

## 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.

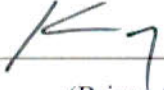
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PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

  
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TRACKING NO. 0238-19

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

**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:

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### 12 §2502. Purpose

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

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

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

23 C. Leveraging the Fund by way of guaranteeing loans, match funding, direct funding  
24 in part, and other weighted uses of the Fund, including loan financing from the Fund,  
25 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



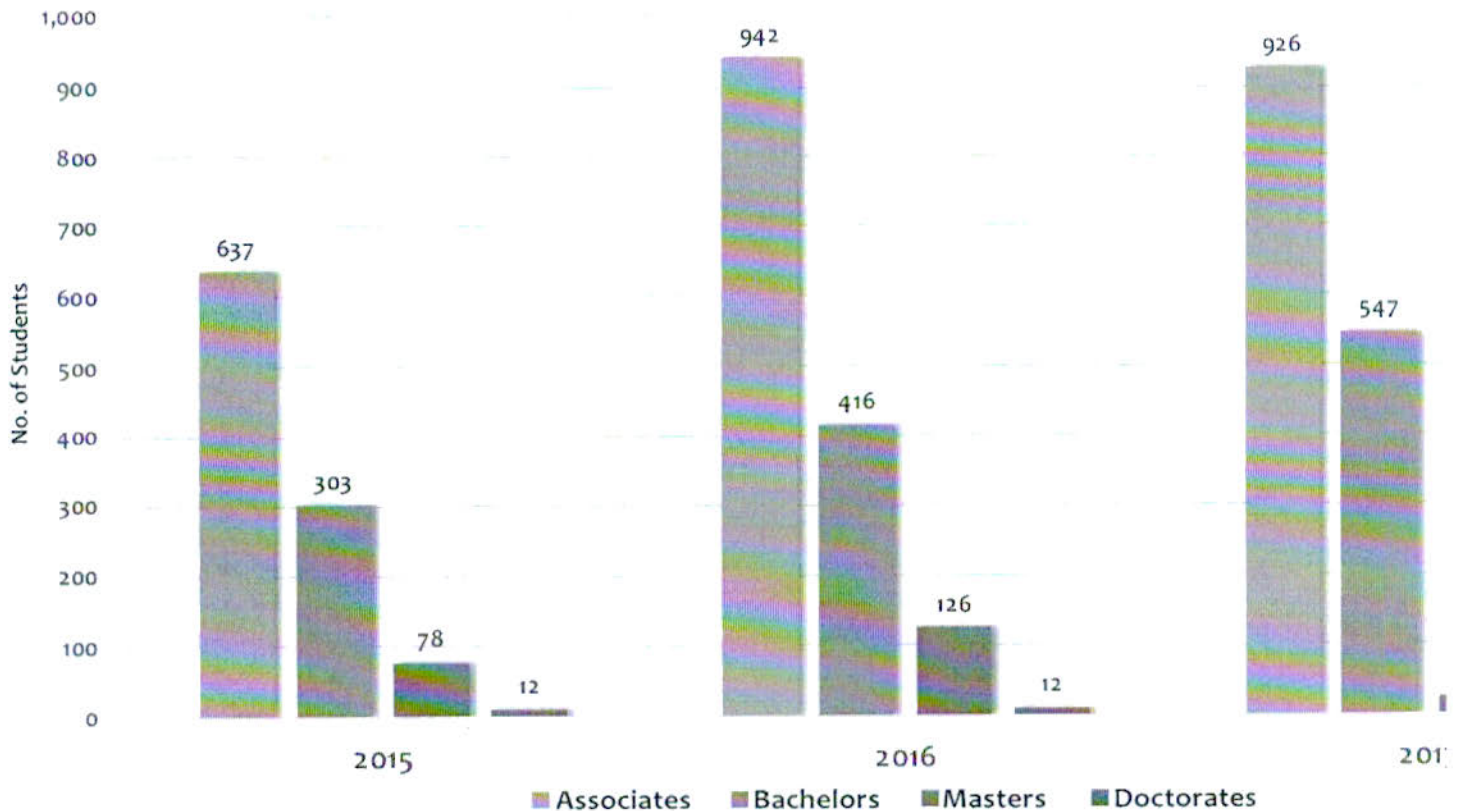
# Statistical Profile: 2016 & 2017 Calendar Years

