

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.

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
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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

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).

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

6 E. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §
7 102 (A).

8 9 **SECTION TWO. THE NAVAJO NATION SÍHASIN FUND**

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

12 13 §2502. Purpose

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

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

- 21 2. Education opportunities for members of the Navajo Nation.

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

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

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29 B. The Síhasin Fund provides that Fund Principal shall consist of all deposits made to the
30 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 pursuing 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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22 **SECTION FIVE. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF EXPENDITURE PLAN**
23 **ADMINISTRATION**

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

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

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

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

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6 **SECTION SIX. ENACTING THE NAVAJO NATION SCHOLARSHIP**
7 **ENDOWMENT**

8 The Navajo Nation enacts the Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment, as follows:
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11 Title 12. Fiscal Matters

12 Chapter 10. Navajo Nation Trust Funds

13 Subchapter 10. Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment
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15 §1191. Establishment

16 The “Navajo Nation Scholarship Endowment” hereinafter “Scholarship
17 Endowment” is established with an initial allocation of fifty million dollars
18 (\$50,000,000) from the Navajo Nation Síhasin Fund. Any funds deposited into the
19 Scholarship Endowment, plus accrued interest, shall be used only as provided
20 hereinafter in this subchapter.

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22 § 1192. Purpose

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

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30 §1193. Definition of Principal and Income

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

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

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9 § 1194. Expenditure of Scholarship Endowment Income

10 The Scholarship Endowment income shall be expended as follows:

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

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

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20 § 1195. Expenditure of Fund Principal

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

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27 § 1196. Expenses

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

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

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6 §1197. Fund Investment

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

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11 § 1198. Amendments

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

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

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

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26 **SECTION EIGHT. DIRECTIVE**

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

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3 **SECTION NINE. SAVING CLAUSE**

4 The provisions of the Act which amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo Nation
5 Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative
6 Counsel shall incorporate such amended provisions in the next codification of the Navajo
7 Nation Code.
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9 **SECTION TEN. CODIFICATION**

10 Should any provision of this Act be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme
11 Court or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation
12 Supreme Court, the remainder of the Act shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.
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14 **SECTION ELEVEN. EFFECTIVE DATE**

15 The provisions of this Act shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 221(B)
16 and 2 N.N.C. §§1005 (C) (10-12).
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Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance 2017 Annual Report



