

## 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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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

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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

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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





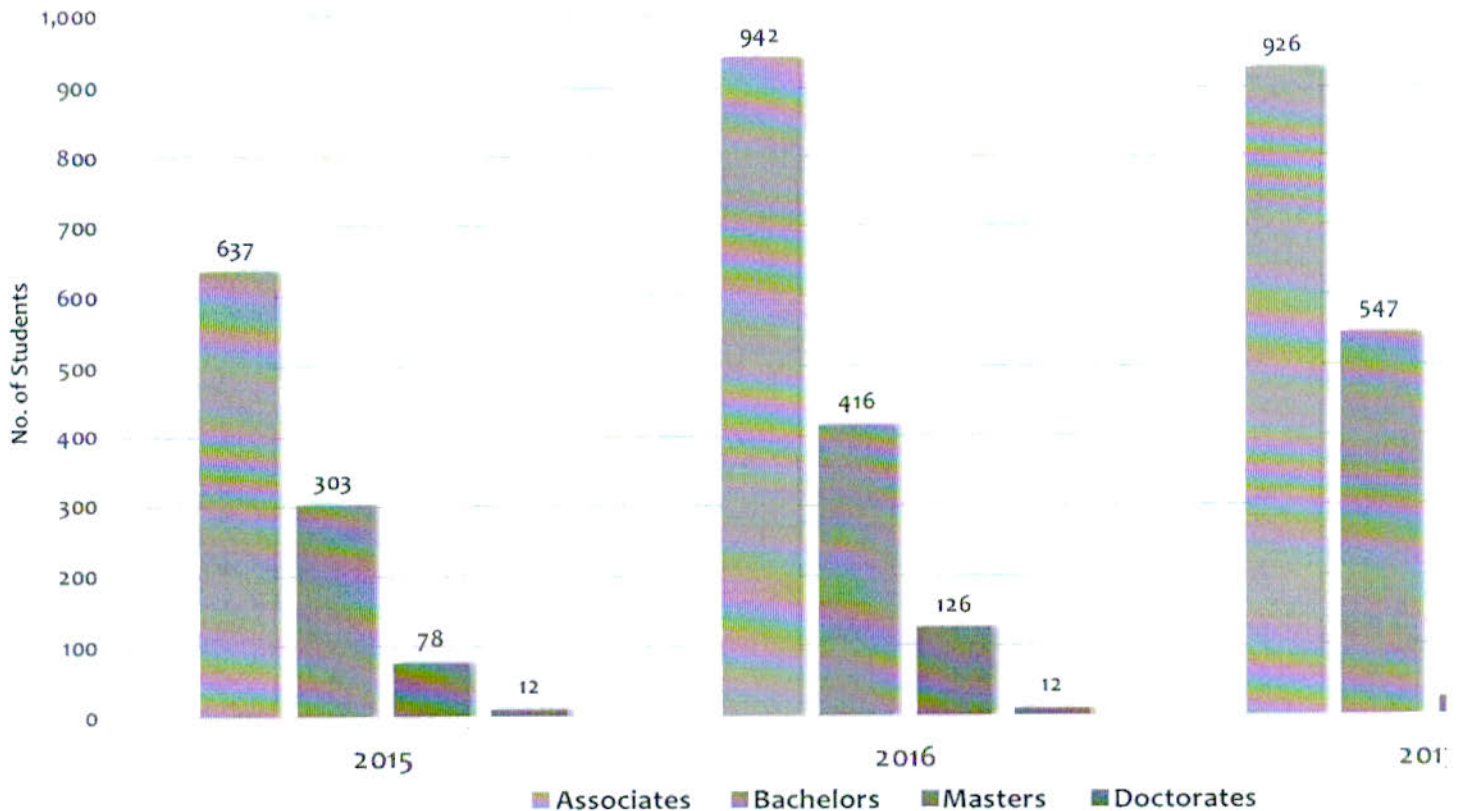
# Statistical Profile: 2016 & 2017 Calendar Years

	2016	2017		20
<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> (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> (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> (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> (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

<b>Financial Need-Based Awards</b> <i>(up to \$2,000 per semester)</i> <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> <i>(\$500 per semester)</i> <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>  <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 24/3 rule by completion of college-level courses</p> <p><b>Graduate Students</b>  <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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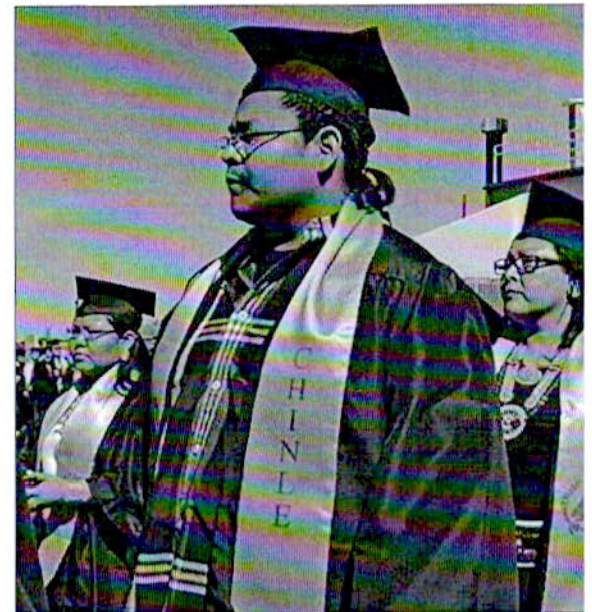
# Education in 2017



