July 31, 2019)

Sponsor: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Co-Sponsor: Honorable Daniel E. Tso

August 21, 2019 - Main Motion
Motion by: Honorable Edison J. Wauneka
Seconded by: Honorable Pernell Halona
Vote: 3 in favor; 0 Opposed; Chairperson Pro Tem Not Voting
Yeas: Edison J. Wauneka; Pernell Halona; Daniel E. Tso
Nays: None
Absent (excused): Charlaine Tso

Paul Begay, Jr., Chairperson Pro Tem
Health, Education and Human Services Committee

Beverly Martinez

Beverly Martinez, Legislative Advisor
Health, Education and Human Services Committee

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Posted: August 3, 2019 at 2:13 PM

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: August 8, 2019

Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	*None*
Comments Opposing	*None*
Inconclusive Comments	**1. Kris Benally**

Legislative Tracking Secretary
Office of Legislative Services

8/25/19 3:24pm
Date/Time

0238-19

kris benally <cyb8@hotmail.com>

Sat 8/24/2019 7:02 AM

To: Etta Arviso <bitahnii06@yahoo.com>; El Brown <thebrownmachine@hotmail.com>; Anna Rondon <Annarondon@msn.com>; comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>; Daniel Tso <danieltso@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Make dine college and ntu tuition free for all.
Make scholarship available for students
in need,
who are struggling (which may effect their grades),
who are parttime working and enrolled and still get supplemented by parents,
Nontraditional,
With children,

Don't restrict those who are trying yetvmay not make the status quo as high gpa

$50 MILLION SCHOLARSHIP INVESTMENT MOVES FORWARD 08.21.19

The Nez-Lizer Administration sends a big thank you to the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee for issuing a "do pass" recommendation for Legislation No. 0238-19, which aims to set side $50 million from the Navajo Nation's Sihasin Fund to provide more scholarship opportunities for our Navajo students. Committee members voted 3-0 to move the legislation forward for consideration by the Budget and Finance Committee next.

The Nez-Lizer Administration worked with legislation sponsor Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr. and the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance to develop the legislation over the course of several months. President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer continue to request the public's support for the bill by e-mailing your written comments to comments@navajo-nsn.gov and requesting the support of your Council members.

Thank you to the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee for supporting our Navajo students through your vote today. Ahe'hee'

#UnityHopeResilience #WorkingTogether

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Posted: August 3, 2019 at 2:13 PM

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: August 8, 2019

Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	*1. Montaro Ramos, Queen Creek, Arizona*
Comments Opposing	*None*
Inconclusive Comments	*None*

Legislative Tracking Secretary
Office of Legislative Services

8/28/19 11:27AM
Date/Time

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: Montaro Ramos <montaro.ramos@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Aug 13, 2019 at 6:58 PM
Subject: Legislation 238-19. Comment
To: <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>, <keeallenbegayjr@navajo-nsn.gov>

Dear Mr. Speaker, President Nez, Vice-President Lizer, Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, and Honorable Council Members:

My name is Montaro Juan Morgan Ramos and I am twenty years old. My Chapter is located in Sawmill, Arizona and my grandparents reside in Blue Canyon. I write to you today to express my support for Legislation 238-19. I currently live in Queen Creek, Arizona and attend ASU's polytechnic campus. I am a proud recipient of the Chief Manuelito scholarship. I was originally studying professional flight to become a professional airline pilot through a partnership with ASU and ATP located at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway airport. In addition to the $11,000 in tuition to attend ASU, I have pay approximately $20,000-$25,000 per year to take flight lessons. I decided to live at home to cut back on expenses.

I covered the first year of my professional flights with my own personal funds of $18,000 by working and applying for various scholarships but I realized i would not be able finish my studies without incurring significant loans and financial burden. As a result I have postponed my studies as a professional pilot for the time being. Legislation 238-19 would allow me to continue my endeavors to become a professional pilot as long as the funding opportunity would allow me to pay for tuition at ASU and to cover my professional flight training at ATP at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport.

I am available to provide more information regarding my background and education.

In conclusion I strongly support Legislation 238-19.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support.

Best regards,

Montaro J. M. Ramos

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Posted: August 3, 2019 at 2:13 PM

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Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	**1. Karyth Becenti**
Comments Opposing	***None***
Inconclusive Comments	***None***

Legislative Tracking Secretary
Office of Legislative Services

9-19-19 5:32pm
Date/Time

In support of Legislation 0238-19 to establish the Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment Fund

Karyth Becenti <klbecenti@unm.edu>

Fri 9/13/2019 10:24 AM

To comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Cc Arts & Sciences Scholarship <asawards@unm.edu>;

I, Karyth Becenti – (, am an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation who supports and recommends the entities named below to approve Legislation 0238-19, which will establish the Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment. This Endowment is paramount in increasing the economic development within the Navajo Nation. The goal is to expand the Navajo Nation education fund, create the economic development and student loan fund, which can lead to an increasing number of Navajo economists along with the business management workforce, where professional skills are required to transition the Navajo Nation into a prosperous, developing nation. To achieve this goal, the Endowment will support student success and fund the higher education need for Navajo scholars at UNM's main campus.

Navajo Nation Law and Order Committee
Health, Education, and Human Services Committees
Budget and Finance Committee
Naaabik'iyati Committee
Navajo Nation Council

Karyth Becenti
Admin Assistant 3
UNM College of Arts & Sciences
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1 University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131

klbecenti@unm.edu
Changing Worlds 2020: The Campaign for UNM! Whose world will you change?
http://artsci.unm.edu/give/

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Posted: August 3, 2019 at 2:13 PM

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Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	1. Cody Artis 2. Jesse Crabtree
Comments Opposing	*None*
Inconclusive Comments	*None*

Legislative Tracking Secretary
Office of Legislative Services

10/3/19 6:16 PM
Date/Time

Public comments concerning $50 million scholarship legislation

Cody Artis <codyartis@gmail.com>

Thu 10/3/2019 4:32 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Ya'ahtéeh,
My name is Cody Artis, I am a current law student at the University of Idaho. I have struggled financially due to the lack of scholarships provided for Navajo students. The legislation will greatly help my current pursuit in obtaining a Juris Doctorate. I hope to come back to the Navajo Nation and to work within the Division of Natural Resources.
Thank you for your time and consideration for the upcoming scholars and students.