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

## Types of Student Funding

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| <b>Financial Need-Based Awards</b><br><i>(up to \$2,000 per semester)</i><br><p>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).</p> <p>Awards of up to \$2,000 per semester or \$4,000 per academic year are provided to students</p> | <b>No-Need-Based Awards</b><br><i>(\$500 per semester)</i><br><p>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.</p> <p><b>Chief Manuelito Scholarships</b><br/> <i>(\$3,500 per semester)</i></p> <p>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</p> | <p>Full-time undergraduate qualify for the Chief Manuelito award the 24/3 rule by completion of college-level courses</p> <p><b>Graduate Student</b><br/> <i>(\$2,500 to \$5,000)</i></p> <p>Grant awards are provided to students seeking graduate-level education</p> <p><b>Part-Time Undergraduate and Graduate</b></p> <p>Funding is available for students attending college or university</p> |
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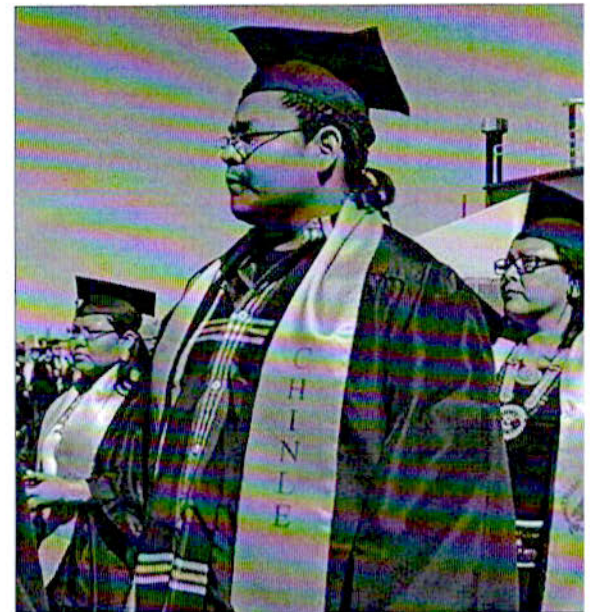
# Education in 2017



## 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.

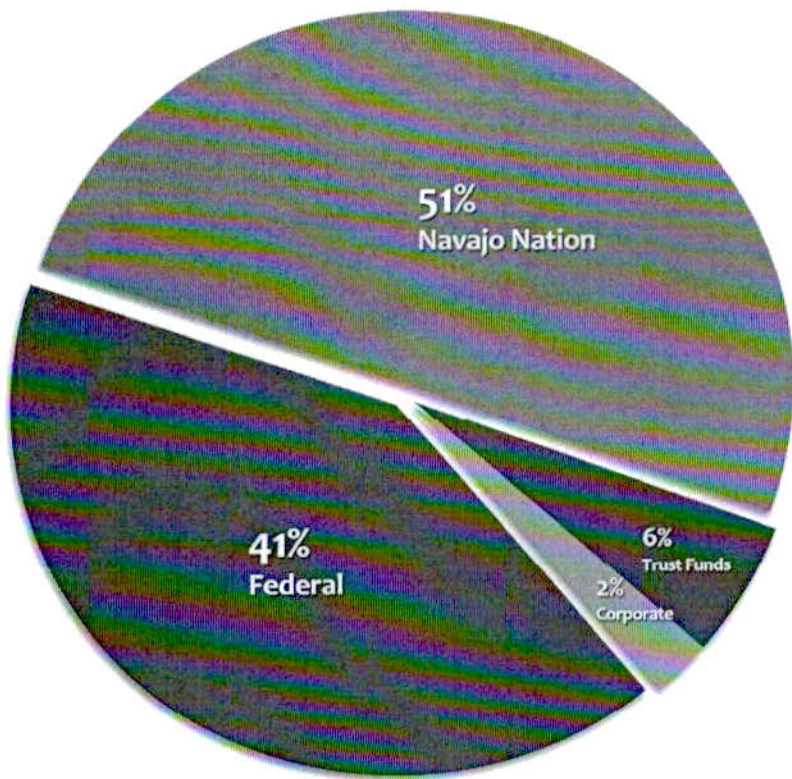
## ONNSFA Website - [www.onnsfa.org](http://www.onnsfa.org)