## 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)

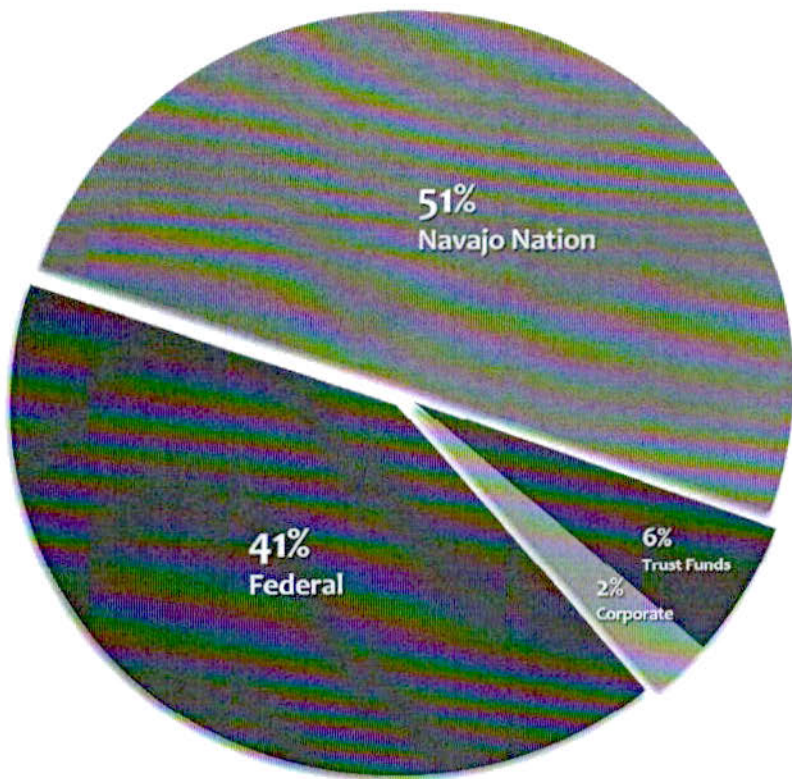
Information about ONNSFA policies, downloadable forms and a link to the online application process may be found at [www.onnsfa.org](http://www.onnsfa.org). Students are encouraged to create an account, a username and password and apply online. Applicants with online accounts are able to check the status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

## Operating Highlights

<b>Acceptance Ratio of ONNSFA recipients:</b> (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>

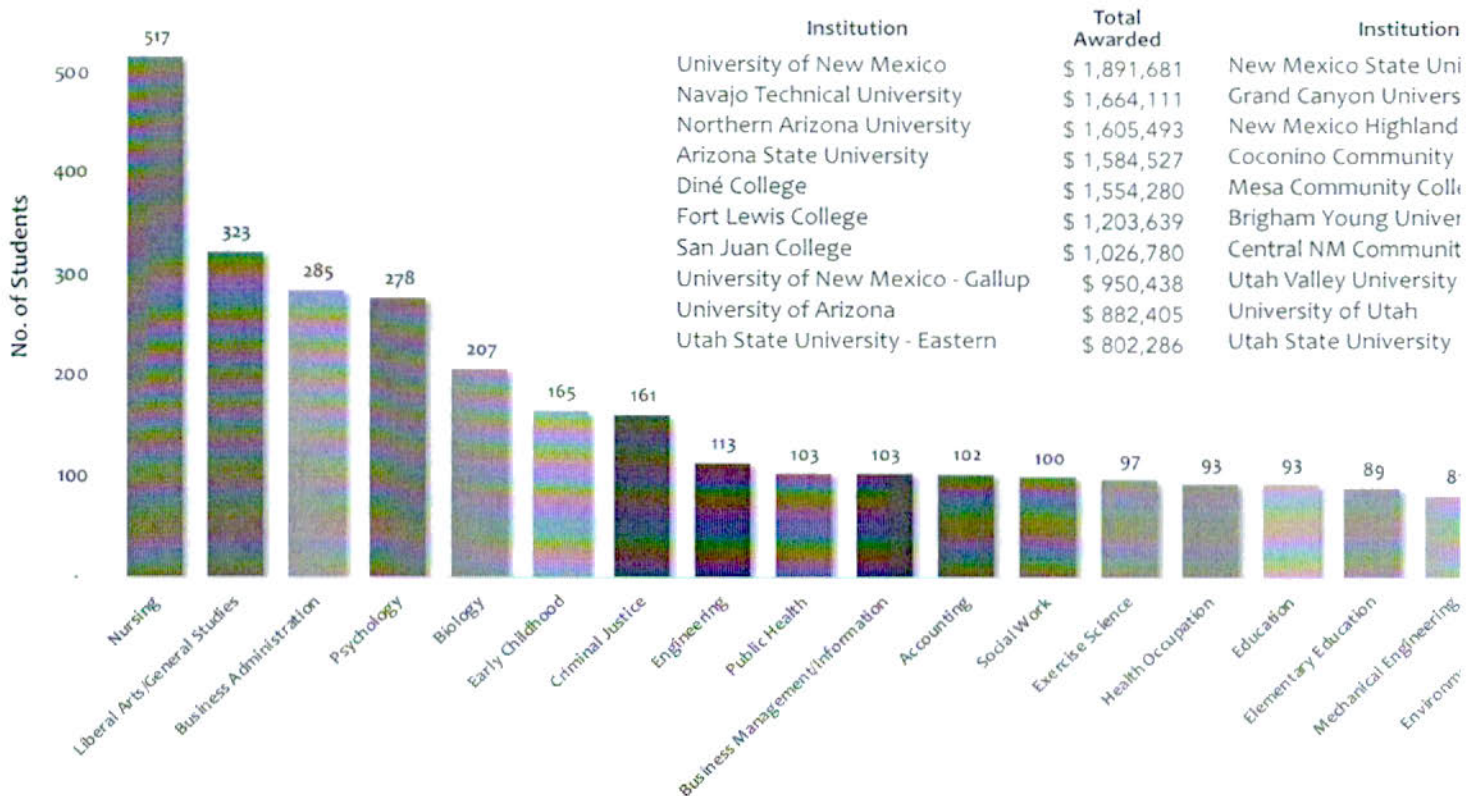
<b>Corporate Funds</b>	<b>Number of Awards</b>	<b>Total Award Amount</b>
Chevron Mining Inc.	265	\$ 263,000
DSAF	63	63,000
Peabody Energy	190	157,000
Sussman	21	79,000
Diné Annual Scholarship Fund	2	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>\$ 565,000</b>