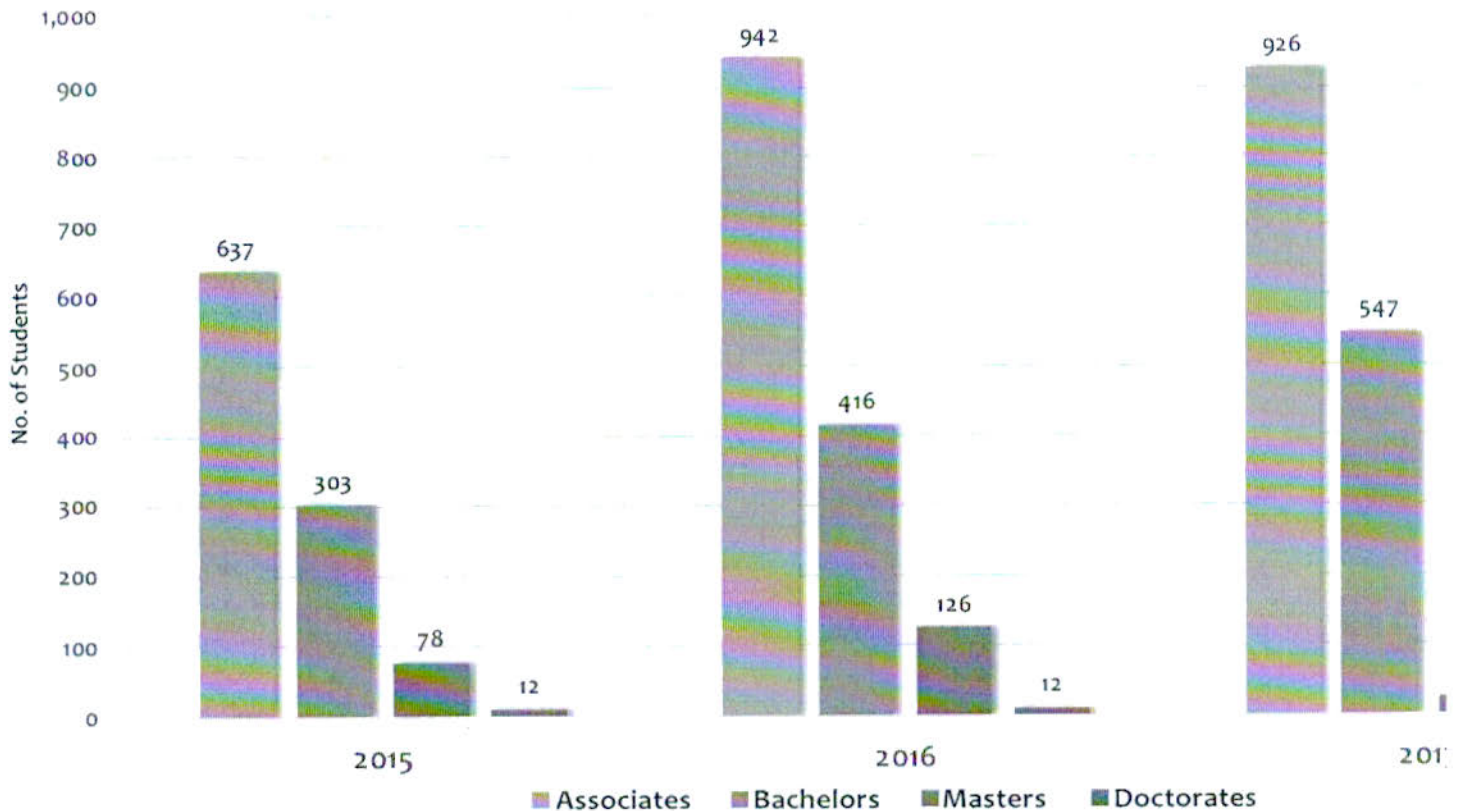
Statistical Profile: 2016 & 2017 Calendar Years

	2016	2017		20
Total Number of Applications Submitted to ONNSFA Agency Offices	16,895	17,272	Enrollment Status of Recipients:	
			Undergraduate	
			Graduate	
No. of Students Requesting Awards: (Students are counted once whether they receive one or more awards during a calendar year.)	12,887	12,807	Gender of Recipients:	
			Female	
			Male	
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 Awards by Funding Source:	
			Federal	2
			Navajo Nation, Trust, Corporate	2
			Total of Awards by Funding Source:	
			Federal	11,186
			Navajo Nation, Trust, Corporate	9,246
			Grand Total	\$ 20,434,6
No. of Students Receiving Awards: (Students are counted once whether they receive one or more awards during the calendar year.)	6,486	6,755	Total Federal Fund Awards to:	
			Need-Based Students	4,996
			Chief Manuelito Scholars	6,187
			Grand Total	\$ 11,186
Percentage of Students Funded: (The total number of students awarded from the total number of students that applied. Applicants are counted once.)	51%	53%	Chief Manuelito Awards:	
			Total No. of Student Awards	2
			Total Expended From All Sources	\$ 7,134
			Percentage From All Sources	

Types of Student Funding

Financial Need-Based Awards <i>(up to \$2,000 per semester)</i> 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 <i>(\$500 per semester)</i> 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 <i>(\$3,500 per semester)</i> 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 (4 units) and Navajo	Full-time undergraduate qualify for the Chief Manuelito 24/3 rule by completion of college-level courses Graduate Students <i>(\$2,500 to \$5,000)</i> Grant awards are provided to students seeking graduate-level education Part-Time Undergraduate and Graduate Funding is available for students attending college or university
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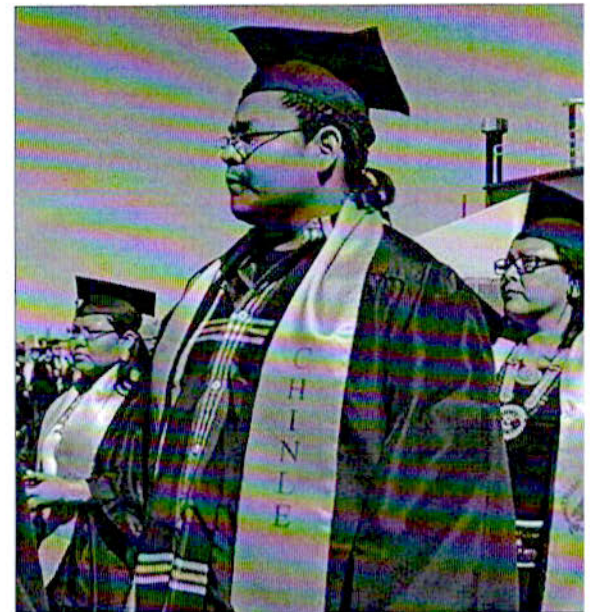
Education in 2017