Information about ONNSFA policies, downloadable forms and a link to the online application process may be found at [www.onnsfa.org](http://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

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| <b>Acceptance Ratio of ONNSFA recipients:</b><br>(no. students awarded to no. of denied students) | 6        |
| <b>Denial Ratio of ONNSFA recipients:</b>                                                         | 6        |
| <b>Awarded to Denied Students Ratio:</b>                                                          | 6        |
| <b>Total Denials:</b>                                                                             | 6        |
| <b>Total Funding to Undergraduate Students:</b>                                                   | \$16,355 |
| <b>Total Funding to Graduate Students:</b>                                                        | \$ 4,079 |
| <b>Average Undergraduate Student Award:</b>                                                       | \$ 2     |
| <b>Average Graduate Student Award:</b>                                                            | \$ 5     |
| <b>No. of Undergraduate Students Awarded:</b>                                                     | 5        |
| <b>No. of Graduate Students Awarded:</b>                                                          | 5        |
| <b>Class Level of Recipients:</b>                                                                 |          |
| 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, among others, that companies make a scholarship fund.

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

# Summary of Awards by Funding Source

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

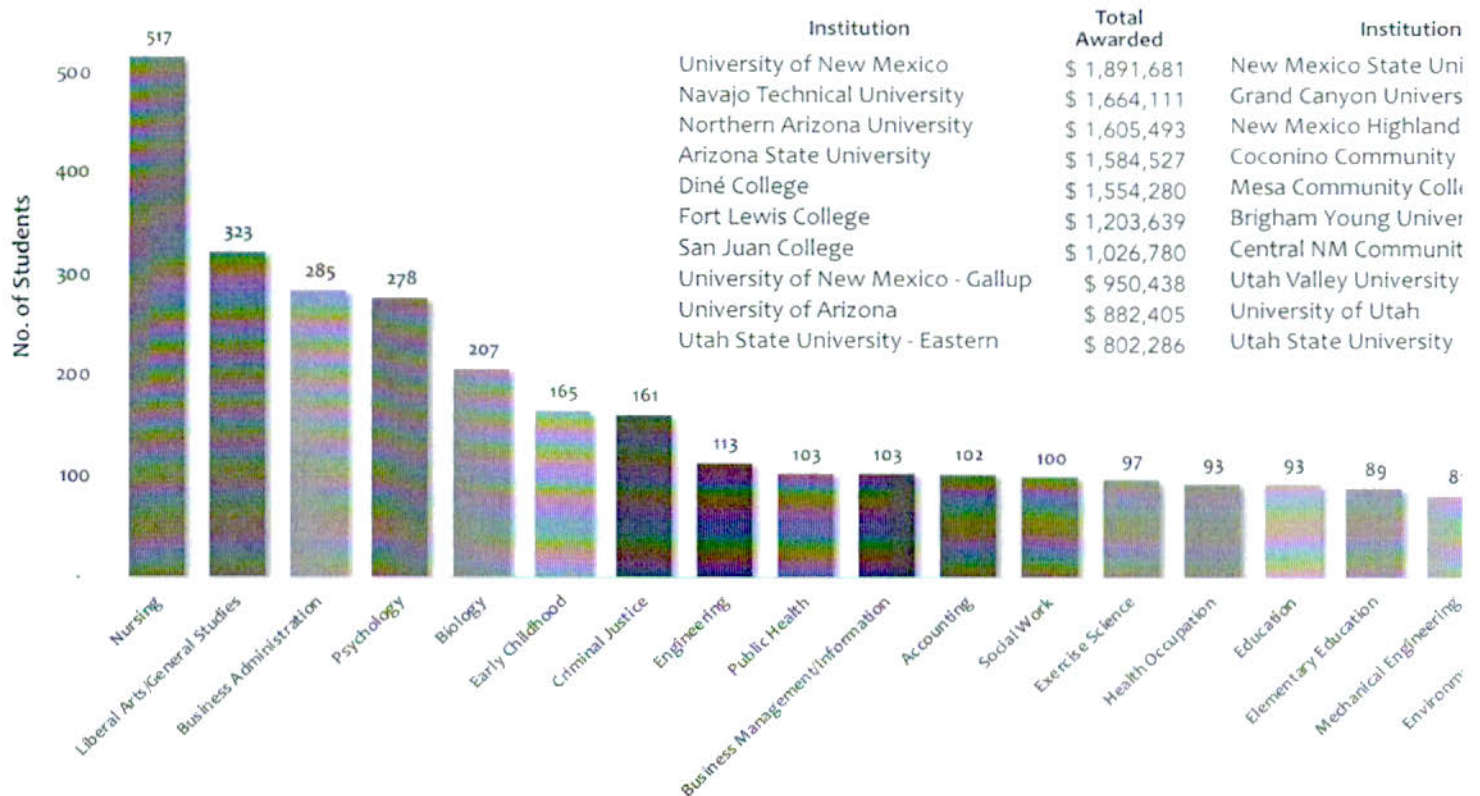
| <b>Navajo Nation General Funds</b>  | <b>Number of Awards</b> | <b>Total Award Amount</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Chief Manuelito Scholarships        | 1,579                   | \$ 5,410,000              |
| Navajo Nation Grant                 | 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                 |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>4,481</b>            | <b>\$ 12,168,000</b>      |