Legislation #0238-19

Jcrabtree <19warriors91@cox.net>

Thu 10/3/2019 6:01 PM

To comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Good afternoon. My name is Jesse Crabtree and I am an enrolled member of the great Navajo Nation from the Forest Lake Chapter. I am writing today to offer support for Legislation #0238-19. I encourage the Navajo Nation to provide more funding for scholarships for our youth. I was told from a young age by my grandparents to go to school and learn, and someday you can come home to help your people. I am a proud recipient of funding from the Navajo Nation and I appreciate it. The funding from the Navajo Nation assisted me greatly and allowed me to get my bachelors in science from Northern Arizona University. Without the funding, my schooling would not have been funded and who knows where I would have ended up at. Who know if I would have finished school. Who knows if I would have had the great career that I currently have. What I do know is that I graduated with the help of the Navajo Nation and I am grateful for that.

Based on my experience funding of college students from the Navajo Nation works and could continue to benefit the Nation for future generations. Please support Legislation #0238-19 and fund Navajo students.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

First Year 2019

Mr. Speaker:

The **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned

NAVAJO LEGISLATIVE BILL # 0238-19:

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has had it under consideration and reports the same with the recommendation that It **Do Pass** without amendment.

And, therefore referred to the **NAABIKIYATI** Committee

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Henio, Chairman

Adopted: Peggy Nakai
Legislative Advisor

Not Adopted: _____
Legislative Advisor

10 October 2019

The vote was **4** in favor **0** opposed *yeas: Jimmy Yellowhair, Raymond Smith, Jr., Nathaniel Brown, Elmer P. Begay*
Main Motion: Nathaniel Brown
Second: Raymond Smith, Jr.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
10 October 2019
Special Meeting

VOTE TALLY SHEET:

Legislation No. 0238-19:
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Motion: Nathaniel Brown
Second: Raymond Smith Jr.
Vote: 4-0, Chairman not voting

Vote Tally:

Jamie Henio		
Jimmy Yellowhair	**yea**	
Raymond Smith Jr.	**yea**	
Elmer P. Begay	**yea**	
Amber K. Crotty		
Nathaniel Brown	**yea**	

Absent: Amber K. Crotty

Jamie Henio, Chairman
Budget & Finance Committee

Peggy Nakai, Legislative Advisor
Budget & Finance Committee

THE NAVAJO NATION
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
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SPONSOR: Honorable Kee Allen Begay Jr.

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Posted: August 3, 2019 at 2:13 PM

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: August 8, 2019

Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	1. Laverne Schierholz 2. Geraldine Kee-Yazzie
Comments Opposing	*None*
Inconclusive Comments	*None*

Legislative Tracking Secretary
Office of Legislative Services

10/10/19 10:26 pm
Date/Time

Legislation 0238-19

Laverne Schierholz <lschierholz@navajo-nsn.gov>

Wed 10/9/2019 12:57 PM

To:comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Hello,

Please approve fifty million dollars from the Sihasin Fund to establish the Navajo Scholarship Endowment Expenditure Plan so more of our Navajo students can pursue higher education and training opportunities after high school without going into debt from student loans.

Thank you,

Laverne Schierholz
Senior Tax Auditor
Office of Navajo Tax Commission
PO Box 1903
Window Rock, AZ 86515-1903
928.871.6681 main
928.871.7511 direct
928.871.7608 fax
lschierholz@navajo-nsn.gov

I support ....Leg #0238-19

geri kee-yazzie <gkee_1@yahoo.com>

Thu 10/10/2019 9:42 AM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

I support legislation #0238-19 to provide greater financial support via Navajo Nation Scholarships for our Navajo children and Diné people.

Thank You
Geraldine Kee-Yazzie

Sent from my iPhone

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE REPORT
First Year 2019

The **NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

NAVAJO LEGISLATIVE BILL #0238-19

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Sponsored by: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Co-Sponsored by: Honorable Seth Damon
Co-Sponsored by: Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Co-Sponsored by: Honorable Daniel E. Tso

Has had it under consideration and reports the same that the legislation **WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE

10 October 2019

MAIN MOTION
Motioned by: Honorable Thomas Walker, Jr.
Seconded by: Honorable Mark A. Freeland
Vote: 14 in Favor, 01 Opposed (Chairman Damon Not Voting)

NAVAJO NATION

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10/10/2019

Naa'bik'iyati Committee Meeting

07:03:39 PM

Amd# to Amd#	Legislation 0238-19:Approving	PASSED
MOT Walker, T	Funding of Fifty Million Dollars	
SEC Freeland, M	(50,000,000) from the Sihasin Fund...	

Yea : 14 **Nay : 1** **Excused : 2** **Not Voting : 6**

Yea : 14

Begay, E	Freeland, M	Stewart, W	Tso, E
Begay, K	James, V	Tso, C	Walker, T
Begay, P	Nez, R	Tso, D	Yellowhair
Brown	Smith		

Nay : 1

Slater, C

Excused : 2

Charles-Newton	Wauneka, E

Not Voting : 6

Crotty	Halona, P	Tso, O	Yazzie
Daniels	Henio, J		

Presiding Chair: Damon

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LEGISLATION NO.: 0238-19

SPONSOR: Honorable Kee Allen Begay Jr.

TITLE: An Act Relating To Law And Order, Health, Education And Human Services Committee, Budget And Finance, And Naabik'íyáti' Committees, And Navajo Nation Council; Approving Funding Of Fifty Million Dollars ($50,000,000) From The Síhasin Fund To Establish The Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment Expenditure Plan Pursuant To 12 N.N.C §§ 2501 – 2508; Complying With 12 N.N.C § 2502 (A)(2); Enacting The Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment

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Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	*None*
Comments Opposing	*None*
Inconclusive Comments	**1) Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance 2018 Annual Report**

Legislative Tracking Secretary
Office of Legislative Services

10/22/19 5:10PM
Date/Time

Office of Navajo Nation
Scholarship & Financial Assistance
2018 Annual Report

Statistical Profile: 2017 & 2018 Calendar Years

	2017	2018
Total Number of Applications Submitted to the ONNSFA	17,272	16,362
No. of Students Requesting Awards: (Students are counted once whether they receive one or more awards duringa calendar year.)	12,807	13,210
Total No. of Awards: (All financial aid and scholarship awards made by ONNSFA during the calendar year are included in the total. In some instances, a student may have received two awards – one for the Spring term and another for the Fall term. Each award is counted independently.)	9,423	9,212
No. of Students Receiving Awards: (Students are counted once whether they receive one or more awards during the calendar year.)	6,755	6,680
Percentage of Students Funded: (The total number of students awarded from the total number of students that applied. Applicants are counted once.)	53%	51%
No. of Students Denied:	6,052	6,530
Enrollment Status of Recipients:		
Undergraduate	90%	87%
Graduate	10%	13%
No. of Awards by Funding Source:		
Federal	3,879	5,002
Navajo Nation, Trust, Corporate	5,544	4,201
Total Federal Fund Awards to:		
Need-Based Students	7,506,622	7,079,947
Chief Manuelito Scholars	2,464,831	6,567,605
Grand Total	**$ 9,971,453**	**$ 9,971,453**
Chief Manuelito Awards:		
Total No. of Student Awards	2,328	2,519
Total Expended From All Sources	$ 7,875,012	$ 8,525,684
Percentage From All Sources	33%	35%
Total Funding to:		
Undergraduate Students	20,197,956	19,967,538
Graduate Students	3,929,429	4,430,251
Grand Total	**$ 24,127,385**	**$ 24,397,789**
Average Award to:		
Undergraduate Students	$2,450	$2,523
Graduate Students	$3,330	$3,416
No of Students Awarded:		
Undergraduate Students	5,941	5,773
Graduate Students	814	907