<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>

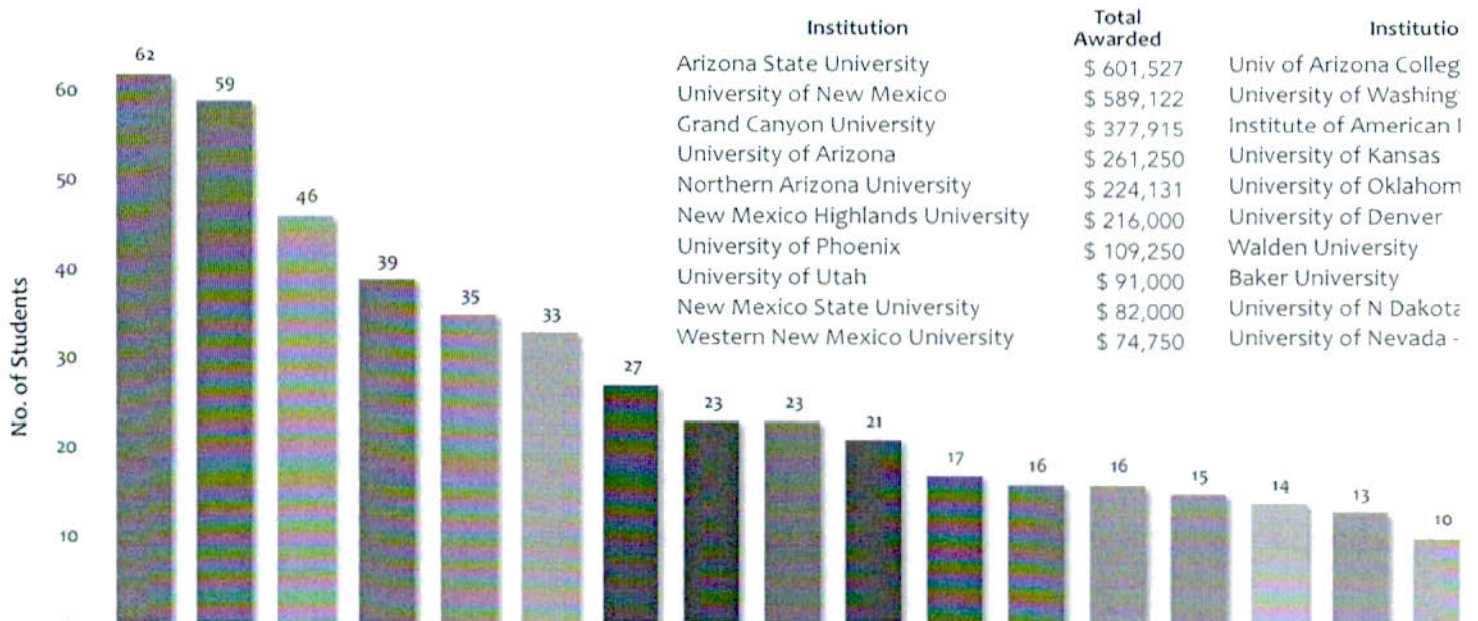


# Top 20 Majors & Universities

## Undergraduates



## Graduates



# Student Awards (by Chapter)

## Chapter Affiliation

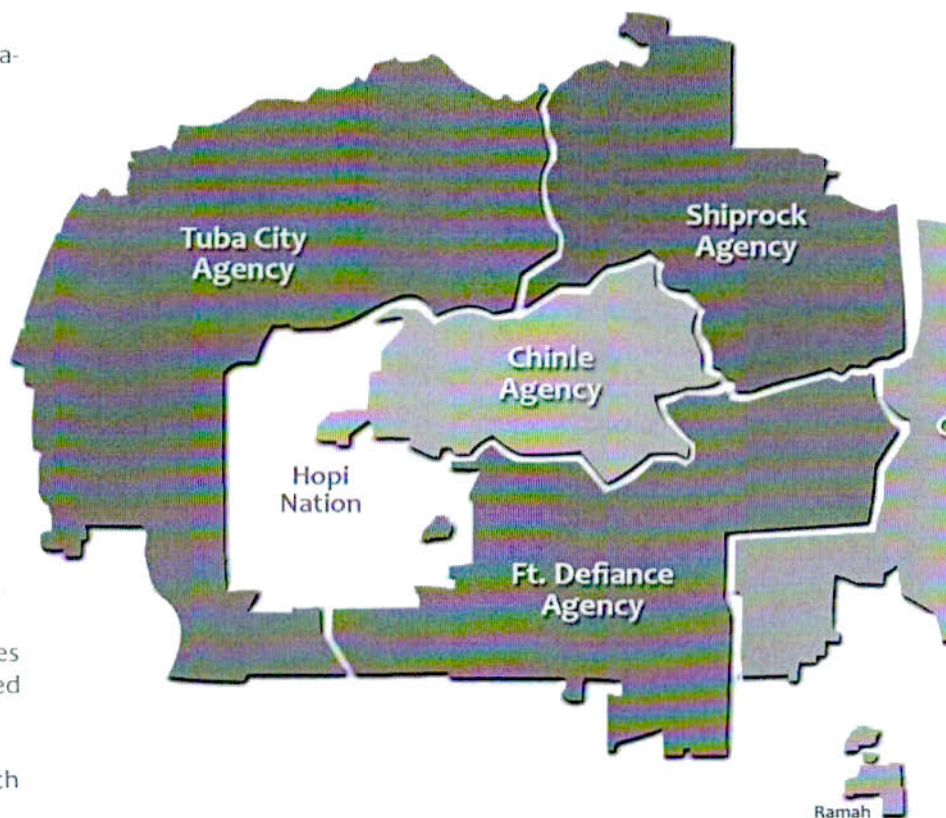
Students submitting an ONNSFA application are asked to state their chapter affiliation. This information is used to determine which agency office a student's file will be assigned to and for reporting purposes.

## 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  
Kaibeto - 31

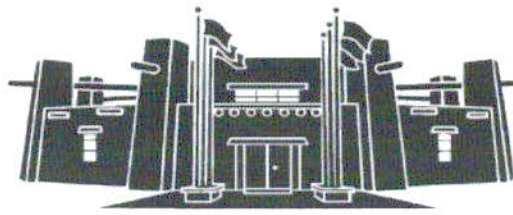
### (Tuba City Agency)

Olje - 38  
Shc - 38  
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### Chinle Agency

1,0 - 38  
Blac - 38  
Chil - 38  
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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.



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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Window Rock, AZ 86515  
(928) 871-7590

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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'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**

Posted: August 3, 2019 at 2:13 PM

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Comments Supporting	1) Al Henderson
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Inconclusive Comments	<i>None</i>

  
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.



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Inconclusive Comments	1. Dominic Beyer

  
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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  
24<sup>TH</sup> 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 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.

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  
24<sup>th</sup> 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:**

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**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

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: 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,



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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

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(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

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

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

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0238-19

kris benally &lt;cyb8@hotmail.com&gt;

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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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,  
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With children,

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](mailto: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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Date: Tue, Aug 13, 2019 at 6:58 PM  
Subject: Legislation 238-19. Comment  