| <b>Corporate Funds</b>       | <b>Number of Awards</b> | <b>Total Award Amount</b> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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                     |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>541</b>              | <b>\$ 565,000</b>         |

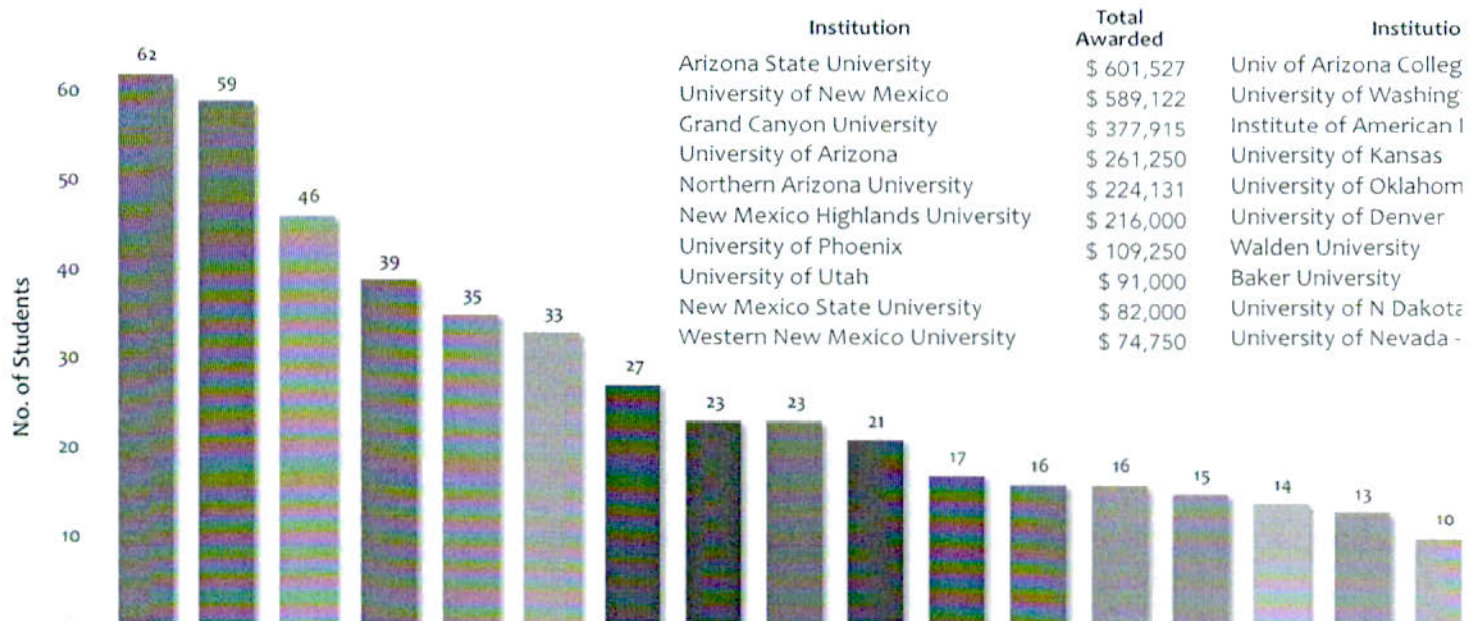
| <b>Trust Funds</b>                          | <b>Number of Awards</b> | <b>Total Award Amount</b> |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Graduate Trust                              | 118                     | \$ 468,000                |
| 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                   |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>522</b>              | <b>\$ 1,422,000</b>       |