ONNSFA

Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance

Apply online: www.onnsfa.org

Deadlines to apply:

2019-2020 Academic Year – June 25, 2019

2020 Winter/Spring Term – Nov. 25, 2019

Financial Need-Based Awards

(up to $2,500 per semester)

Need-based funding is provided to students who demonstrate financial need according to the Financial Need Analysis (FNA) form submitted on their behalf by the school of attendance. Students in this category are deemed not to have sufficient personal or family resources to meet a college's or university's cost of attendance (e.g. tuition, books and housing).

Awards of up to $2,500 per semester or $5,000 per academic year are provided to students based upon their individual need assessment. Primary funding sources of need-based awards are PL 93-638 funds and Navajo Nation Funds.

No-Need-Based Awards

($1,000 per semester)

No-need-based funding is provided to students, who are deemed to have enough resources to meet the cost of attendance at a college or university of their choice.

Chief Manuelito Scholarships

($3,500 per semester)

Merit-based scholarships are provided students, who achieve a high grade point average and a commensurate ACT or SAT college test score. Students are required to complete courses in Navajo Language (1 unit) and Navajo Government (½ unit) prior to the application deadline to be considered for this scholarship. Full-time undergraduate students may also qualify for the Chief Manuelito scholarship under the 24/3 rule by completing 24 credit hours of college-level courses with a 3.0 GPA.

Graduate Student Awards

($2,500 to $5,000 per semester)

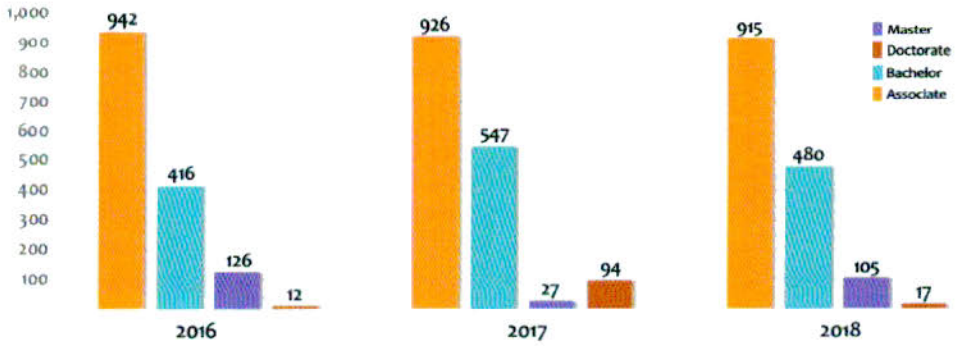
Grant awards are provided to Navajo students seeking graduate-level degrees.

Part-Time Undergraduate and Graduate Awards

Funding is available for eligible part-time undergraduate and graduate students. Part-time application requirements and award amounts vary.

Increasing Higher Education Attainment Rates

Number and Type of Degrees Attained by ONNSFA Award Recipients



	2016	2017	2018
Associate /Certificate	942	926	915
Bachelor	416	547	480
Masters	126	27	105
Doctorates	12	94	17

awarded Navajo Nation financial assistance or scholarship from 2016 to 2018. A majority of the degrees were attained from institutions within the Four-Corners region.

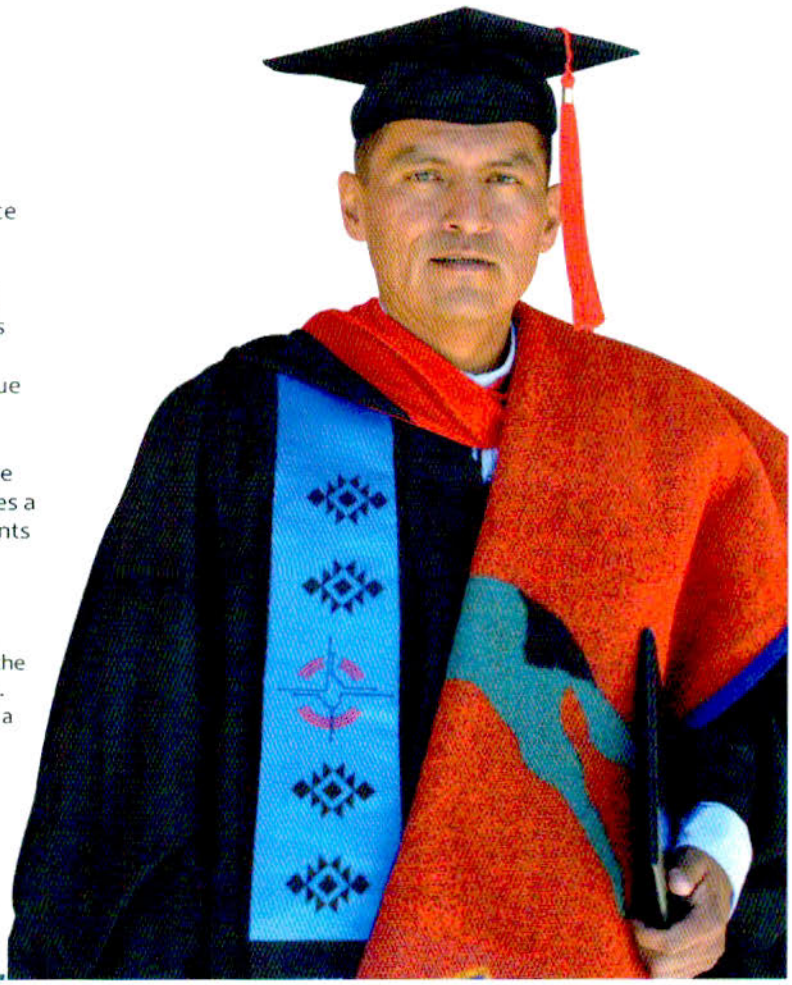
Data was compiled from 28 schools within this area. Schools ranged from two-year to four-year institutions including: Arizona State University, Chandler Coconino Community College, Diné College, Fort Lewis College, Navajo Technical University, University of New Mexico, New Mexico State University, New Mexico Highlands University and Northern Arizona University.