To: <[comments@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:comments@navajo-nsn.gov)>, <[keeallenbegayjr@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto: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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SPONSOR: Honorable Kee Allen Begay Jr.

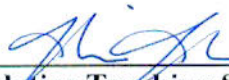
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Comments Supporting	1. Karyth Becenti
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Inconclusive Comments	<i>None</i>

  
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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  
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Posted: August 3, 2019 at 2:13 PM

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Comments Supporting	1. Cody Artis 2. Jesse Crabtree
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Inconclusive Comments	<i>None</i>

  
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Office of Legislative Services

10/3/19      6:16pm

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'ahtééh,

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

**24<sup>th</sup> 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 Henlo, Chairman

Adopted:  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



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Comments Supporting	1. Laverne Schierholz 2. Geraldine Kee-Yazzie
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Inconclusive Comments	<i>None</i>

  
Legislative Tracking Secretary  
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## 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*  
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I support ....Leg #0238-19 - comments

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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



# 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE REPORT First Year 2019

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

## **NAVAJO LEGISLATIVE BILL #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

*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

10/10/2019

Naa'bik'iyati Committee Meeting

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

PASSED

Yea : 14

Nay : 1

Excused : 2

Not Voting : 6

## Yea : 14

Begay, E  
Begay, K  
Begay, P  
Brown

Freeland, M  
James, V  
Nez, R  
Smith

Stewart, W  
Tso, C  
Tso, D

Tso, E  
Walker, T  
Yellowhair

## Nay : 1

Slater, C

## Excused : 2

Charles-Newton

Wauneka, E

## Not Voting : 6

Crotty  
Daniels

Halona, P  
Henio, J

Tso, O

Yazzie

Presiding Chair: Damon

THE NAVAJO NATION  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW SUMMARY

LEGISLATION NO.: 0238-19

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	<i>None</i>
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Inconclusive Comments	1) Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance 2018 Annual Report

  
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Legislative Tracking Secretary  
Office of Legislative Services

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**Office of Navajo Nation  
Scholarship & Financial Assistance  
2018 Annual Report**