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-Gilbert 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 undergraduate earned by ONMSEA. A total of 1,594

Background and Operating Highlights



ABOVE President Russell Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez recognized the academic achievements of 147 graduating seniors, who received the Chief Manuelito Scholarship in 2017. The ONNSFA's Shiprock Agency staff hosted the Chief Manuelito Scholarship Awards Ceremony on July 21, 2017, at the Navajo Community 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.

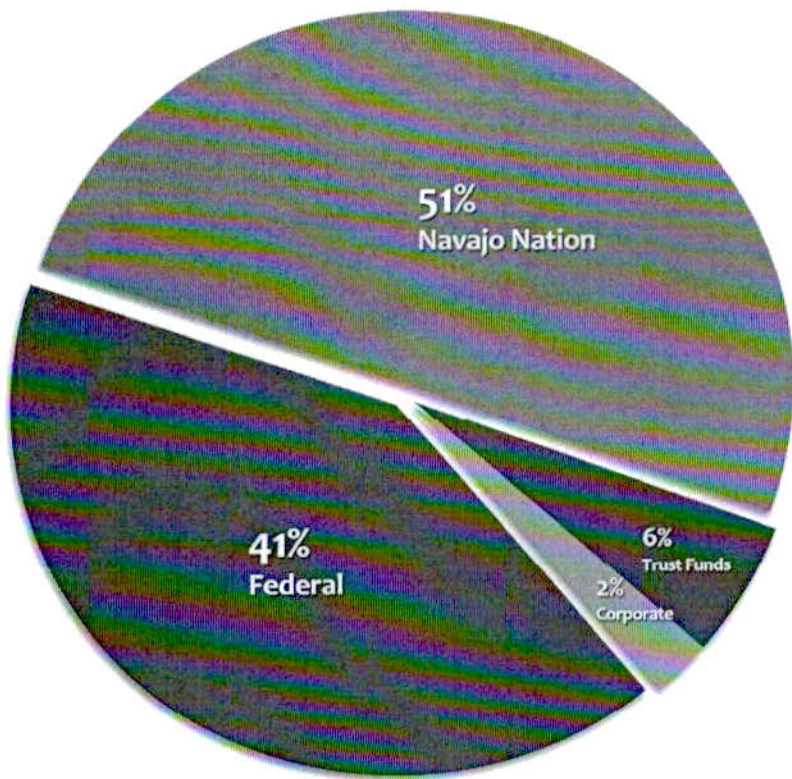
ONNSFA Website - www.onnsfa.org

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)	6
Denial Ratio of ONNSFA recipients:	6
Awarded to Denied Students Ratio:	6
Total Denials:	6
Total Funding to Undergraduate Students:	\$16,355
Total Funding to Graduate Students:	\$ 4,079
Average Undergraduate Student Award:	\$ 2
Average Graduate Student Award:	\$ 5
No. of Undergraduate Students Awarded:	5
No. of Graduate Students Awarded:	5
Class Level of Recipients:	
Freshman	2
Sophomore	1
Junior	1
Senior	
Master Candidate	
Doctoral Candidate	
Post Bachelor Certificate	

Funding Sources



2017 Calendar Year

Federal Funds:	\$ 9,971,453
General Funds:	12,168,071
Trust Funds:	1,422,534
Corporate Funds:	565,327
Total :	\$ 24,127,385

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 through 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

Vocational Education Trust Funds stipulate [market value] shall be used for and financial assistance. Contributions from these sources fluctuate based upon market value.