Rising Numbers of Navajo College Students

The number of Navajo students seeking a college degree continues to increase. From 2010 to 2018, a total of 125,175 students submitted applications for scholarships to the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance.

Meanwhile an average of 56 percent of applicants were not funded. Funding for students is imperative as many students depend on financial assistance and scholarships from the Navajo Nation to help meet educational costs, which continue to rise significantly.

Thus, the ONNSFA continues to seek partnerships to increase resources to Navajo college student The table below provides a snapshot of the number of college degrees earned by students



LEFT Perry R. James of Continental Divide, NM received the first Master of Arts degree in Diné Culture, Language & Leadership at Navajo Technical University in 2016. NTU has since strengthened the program and several more have attained a Master of Arts Degree. The university has begun to take the initial steps in implementing a doctorate program.

The ONNSFA is proud to partner with NTU in providing up to $2,500 per semester for full-time students pursuing a bachelor degree in any of NTU's ten bachelor degree program or up to $5,000 per semester for students seeking a Masters degree. Funding under this agreement covers full-time enrollment for up to six continuous semesters. For information contact the NTU Admissions Office at 505.786.4100.

Summary of Awards by Funding Source

Federal Funds	Number of Awards	Total Award Amount
Chief Manuelito Scholarships	1,950	$ 6,567,605
Need-Based	3,058	7,079,947
Total	**5,008**	**$ 13,647,552**

Navajo Nation General Funds	Number of Awards	Total Award Amount
Chief Manuelito Scholarships	569	$ 1,958,079
Need-Based	819	1,599,801
Sales Tax Revenue	373	1,342,295
Vocational	941	2,101,392
Teacher Education	136	320,986
Univ of Arizona College of Medicine	9	66,797
No-Need	141	141,000
Higher Education Grant	332	1,179,676
Total	**3,320**	**$ 8,710,026**

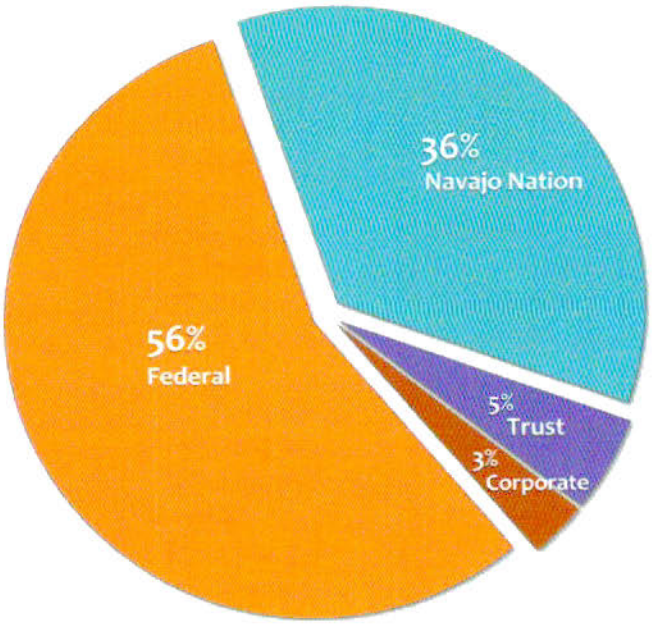
Corporate Funds	Number of Awards	Total Award Amount
Peabody Energy	75	$ 265,502
Chevron / P&M	193	193,000
Sussman	11	93,172
Questar/Four Corners	96	92,000
Kinder Morgan/El Paso	25	84,666
Navajo Nation Oil & Gas, Co.	3	14,500
Diné Scholarship Annual Fund	8	9,049
Total	**411**	**$ 751,889**

Trust Funds	Number of Awards	Total Award Amount
Navajo Nation Graduate Trust	62	$ 233,502
Navajo Nation Vocational Trust	139	296,460
Navajo Engineering & Construction Authority Trust	194	259,750
Tucson Electric Trust	27	46,952
ASU Law	17	235,680
UNM Law	34	215,978
Total	**473**	**$ 1,288,322**

Total - All Sources	9,212	$24,397,789

Note: The total number of students served and the total number of awards differ as a student may have received an award from more than one funding source and are counted in each funding source.

Funding Sources



2018 Calendar Year

Federal Funds:	$ 13,647,552
General Funds:	8,710,026
Trust Funds:	1,288,322
Corporate Funds:	751,889
Total :	$ 24,397,789

Calendar Year 2018

Total Awarded: $24,397,789
Number of Awards: 9,212

From January 1 to December 31, 2018, the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance awarded a total of $24,397,789 in scholarships and financial aid. The total number of students who received awards from the four funding sources equated to 6,680. The total number of awards made from all funding sources amounted to 9,212. The pie chart above illustrates the proportion of each funding source to the total amount administered by the ONNSFA.

Federal Funds (BIA P.L. 93-638)

Total: $13,647,552
No. Students Awarded: 4,116
No. of Awards: 5,008

Federal funds, provided though a P.L. 93-638 contract with the Navajo Region Bureau of Indian Affairs, comprised about 56 percent of the funds awarded by the Navajo Scholarship Office. Federal funds are used to award undergraduate students with financial need as determined by the student's Financial Need Analysis and also for merit-based awards to Chief Manuelito Scholars.

Navajo Nation General Fund

Total: $8,710,0261
No. Students Awarded: 2,817
No. of Awards: 3,320

Navajo Nation General Funds comprised about 36 percent of scholarship funds. These funds are used to provide awards to graduate students, undergraduates and students enrolled in the Navajo Teacher Education program.

Trust Funds

Total: $1,288,322
No. Students Awarded: 421
No. of Awards: 473

Interest revenue from trust funds comprised about 6 percent of funds awarded by ONNSFA in 2018. Policies for trust funds including the Graduate Trust Fund, the Navajo Engineering & Construction Authority Trust Fund, the Vocational Education Trust Fund and Tucson Electric Funds stipulate that "10% of the fund [market value] shall be used as scholarship and financial assistance." Interest revenue from these sources fluctuate from year-to-year based upon market value.