# Statistical Profile: 2017 & 2018 Calendar Years

	2017	2018
<b>Total Number of Applications Submitted to the ONNSFA</b>	17,272	16,362
<b>No. of Students Requesting Awards:</b> (Students are counted once whether they receive one or more awards during a calendar year.)	12,807	13,210
<b>Total No. of Awards:</b> (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
<b>No. of Students Receiving Awards:</b> (Students are counted once whether they receive one or more awards during the calendar year.)	6,755	6,680
<b>Percentage of Students Funded:</b> (The total number of students awarded from the total number of students that applied. Applicants are counted once.)	53%	51%
<b>No. of Students Denied:</b>	6,052	6,530
<b>Enrollment Status of Recipients:</b>		
Undergraduate	90%	87%
Graduate	10%	13%
<b>No. of Awards by Funding Source:</b>		
Federal	3,879	5,002
Navajo Nation, Trust, Corporate	5,544	4,201
<b>Total Federal Fund Awards to:</b>		
Need-Based Students	7,506,622	7,079,947
Chief Manuelito Scholars	2,464,831	6,567,605
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,971,453</b>	<b>\$ 9,971,453</b>
<b>Chief Manuelito Awards:</b>		
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%
<b>Total Funding to:</b>		
Undergraduate Students	20,197,956	19,967,538
Graduate Students	3,929,429	4,430,251
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,127,385</b>	<b>\$ 24,397,789</b>
<b>Average Award to:</b>		
Undergraduate Students	\$2,450	\$2,523
Graduate Students	\$3,330	\$3,416
<b>No of Students Awarded:</b>		
Undergraduate Students	5,941	5,773
Graduate Students	814	907



Apply online: [www.onnsfa.org](http://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.

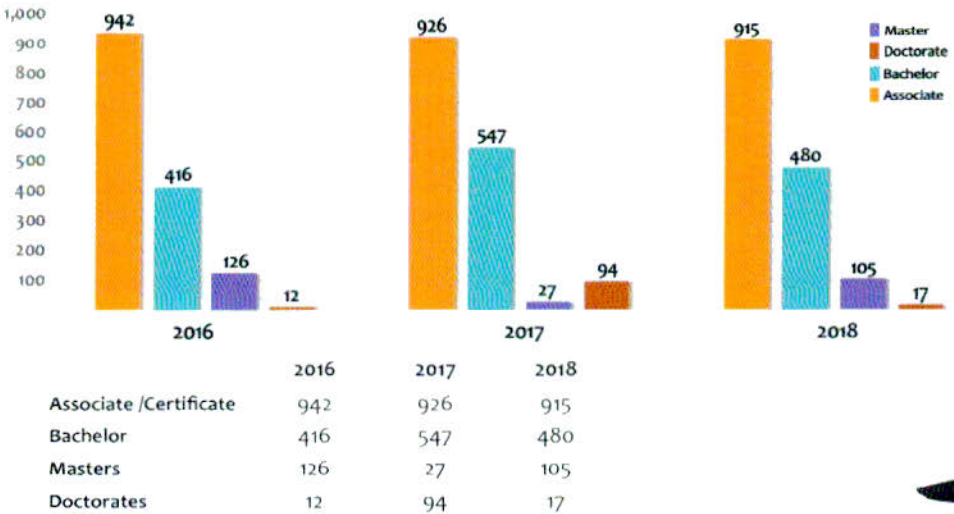
## Part-Time Undergraduate and Graduate Awards

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



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

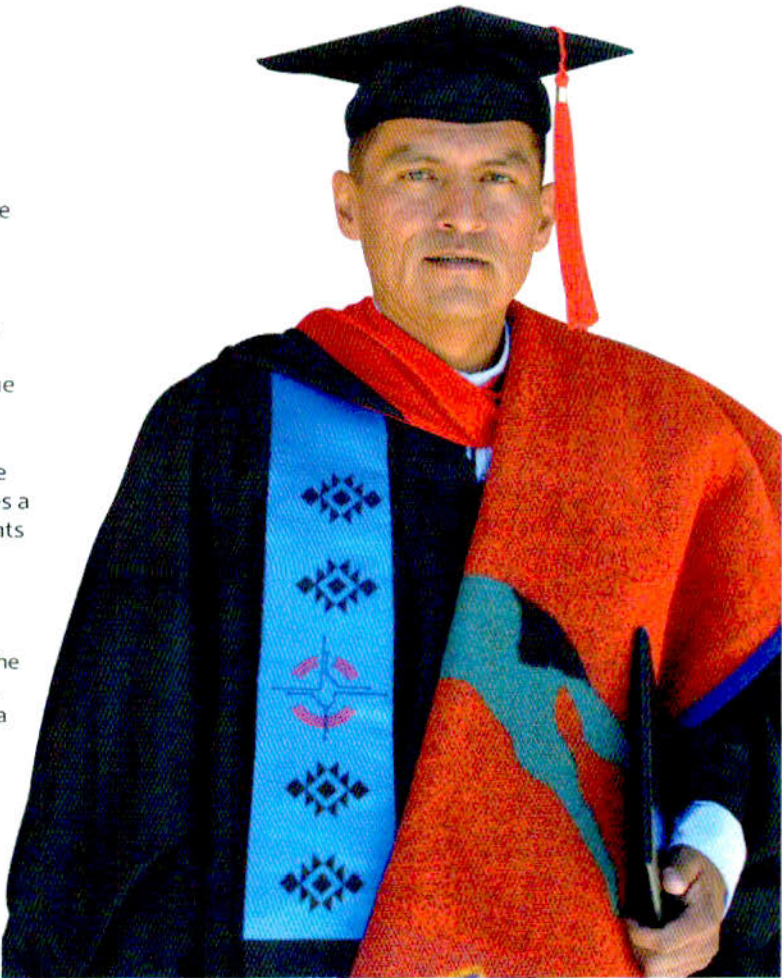
The number of Navajo students seeking a college degree continues to increase. From 2010 to 2018, a total of 125,175 students submitted applications for scholarships to the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance.