Corporate Funds

Total: \$565,327
No. Students Awarded: 141
No. of Awards: 541

Contributions from corporate funds comprised about 2 percent of the total awarded by ONNSFA in 2017. Leading contributors include Peabody Energy Inc., Four Corners Power Plant and El Paso Natural Gas including that companies make a scholarship fund.

Note: The total number of students awarded is 6,755.

Summary of Awards by Funding Source

Federal Funds	Number of Awards	Total Award Amount
Chief Manuelito Scholarships	749	\$ 2,464,000
Need-Based	3,130	7,506,000
Total	3,879	\$ 9,971,400

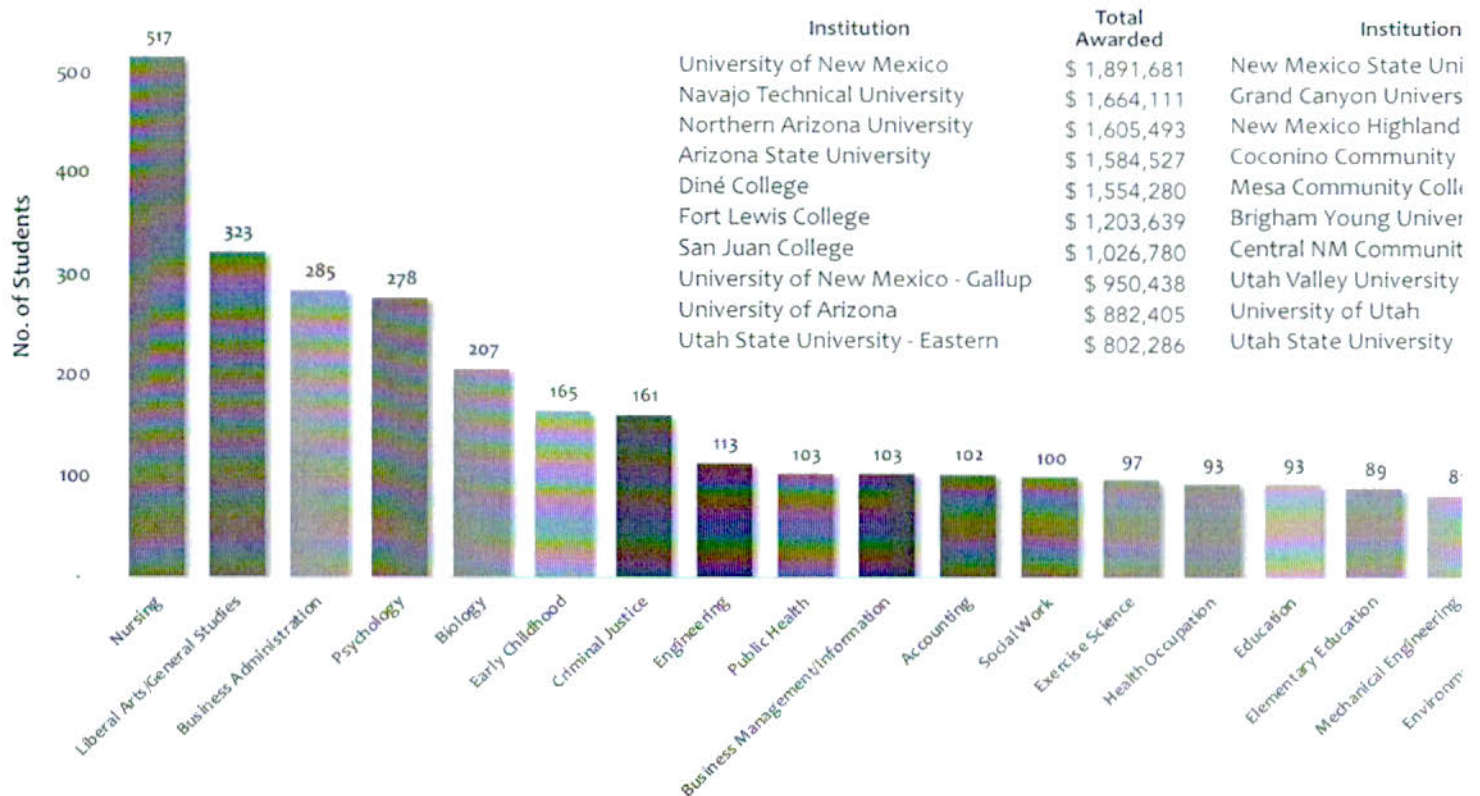
Navajo Nation General Funds	Number of Awards	Total Award Amount
Chief Manuelito Scholarships	1,579	\$ 5,410,000
Navajo Nation Grant	690	1,352,000
Need-Based	313	983,000
Teacher Education	132	312,000
Vocational	1,199	2,638,000
Univ of Arizona College of Medicine	6	46,000
No-Need	40	36,000
Summer Sessions	58	69,000
Sales Tax Revenue	464	1,318,000
Total	4,481	\$ 12,168,000