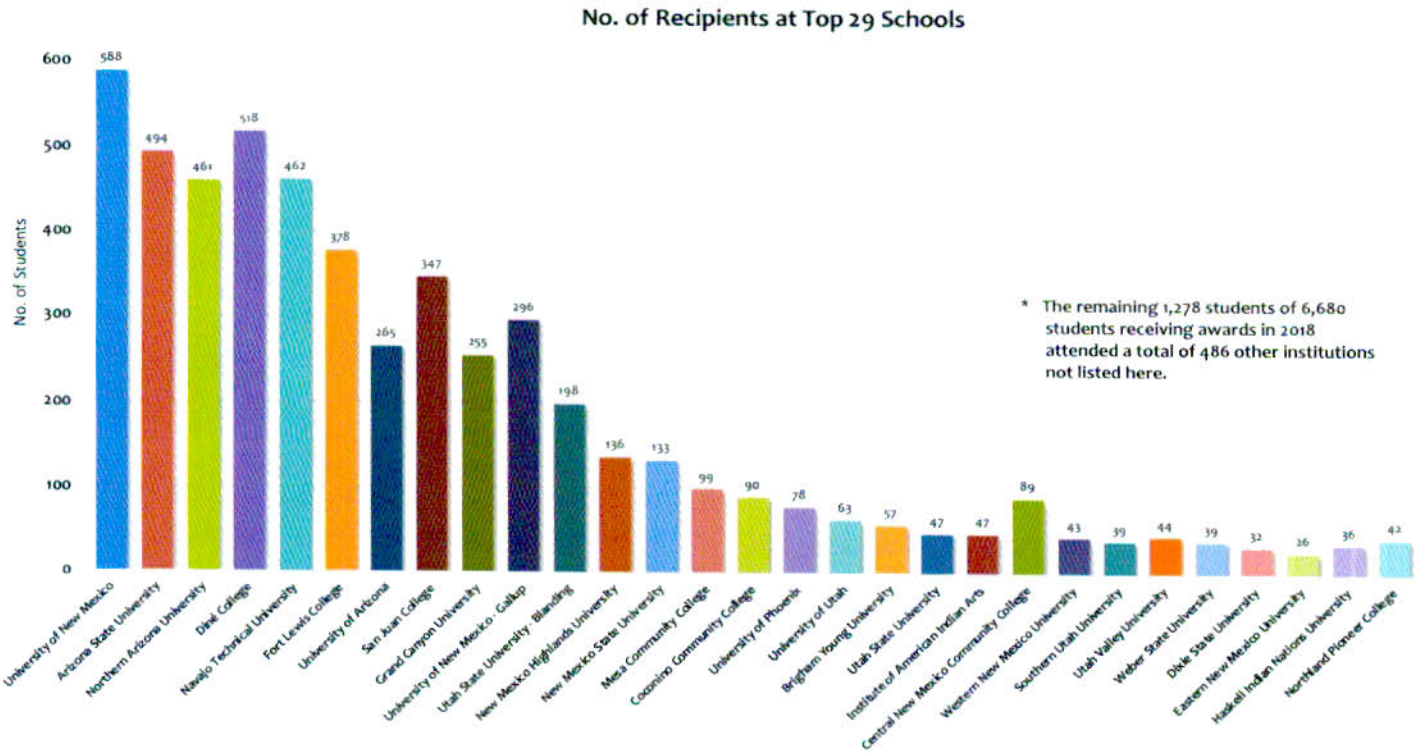
Corporate Funds

Total: $751,889
No. Students Awarded: 400
No. of Awards: 411

Contributions from corporations comprised about 3 percent of the total funds awarded by ONNSFA in 2018. Leases with companies including Peabody Energy, Chevron Mining, Inc., Questar/Four Corners and Kinder Morgan/ El Paso Natural Gas include a provision that companies make a contribution to the scholarship fund.

Note: The total number of students awarded from all funding sources (7,754) differs from the total number of awards (9,212) due to the fact that students may have received awards from a combination of funding sources and are counted in each source.

2018 ONNSFA Awards



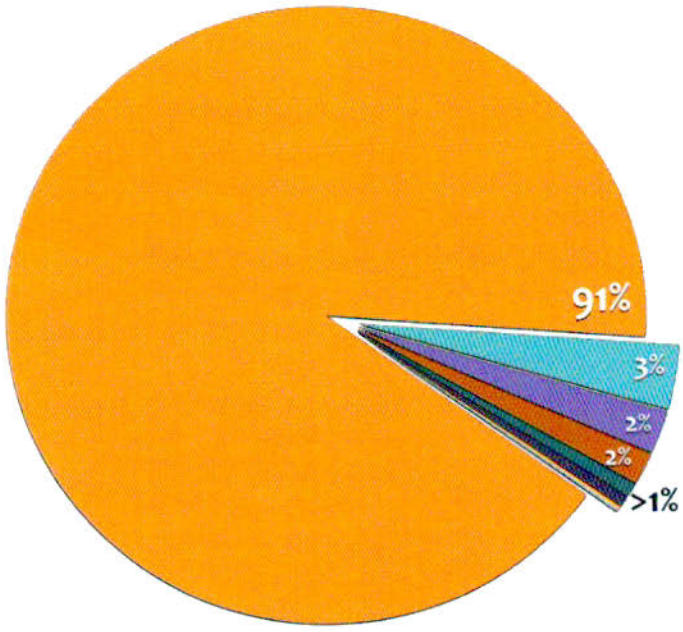
Awards to Students at 29 Schools Account for 81 Percent of Funds

In 2018, ONNSFA awarded a total of $24,397,789 to 6,680 students attending a total of 516 different institutions throughout the United States.

The 29 institutions listed accounted for 81 percent of total ONNSFA funding and students attending. A majority of the 29 institutions listed are located within the four corners area.

Institution	Amount Funded	No. Students	Institution	Amount Funded	No. Students
University of New Mexico	$ 2,615,726	588	University of Phoenix	235,213	78
Arizona State University	2,274,512	494	University of Utah	234,397	63
Northern Arizona University	1,825,305	461	Brigham Young University	229,022	57
Diné College	1,612,538	518	Utah State University	217,583	47
Navajo Technical University	1,451,810	462	Institute of American Indian Arts	208,662	47
Fort Lewis College	1,418,988	378	Central NM Community College	189,086	89
University of Arizona	1,176,664	265	Western New Mexico University	178,337	43
San Juan College	967,464	347	Southern Utah University	163,700	39
Grand Canyon University	896,330	255	Utah Valley University	143,806	44
University of New Mexico - Gallup	859,171	296	Weber State University	130,144	39
Utah State University - Blanding	616,026	198	Dixie State University	108,500	32
New Mexico Highlands University	570,026	136	Eastern New Mexico University	106,832	26
New Mexico State University	538,669	133	Haskell Indian Nations University	104,844	36
Mesa Community College	268,206	99	Northland Pioneer College	102,000	42
Coconino Community College	260,827	90	* Other 486 Institutions	4,693,401	1,278
			Total:	$ 24,397,789	6,680

2018 ONNSFA Denials



Reasons For Denial	No. of Students
Incomplete/Missing Documents	5,950
Withdrawal/Failure to Repay Funds	222
Maximum Number of Terms Exceeded	146
Disqualification	107
Not Admitted Into Degree Program	46
Seeking Second Degree at Same Level	39
Institution Not Regionally Accredited	13
Default Status With Student Aid	6
Received Other Aid	1
Total	6,530

49 Percent of All Applicants Denied

In 2018, a total of 13,210 students applied to the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance (ONNSFA).

