



**Office of Navajo Nation
Scholarship & Financial Assistance
2017 Annual Report**



Statistical Profile: 2016 & 2017 Calendar Years

	2016	2017		2016	2017
Total Number of Applications Submitted to ONNSFA Agency Offices	16,895	17,272	Enrollment Status of Recipients:		
			Undergraduate	88%	90%
			Graduate	12%	10%
No. of Students Requesting Awards: (Students are counted once whether they receive one or more awards during a calendar year.)	12,887	12,807	Gender of Recipients:		
			Female	64%	64%
			Male	36%	36%
Total No. of Awards: (All financial aid and scholarship awards made by ONNSFA during the calendar year are included in the total. In some instances, a student may have received two awards – one for the Spring term and another for the Fall term. Each award is counted independently.)	8,721	9,423	No. of Awards by Funding Source:		
			Federal	4,424	3,879
			Navajo Nation, Trust, Corporate	4,297	5,544
			Total of Awards by Funding Source:		
			Federal	11,186,203	9,971,453
			Navajo Nation, Trust, Corporate	9,248,779	14,155,932
			Grand Total	\$ 20,434,9823	\$ 24,127,385
No. of Students Receiving Awards: (Students are counted once whether they receive one or more awards during the calendar year.)	6,486	6,755	Total Federal Fund Awards to:		
			Need-Based Students	4,999,071	7,506,622
			Chief Manuelito Scholars	6,187,132	2,464,831
			Grand Total	\$ 11,186,203	\$ 9,971,453
Percentage of Students Funded: (The total number of students awarded from the total number of students that applied. Applicants are counted once.)	51%	53%	Chief Manuelito Awards:		
			Total No. of Student Awards	2,097	2,328
			Total Expended From All Sources	\$ 7,134,285	\$ 7,875,012
			Percentage From All Sources	35%	33%

Types of Student Funding

Financial Need-Based Awards

(up to \$2,000 per semester)

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

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

(\$500 per semester)

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

Chief Manuelito Scholarships

(\$3,500 per semester)

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

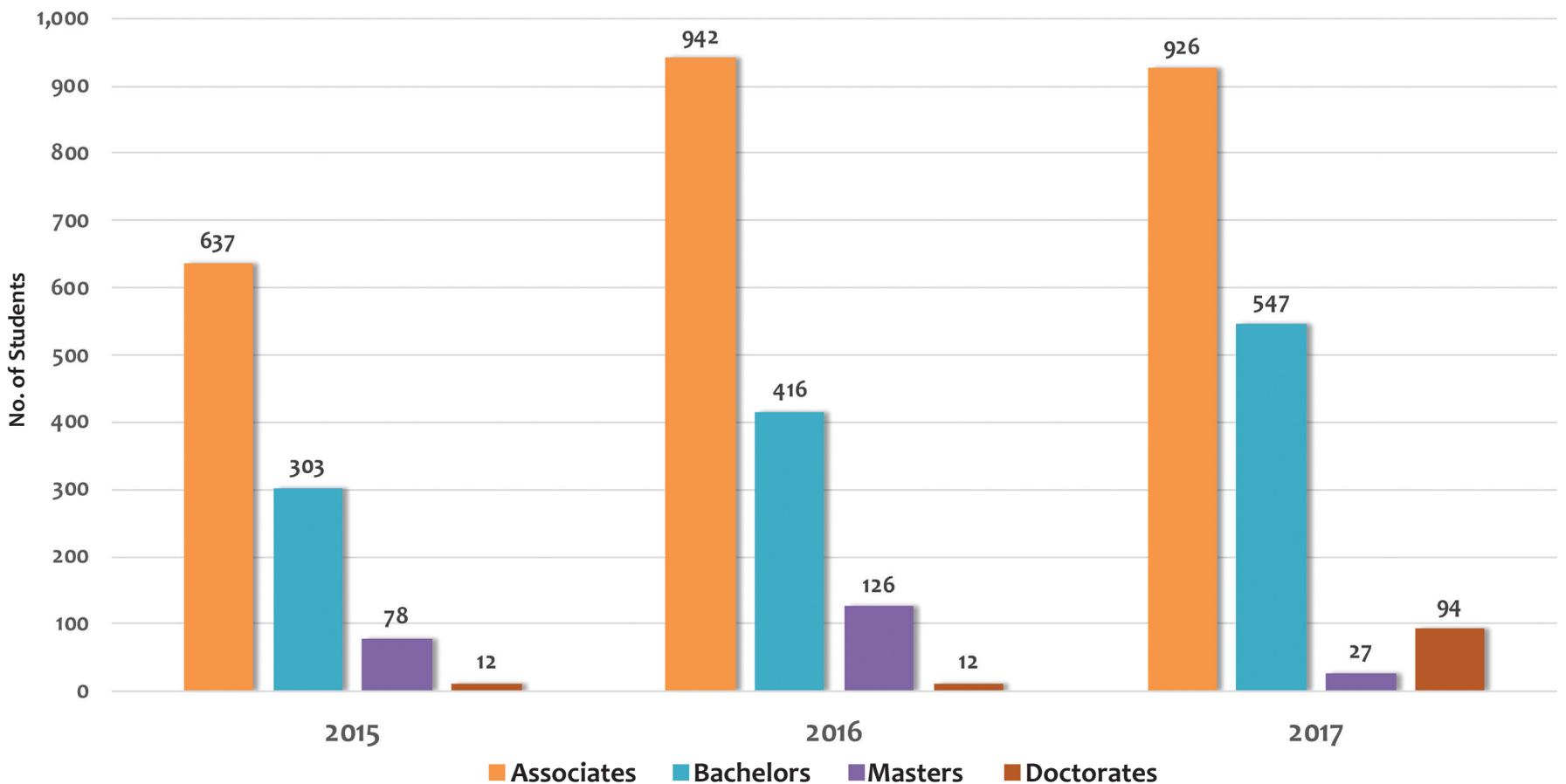
(\$2,500 to \$5,000 per semester)