Corporate Funds	Number of Awards	Total Award Amount
Chevron Mining Inc.	265	\$ 263,000
DSAF	63	63,000
Peabody Energy	190	157,000
Sussman	21	79,000
Diné Annual Scholarship Fund	2	1,000
Total	541	\$ 565,000

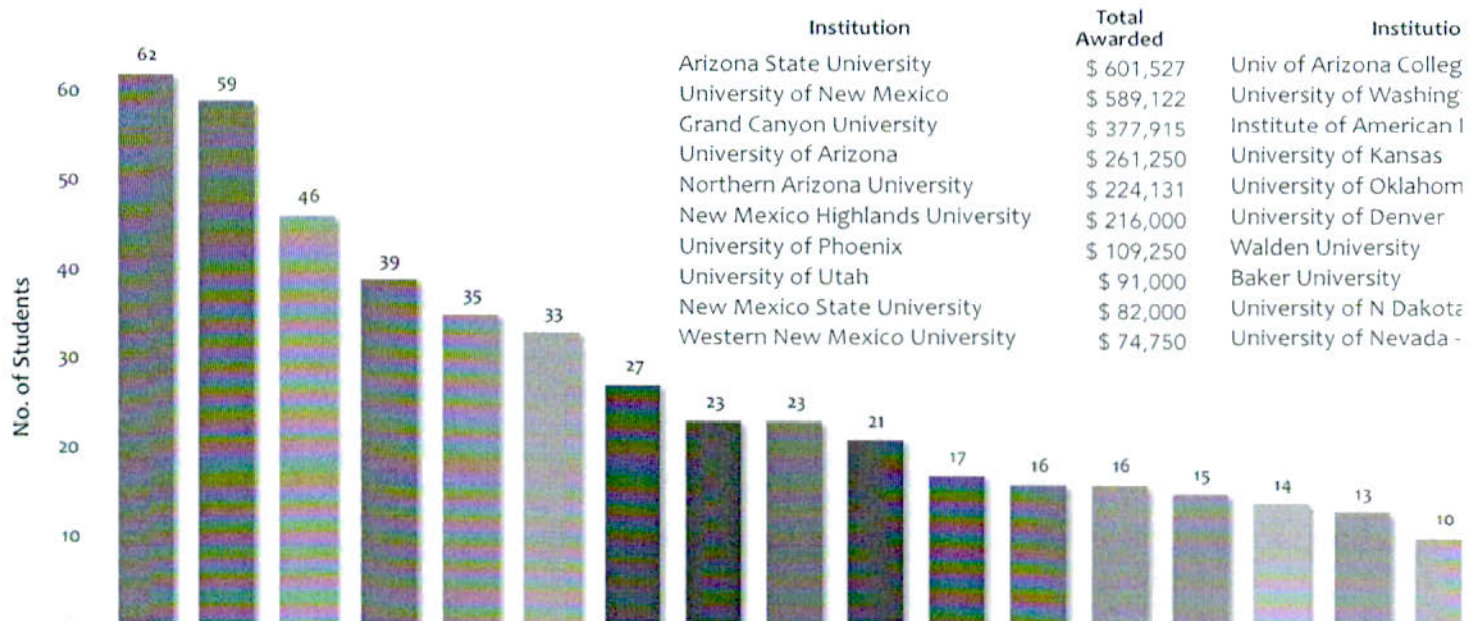
Trust Funds	Number of Awards	Total Award Amount
Graduate Trust	118	\$ 468,000
Navajo Engineering & Construction Authority	221	300,000
Tucson Electric	26	54,000
Vocational	120	251,000
ASU Law	13	176,000
UNM Law	24	159,000
Total	522	\$ 1,422,000