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

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

<b>Navajo Nation General Funds</b>	<b>Number of Awards</b>	<b>Total Award Amount</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,320</b>	<b>\$ 8,710,026</b>

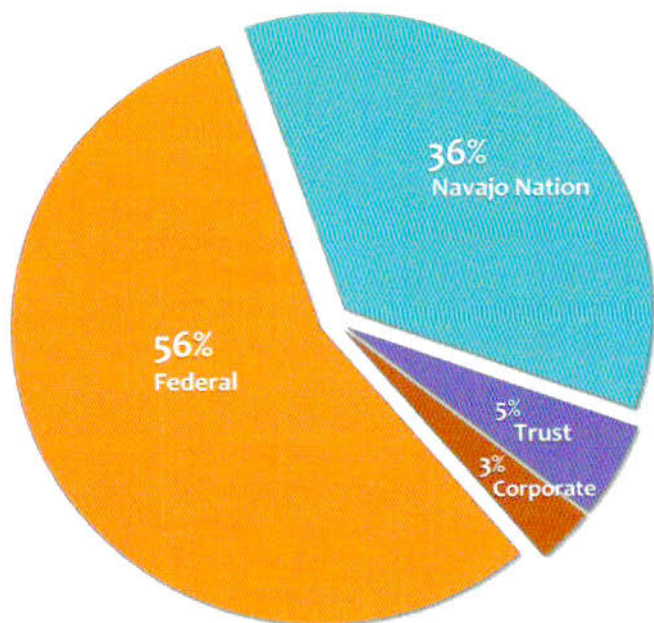
<b>Corporate Funds</b>	<b>Number of Awards</b>	<b>Total Award Amount</b>
Peabody Energy	75	\$ 265,502
Chevron / P&M	193	193,000
Sussman	11	93,172
Questar/Four Corners	96	92,000
Kinder Morgan/El Paso	25	84,666
Navajo Nation Oil & Gas, Co.	3	14,500
Diné Scholarship Annual Fund	8	9,049
<b>Total</b>	<b>411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

<b>Trust Funds</b>	<b>Number of Awards</b>	<b>Total Award Amount</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>\$ 1,288,322</b>

<b>Total - All Sources</b>	<b>9,212</b>	<b>\$24,397,789</b>
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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
<b>Total :</b>	<b>\$ 24,397,789</b>

## 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 through 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: \$8,710,026**  
**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**

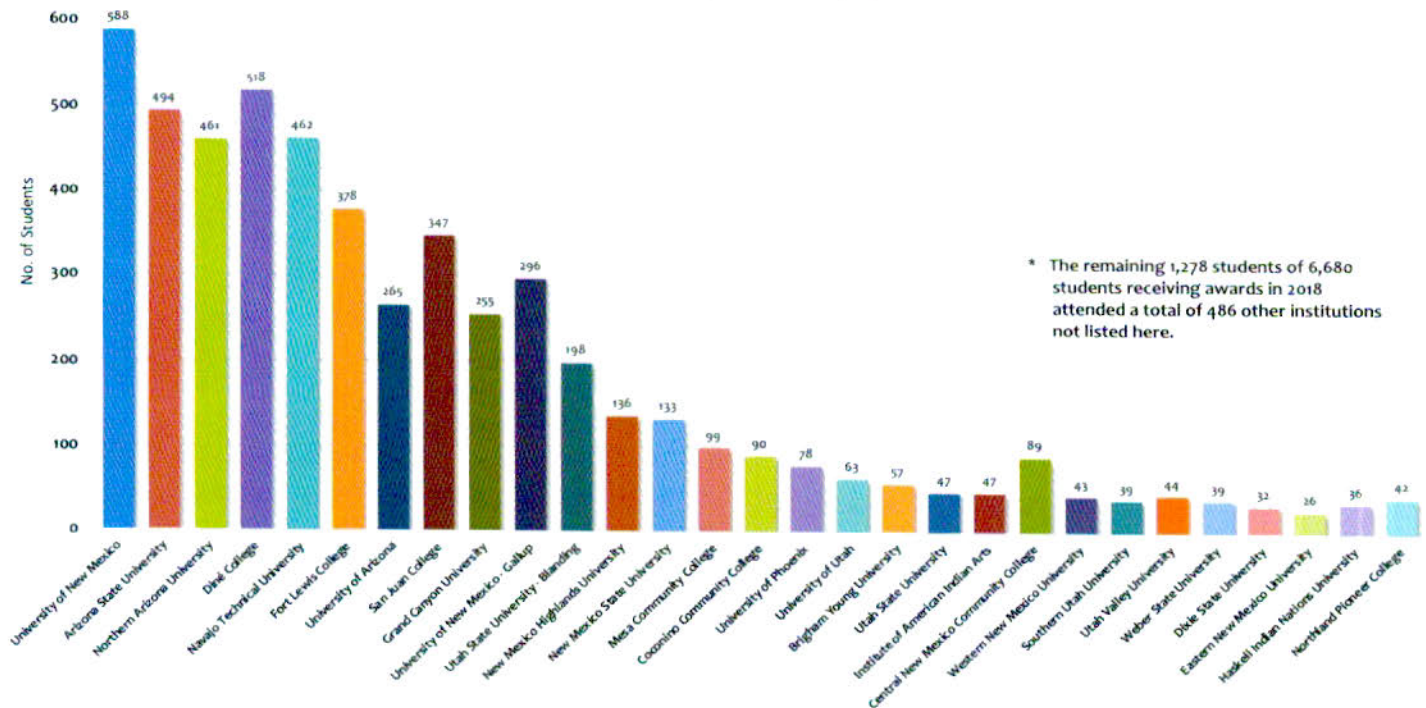
Contributions from corporations comprised about 3 percent of the total funds awarded by ONNSFA in 2018. Leases with companies including Peabody Energy, Chevron Mining, Inc., Questar/Four Corners and Kinder Morgan/El Paso Natural Gas include a provision that companies make a contribution to the scholarship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