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.

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-Gibert Community College, Coconino Community College, Diné College, Estrella Mountain Community College, Fort Lewis College, Gateway Community College, Maricopa Community Colleges, Mesa Community College, Navajo Technical University, Northland Pioneer College, Paradise Valley Community College, Phoenix College, Rio Salado Community College, San Juan College, Scottsdale Community College, South Mountain Community College, Southern Utah University, University of New Mexico, University of New Mexico - Gallup., University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University and Utah State University - Eastern. The institutions are the majority of the top 20 schools attended by ONNSFA recipients.



ABOVE Diné College is among the top 20 schools attended by undergraduates served by ONNSFA. A total of \$1,554,280 in scholarships and financial assistance was awarded to Diné College students in 2017.

Background and Operating Highlights



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

Background

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

Agency Offices

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

ONNSFA Website - www.onnsfa.org

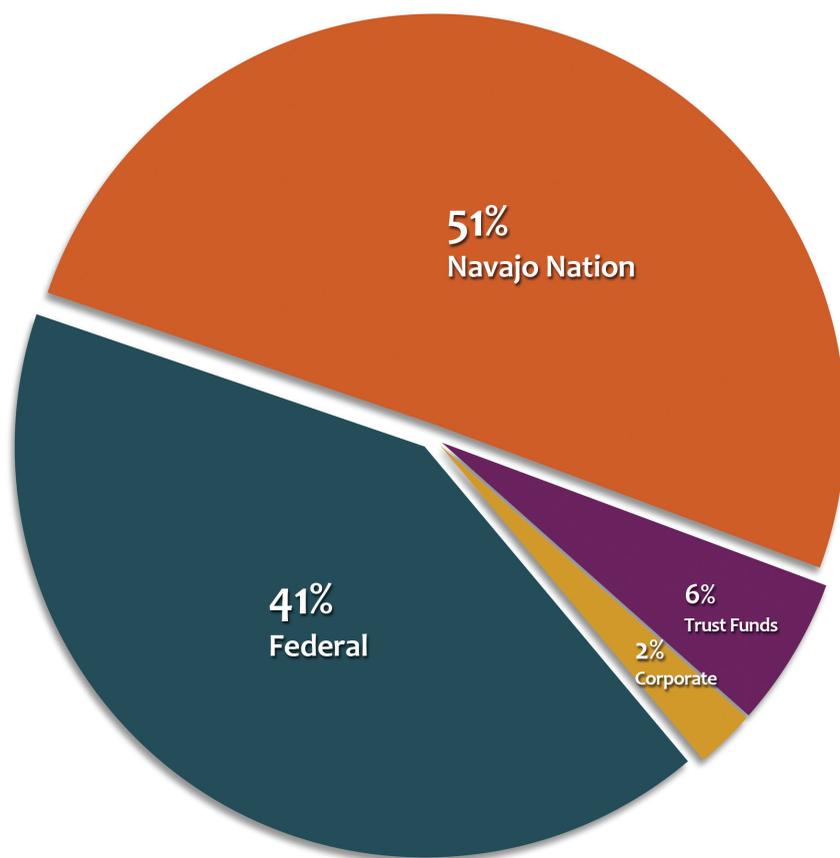
Information about ONNSFA policies, downloadable forms and a link to the online application process may be found at www.onnsfa.org. Students are encouraged to create an account, a username and password and apply online. Applicants with online accounts are able to check the status of their application,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