Top 20 Majors & Universities

Undergraduates



Graduates



Student Awards (by Chapter)

Chapter Affiliation

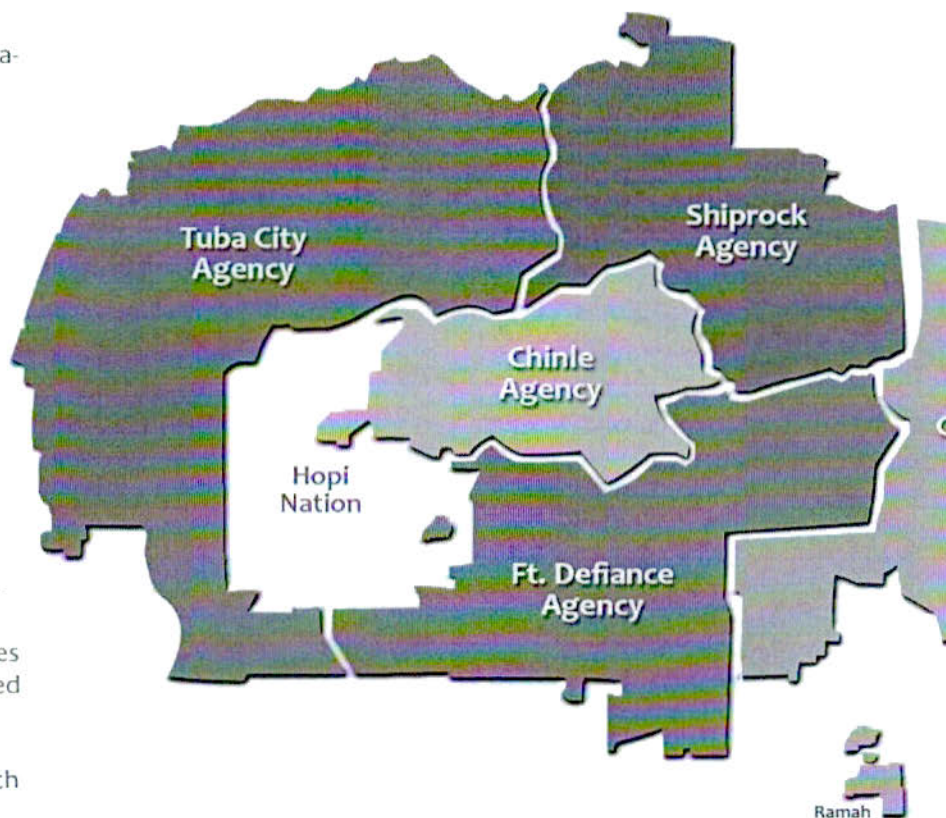
Students submitting an ONNSFA application are asked to state their chapter affiliation. This information is used to determine which agency office a student's file will be assigned to and for reporting purposes.

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
Bahaali - 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

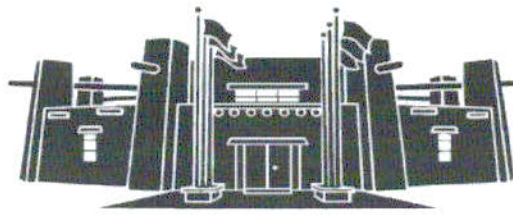
Birdsprings - 21
Bodaway/Gap - 38
Cameron - 40
Chilchinbeto - 31
Coalmine Canyon - 34
Coppermine - 35
Dennehotso - 38
Inscription House - 26
Kaibeto - 31

(Tuba City Agency)

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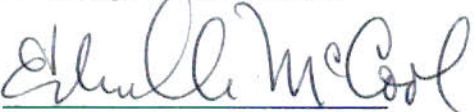
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MEMORANDUM

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'iyáti' 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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Inconclusive Comments	<i>None</i>


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8/9/19 8:13AM

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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.

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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:

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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 S'hasin 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;

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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

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

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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, Legislative Advisor
Health, Education and Human Services Committee

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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>;

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Don't restrict those who are trying yetv may 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'

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Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Inconclusive Comments	<i>None</i>


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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