Approximately 51 percent or 6,680 students who applied received an award. Another 49 percent or 6,350 applicants were denied. Applicants were denied for several reasons including:

Incomplete/Missing Documents
Ninety-one percent (5,950 students) either submitted incomplete applications or failed to provide all required documents.

Withdrawal/Failure to Repay Funds
Three percent or 222 applicants were denied due to outstanding debts to the ONNSFA arising from withdrawing from school without proper justification. All applicants with outstanding debts to the ONNSFA are disqualified.

Maximum Number of Terms Exceeded
Two percent or 146 applicants were denied due to exceeding the maximum number of terms which generally are:

- **Undergraduates:** Ten semesters or fifteen quarters;
- **Graduates:** Five semesters or seven quarters;
- **Two-Year Institutions:** Five academic terms or sixty-four semester credit hours, or equivalent amount of quarter or trimester credit hours.

Disqualification
Two percent or 107 applicants were denied due to violation of the ONNSFA's polices including not maintaining the required grade point average, repeating courses, or falsifying information.

Not Admitted Into Degree Program
A total of 46 applicants were denied due to not gaining admission to a degree program. Graduate applicants are required to submit a regular Letter of Acceptance to the graduate program of study in addition to a Regular Letter of Admission from the graduate university.

Seeking Second Degree at Same Level
A total of 39 applicants were denied as they were requesting additional funds toward a second undergraduate, graduate or postgraduate degree at the same level.

Institute Not Regionally Accredited
A total of 13 applicants were denied as the institutions they sought to attend were not accredited by a regional accrediting association or the appropriate accrediting association for highly specialized majors.

Default Status WIth Student Aid
Six applicants were denied due to default status. Students who are in default on a federal student loan are ineligible for additional federal student aid.

Received Other Aid
One applicant was denied due to receiving aid for other sources.

Student Awards (by Chapter)

Chapter Affiliation

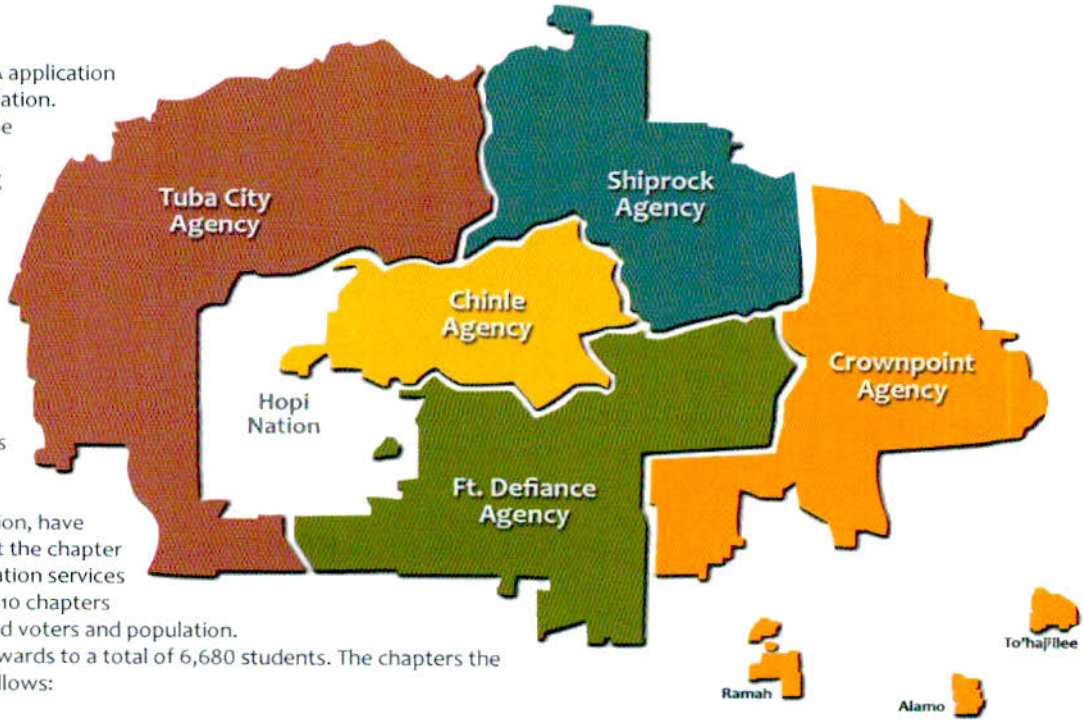
Students submitting an ONNSFA application are asked to state their chapter affiliation. This information is used to determine which agency office a student's file will be assigned to and for reporting purposes.

Choosing a Chapter

On occasion, students inquire about which of the Navajo Nation's 110 chapters they should state on the application. We encourage students to consider the chapter nearest to their residence or the chapter at which their parents are registered to vote.

Students, who become registered voters on the Navajo Nation, have an opportunity to elect leadership at the chapter and national levels. Many Navajo Nation services and funds are divided amongst the 110 chapters based upon the number of registered voters and population.