Operating Highlights

The ONNSFA disbursed \$20,434,982 in Calendar Year 2016 to 6,486 students and a total of \$24,127,385 to 6,755 students in Calendar Year 2017.

	2016	2017
Acceptance Ratio of ONNSFA recipients: (no. students awarded to no. of denied students)	69:64	67:60
Denial Ratio of ONNSFA recipients:	49%	47%
Awarded to Denied Students Ratio:	51%	52%
Total Denials:	6,401	6,052
Total Funding to Undergraduate Students:	\$16,355,975	\$20,197,956
Total Funding to Graduate Students:	\$ 4,079,007	\$3,929,429
Average Undergraduate Student Award:	\$ 2,852	\$2,450
Average Graduate Student Award:	\$ 5,424	\$3,330
No. of Undergraduate Students Awarded:	5,734	5,941
No. of Graduate Students Awarded:	752	814
Class Level of Recipients:		
Freshman	2,207	2,191
Sophomore	1,545	1,672
Junior	1,029	1,033
Senior	933	1,021
Master Candidate	538	592
Doctoral Candidate	206	207
Post Bachelor Certificate	4	10
Post Master Certificate	3	4
Unspecified	21	23
Non-Degree Seeking	0	2

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 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: \$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 in 2017. 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: \$565,327
No. Students Awarded: 448
No. of Awards: 541

Contributions from corporations comprised about 2 percent of the total funds awarded by ONNSFA in 2017. Leases with companies including Peabody Energy, Chevron Mining, Inc., Four Corners Power Plant (APS) and 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 (6,755) differs from the total number of awards (9,423) due to the fact that students may have received awards from a combination of funding sources and are counted in each source.