# Top 20 Majors & Universities

## Undergraduates



## Graduates



# Student Awards (by Chapter)

## Chapter Affiliation

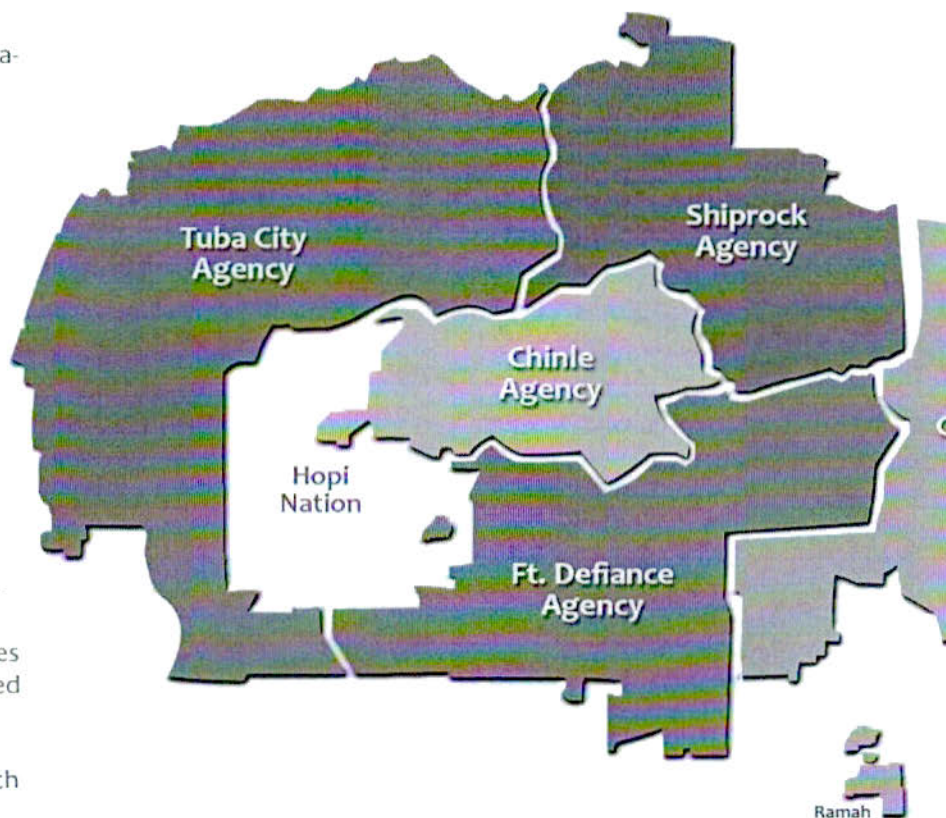
Students submitting an ONNSFA application are asked to state their chapter affiliation. This information is used to determine which agency office a student's file will be assigned to and for reporting purposes.

## 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**

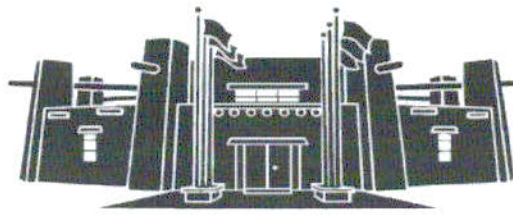
Birdsprings - 21  
Bodaway/Gap - 38  
Cameron - 40  
Chilchinbeto - 31  
Coalmine Canyon - 34  
Coppermine - 35  
Dennehotso - 38  
Inscription House - 26  
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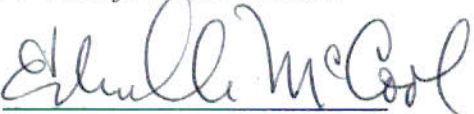
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.  
24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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SPONSOR: Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

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

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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.