In 2018, the ONNSFA provided awards to a total of 6,680 students. The chapters the students are affiliated with are as follows:



Ft. Defiance Agency
1,628 Students
Cornfields - 42
Coyote Canyon - 53
Crystal - 61
Dilkon - 48
Ft. Defiance - 322
Ganado - 86
Greasewood Springs - 38
Houck - 45
Indian Wells - 32
Jeddito - 46
Kinlichee - 68
Klagetoh - 40
Low Mountain - 28
Lupton - 26
Mexican Springs - 33
Nahata Dziil - 29
Naschitti - 58
Oak-Pine Springs - 36
Red Lake - 38
Sawmill - 50
St. Michaels - 136
Steamboat - 52
Teestoh - 46

(Ft. Defiance Agency)
Tohatchi - 76
Twin Lakes - 63
White Cone - 40
Wide Ruins - 36

Crownpoint Agency
1,340 Students
Alamo - 20
Baca/Haystack - 44
Bahaali- 41
Becenti - 50
Casamero Lake - 19
Chichiltah - 59
Church Rock - 106
Counselor - 29
Crownpoint - 200
Huerfano - 60
Iyanbito - 41
Lake Valley - 12
Littlewater - 18
Manuelito - 38
Mariano Lake - 39
Nageezi - 42
Nahodishgish - 19

(Crownpoint Agency)
Ojo Encino - 17
Pinedale - 39
Pueblo Pintado - 25
Ramah - 42
Red Rock - 63
Rock Springs - 61
Smith Lake - 16
Standing Rock - 28
Thoreau - 59
Tohajiilee - 46
Torreon/Star Lake - 35
Tsayatoh - 44
White Rock - 18
Whitehorse Lake - 10

Shiprock Agency
1,429 Students
Aneth - 110
Beclabito - 33
Cove - 17
Gad íí'ahí - 26
Mexican Water - 26
Nenahnezad - 112
Newcomb - 23
Red Mesa - 74
Red Valley -33

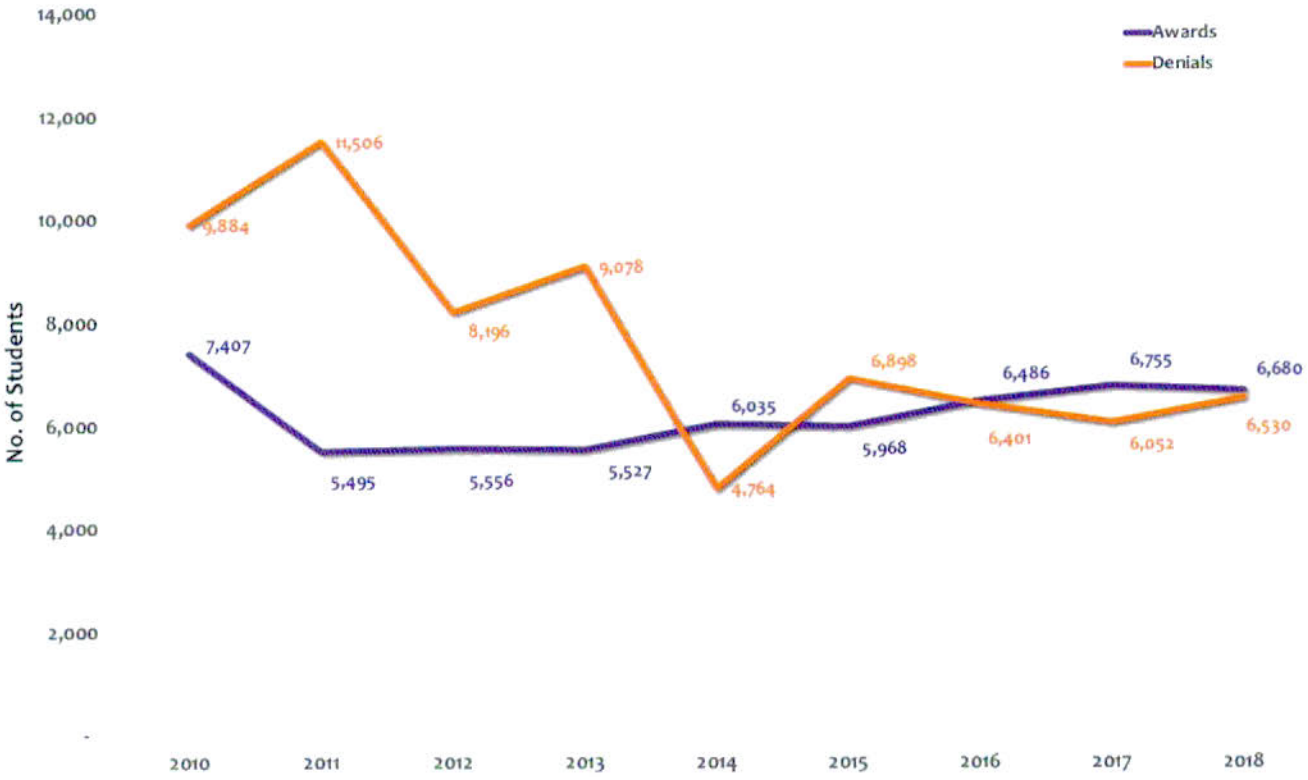
(Shiprock Agency)
Rock Point - 86
San Juan - 42
Sanostee - 53
Sheepsprings - 33
Shiprock - 448
Sweetwater - 46
Teec Nos Pos - 57
T'iis Tsoh Sikaad - 29
Tsé Daa K'aan - 55
Toadlena/
Two Grey Hills - 27
Upper Fruitland - 93
Unknown - 6

Tuba City Agency
1,190 Students
Birdsprings - 29
Bodaway/Gap - 46
Cameron - 45
Chilchinbeto - 34
Coalmine Canyon - 25
Coppermine - 46
Dennehotso - 33
Inscription House - 33
Kaibeto - 37
Kayenta - 148

(Tuba City Agency)
Lechee - 50
Leupp - 62
Navajo Mountain - 45
Oljato - 87
Shonto - 62
Tolani Lake - 27
Tonalea - 45
Tó naneesdizí- 336

Chinle Agency
1,093 Students
Black Mesa - 23
Chinle - 385
Forest Lake - 24
Hard Rock - 29
Lukachukai - 100
Many Farms - 90
Nazlini - 46
Piñon - 72
Rough Rock - 43
Round Rock - 54
Tachee/Blue Gap - 47
Tsaile/Wheatfields - 87
Tselani/Cottonwood - 55
Whippoorwill Springs - 38

2010-2018 Awards/Denials



Year	#Applicants	Awards	%	Denials	%
2010	17,291	7,407	43%	9,884	57%
2011	17,001	5,495	32%	11,506	68%
2012	13,752	5,556	40%	8,196	60%
2013	14,605	5,527	38%	9,078	62%
2014	10,799	6,035	56%	4,764	44%
2015	8,913	5,968	46%	6,898	54%
2016	12,887	6,486	50%	6,401	50%
2017	2,017	6,755	53%	6,052	47%
2018	19,309	6,680	51%	6,530	49%

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
ACTION REPORT
First Year 2019

The **NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL** to whom has been assigned:

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Sponsored by: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Co-Sponsored by: Honorable Seth Damon
Co-Sponsored by: Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Co-Sponsored by: Honorable Carl R. Slater
Co-Sponsored by: Honorable Daniel E. Tso