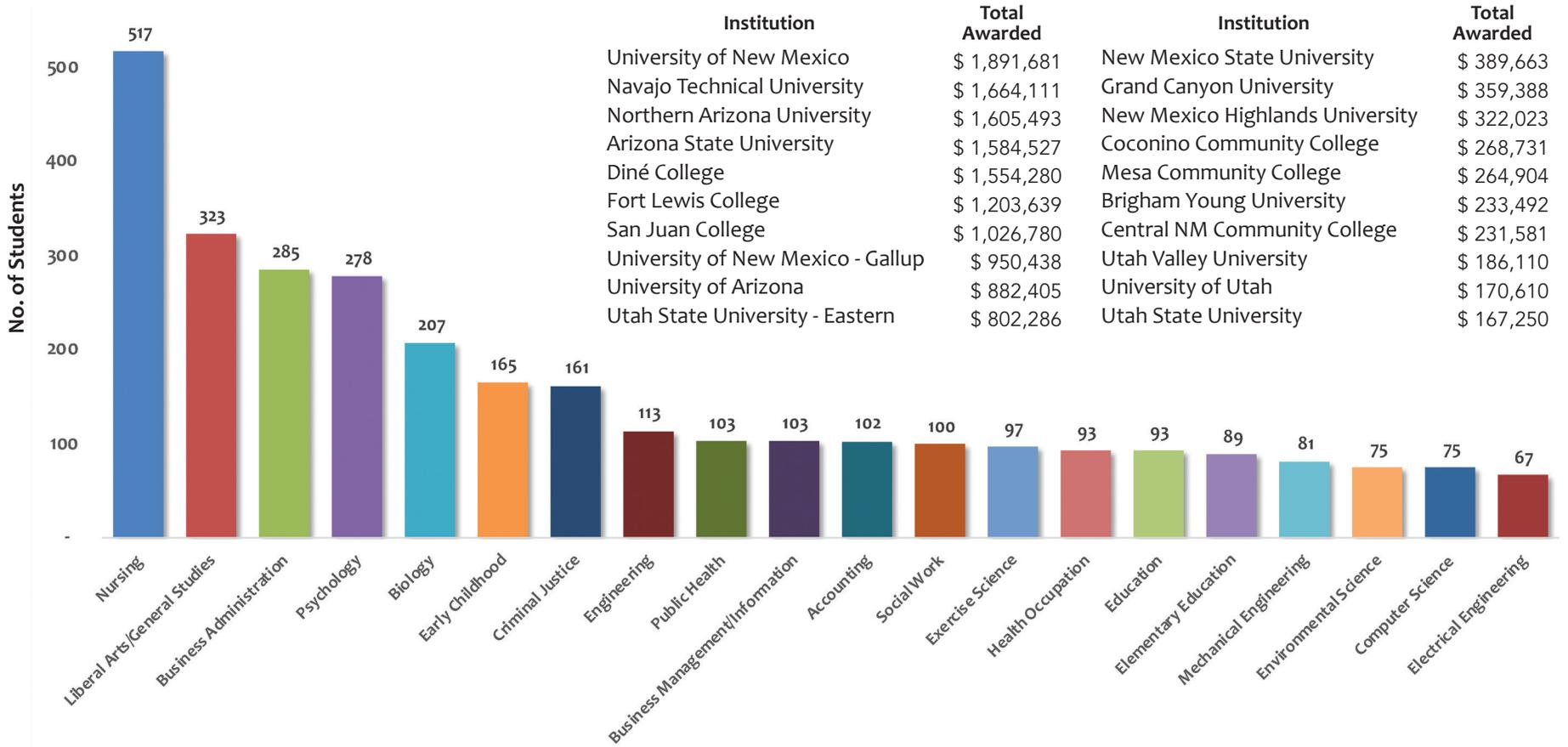
Summary of Awards by Funding Source

Federal Funds	Number of Awards	Total Award Amount
Chief Manuelito Scholarships	749	\$ 2,464,831
Need-Based	3,130	7,506,622
Total	3,879	\$ 9,971,453
Navajo Nation General Funds	Number of Awards	Total Award Amount
Chief Manuelito Scholarships	1,579	\$ 5,410,180
Navajo Nation Grant	690	1,352,616
Need-Based	313	983,247
Teacher Education	132	312,792
Vocational	1,199	2,638,496
Univ of Arizona College of Medicine	6	46,548
No-Need	40	36,673
Summer Sessions	58	69,000
Sales Tax Revenue	464	1,318,519
Total	4,481	\$ 12,168,071
Corporate Funds	Number of Awards	Total Award Amount
Chevron Mining Inc.	265	\$ 263,500
DSAF	63	63,000
Peabody Energy	190	157,750
Sussman	21	79,478
Diné Annual Scholarship Fund	2	1,599
Total	541	\$ 565,327
Trust Funds	Number of Awards	Total Award Amount
Graduate Trust	118	\$ 468,504
Navajo Engineering & Construction Authority	221	300,000
Tucson Electric	26	54,000
Vocational	120	251,459
ASU Law	13	176,617
UNM Law	24	159,954
Total	522	\$ 1,422,534
Total - All Sources	9,423	\$24,127,385

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.