No. of Recipients at Top 29 Schools



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

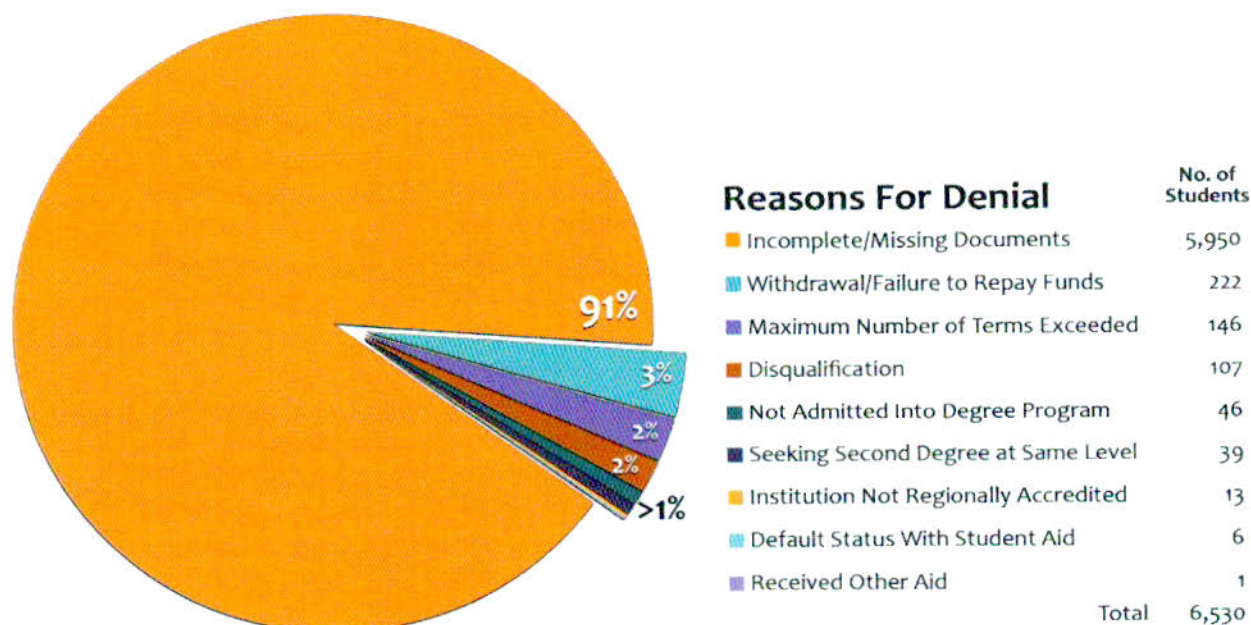
In 2018, ONNSFA awarded a total of \$24,397,789 to 6,680 students attending a total of 516 different institutions throughout the United States.

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



### 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 6,530 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 policies 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

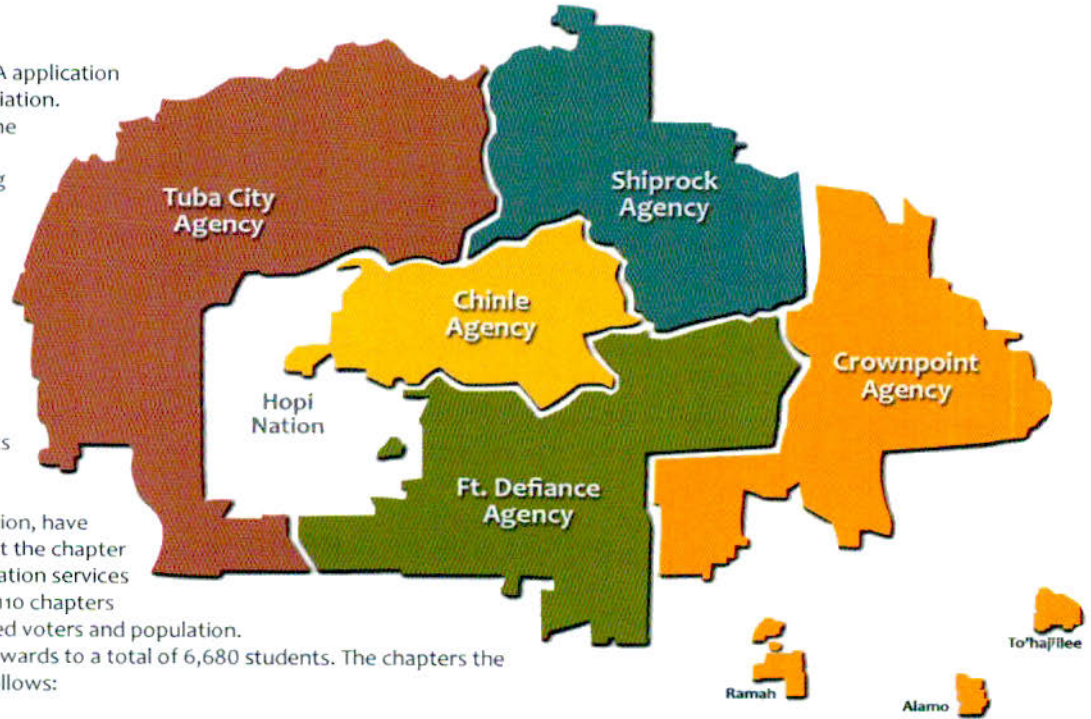
Students submitting an ONNSFA application are asked to state their chapter affiliation. This information is used to determine which agency office a student's file will be assigned to and for reporting purposes.