Has had it under consideration and reports the same that the legislation was **REFERRED BACK TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Honorable Seth Damon, Speaker
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

22 OCTOBER 2019

REFERRAL MOTION:
Motion to refer legislation 0238-19 back to the Budget and Finance Committee for further review and bring back to the next Navajo Nation Council Regular Session.
Motioned by: Honorable Nathaniel Brown
Seconded by: Honorable Carl R. Slater
Vote: 10 in Favor, 09 Opposed (Speaker Damon Not Voting)

MAIN MOTION:
Motioned by: Honorable Edmund Yazzie

Seconded by: Honorable Mark A. Freeland
Vote: VOTE PENDING

NAVAJO NATION

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10/22/2019

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Amd# to Amd#	Refer back to Budget and Finance	PASSED
MOT Brown	Committee for further review and	
SEC Slater, C	to bring back at next session	

Yea : 10 **Nay : 9** **Excused : 3** **Not Voting : 1**

Yea : 10

Begay, E	Crotty	Slater, C	Wauneka, E
Brown	Halona, P	Walker, T	Yellowhair
Charles-Newton	Henio, J		

Nay : 9

Begay, K	Nez, R	Tso	Tso, D
Begay, P	Stewart, W	Tso, C	Yazzie
Freeland, M			

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Daniels	Tso, E	Smith

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JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT

October 10, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO : 2 NNC 164 Reviewers

FROM : Dominic Beyal, Executive Director
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Legislation 0238-19 on Sihasin Fund for Scholarships

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Cc: Yvonne Kee Billison <yvonnekeebillison@navajo-nsn.gov>; Nanette Francisco <nfrancisco@omb.navajo-nsn.gov>; Albertina Tom-Sandoval <atsandoval@omb.navajo-nsn.gov>;

This proposed legislation at Section Three, Findings, paragraphs C and F use the same percentages yet the subjects are different. C = awards of 51% and 53% ; and F = denied awards of 51% and 53%. One or the other is erroneous or mislabeled.

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This proposed legislation at Section Three, Findings, paragraphs C and F use the same percentages yet the subjects are different. C = awards of 51% and 53% ; and F = denied awards of 51% and 53%. One or the other is erroneous or mislabeled.

THE NAVAJO NATION
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW SUMMARY

LEGISLATION NO.: 0238-19

SPONSOR: Honorable Kee Allen Begay Jr.

TITLE: An Act Relating To Law And Order, Health, Education And Human Services Committee, Budget And Finance, And Naabik'íyáti' Committees, And Navajo Nation Council; Approving Funding Of Fifty Million Dollars ($50,000,000) From The Síhasin Fund To Establish The Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment Expenditure Plan Pursuant To 12 N.N.C §§ 2501 – 2508; Complying With 12 N.N.C § 2502 (A)(2); Enacting The Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment

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THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

To: 24th Navajo Nation Council

From: Pearline Kirk, Controller
Office of the Controller

Date: October 21, 2019

Re: Legislations 0238-19 and 0263-19

This memo is in regards to Legislation 0238: ...Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment... and 0263-19: ...Sihasin Higher Education initiative Fund.

First and foremost, Navajo Nation Scholarship Office receives Grants (used as scholarship funding) through annual Sales Tax appropriations and Interest income generated from its respective trusts. Dine College and Navajo Technical University receives regular annual appropriations (e.g. Higher Education). In FY 2019, the total funding for scholarships and colleges was approximately $19 million. In recent years the funding amounts were:

	Dine College	NTU	Grant	Annual Sales Tax Contribution	Total
FY 2019	4,700,000	4,200,000	3,500,000	4,566,562	16,966,562
FY 2018	4,200,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	4,589,878	15,789,878
FY 2017	4,200,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	5,186,736	16,386,736
FY 2016	4,200,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	4,396,310	15,596,310
FY 2015	4,200,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,855,166	15,055,166

As mentioned above, the Scholarship Office administers the following scholarship Trust funds:

Scholarship Trust Funds	1982 Scholarship	Graduate	Vocational Ed.	TG&E	NECA	Total
Company/Business Unit	1040/509005	1020/509001	5060/709012	1030/509003	1050/509009	
Resolution	CF-36-57	CM-53-57	CD-68-86	CM-53-57	CJA-5-97	
Initial Corpus	$ 13,320,000	$ 5,000,000	$ 6,000,000		$ 1,000,000	
Current Corpus Amount 9/30/18	$ 16,024,657	$ 43,297,559	$ 12,781,864	$ 3,239,945	$ 6,623,686	$ 81,967,711

	Interest Income (5yrs) - USD $					Total
FY 2018	470,935	974,315	334,595	67,270	96,790	1,943,905
FY 2017	471,004	995,395	338,952	69,134	41,664	1,916,150
FY 2016	457,383	920,074	323,414	63,104	18,898	1,782,872
FY 2015	457,999	921,159	324,115	61,089	4,244	1,768,605
FY 2014	543,541	1,102,544	392,270	76,828	3,681	2,118,865

	Income Return (3yrs)				
FY 2018	2.94%	2.36%	2.67%	2.20%	1.47%
FY 2017	2.96%	2.64%	2.84%	2.46%	0.61%
FY 2016	2.95%	2.64%	2.86%	2.46%	0.26%

Legislation 0238-19

Council will be acting on legislation 0238-19. This legislation is requesting $50 million from the Sihasin Fund in order to increase additional Scholarships to Navajo Students. The Legislation aims to increase scholarship funding by utilizing interest income that is generated from the $50 million contribution. Interest income will be the only source for scholarships. 95% of the interest income will be utilized for scholarships. Assuming 2% annual yield for income, 95% available for scholarship is $950,000 and 5% to be reinvested is $50,000. The fund will need to grow to have a substantial amount of interest to achieve 100% student funding.

Legislation 0263-19

This legislation is requesting $60 million from the Sihasin fund. Dine College and Navajo Technical University would like to establish an Endowment Portfolio that will be administered by each of the School's respective Boards.

This legislation was referred back to the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee during a Budget and Finance Committee meeting that took place on October 18, 2019. Our office issued a memorandum on this legislation during the BFC meeting. The Legislation had inconsistencies with respect to the legislative intent and the administration of the endowments.

Administration of endowments.

In order to account for and administer the endowment return objectives, the requested amounts should they stay internally with the Nation's investment portfolio, will have to be separated from the Sihasin Fund. It would need to have its own fund management plan for the uses of the fund because the parameters of the fund are governed by the plan. In addition, it would be counter intuitive to have a plan within a plan.