## 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 Dził - 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 il'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 naneesdizi - 336

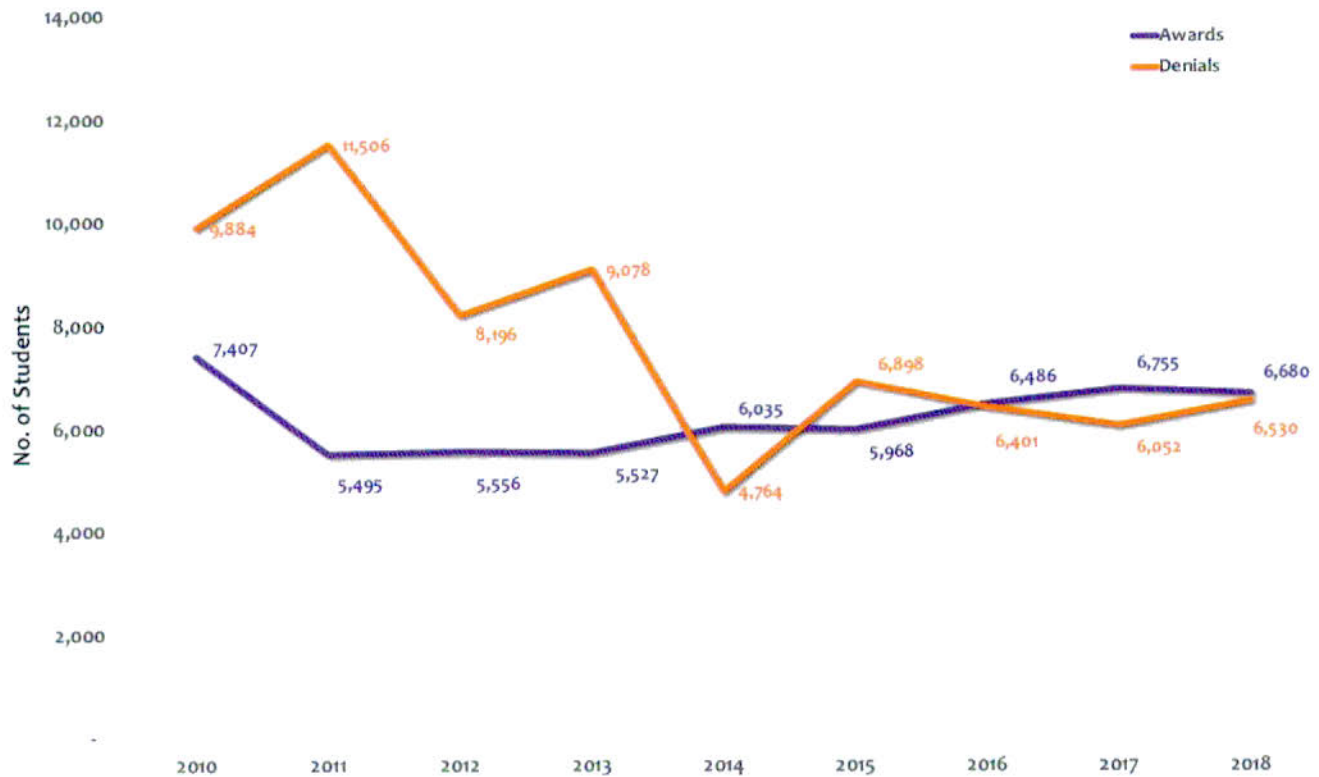
### Chinle Agency

**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  
Tsailie/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%



# 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL ACTION REPORT First Year 2019

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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*  
24<sup>th</sup> 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

NNC 2019 FALL SESSION

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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  
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Charles-Newton

Crotty  
Halona, P  
Henio, J

Slater, C  
Walker, T

Wauneka, E  
Yellowhair

## Nay : 9

Begay, K  
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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'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**

Posted: August 3, 2019 at 2:13 PM

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: August 8, 2019

Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	<i>None</i>
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Inconclusive Comments	1) Dominic Beyer, Office of Management and Budget

  
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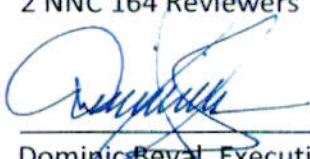
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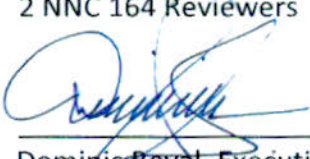
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