Top 20 Majors & Universities

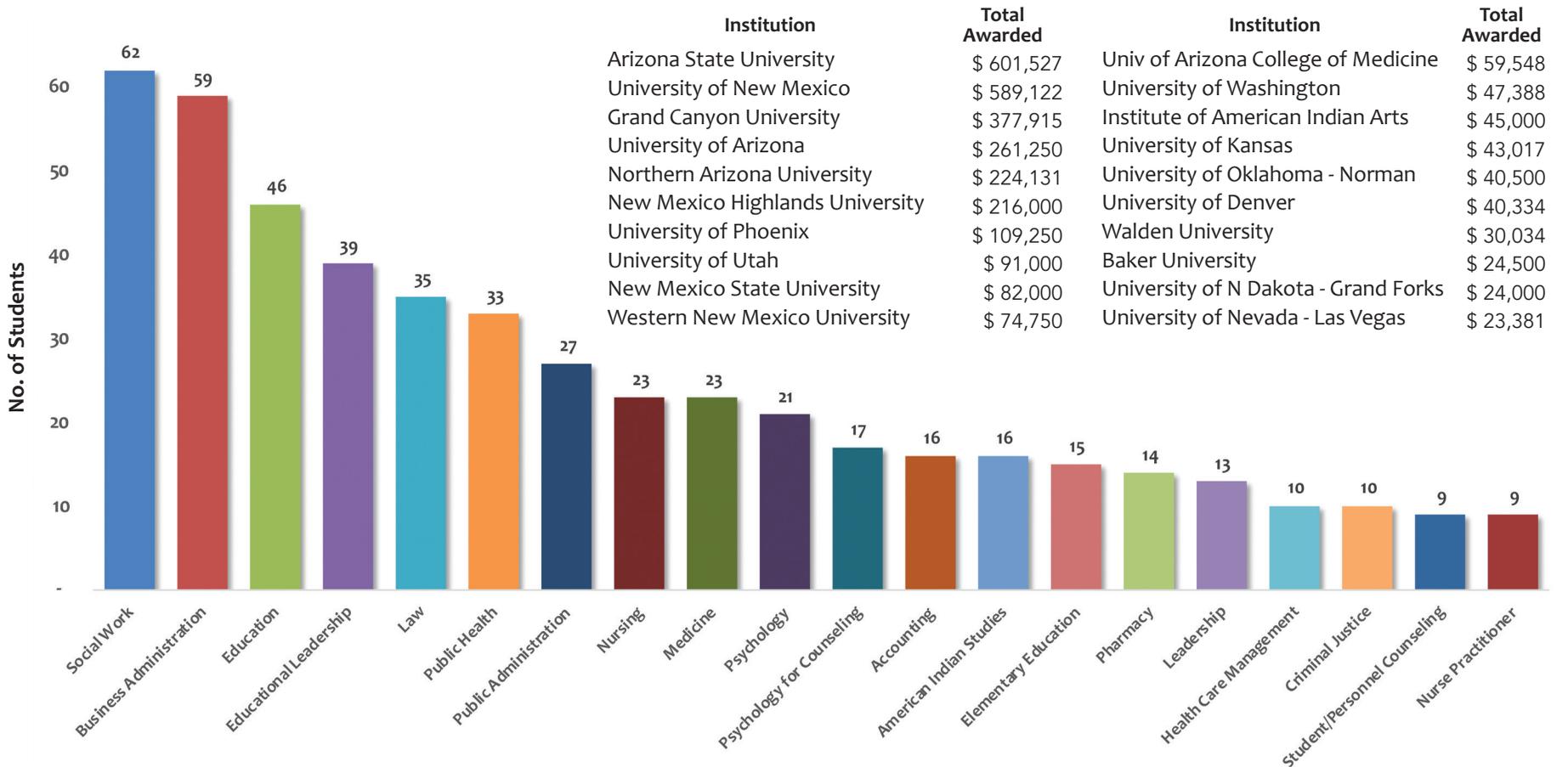
Undergraduates



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

Institution	Total Awarded
New Mexico State University	\$ 389,663
Grand Canyon University	\$ 359,388
New Mexico Highlands University	\$ 322,023
Coconino Community College	\$ 268,731
Mesa Community College	\$ 264,904
Brigham Young University	\$ 233,492
Central NM Community College	\$ 231,581
Utah Valley University	\$ 186,110
University of Utah	\$ 170,610
Utah State University	\$ 167,250

Graduates



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

Institution	Total Awarded
Univ of Arizona College of Medicine	\$ 59,548
University of Washington	\$ 47,388
Institute of American Indian Arts	\$ 45,000
University of Kansas	\$ 43,017
University of Oklahoma - Norman	\$ 40,500
University of Denver	\$ 40,334
Walden University	\$ 30,034
Baker University	\$ 24,500
University of N Dakota - Grand Forks	\$ 24,000
University of Nevada - Las Vegas	\$ 23,381

Student Awards (by Chapter)

Chapter Affiliation

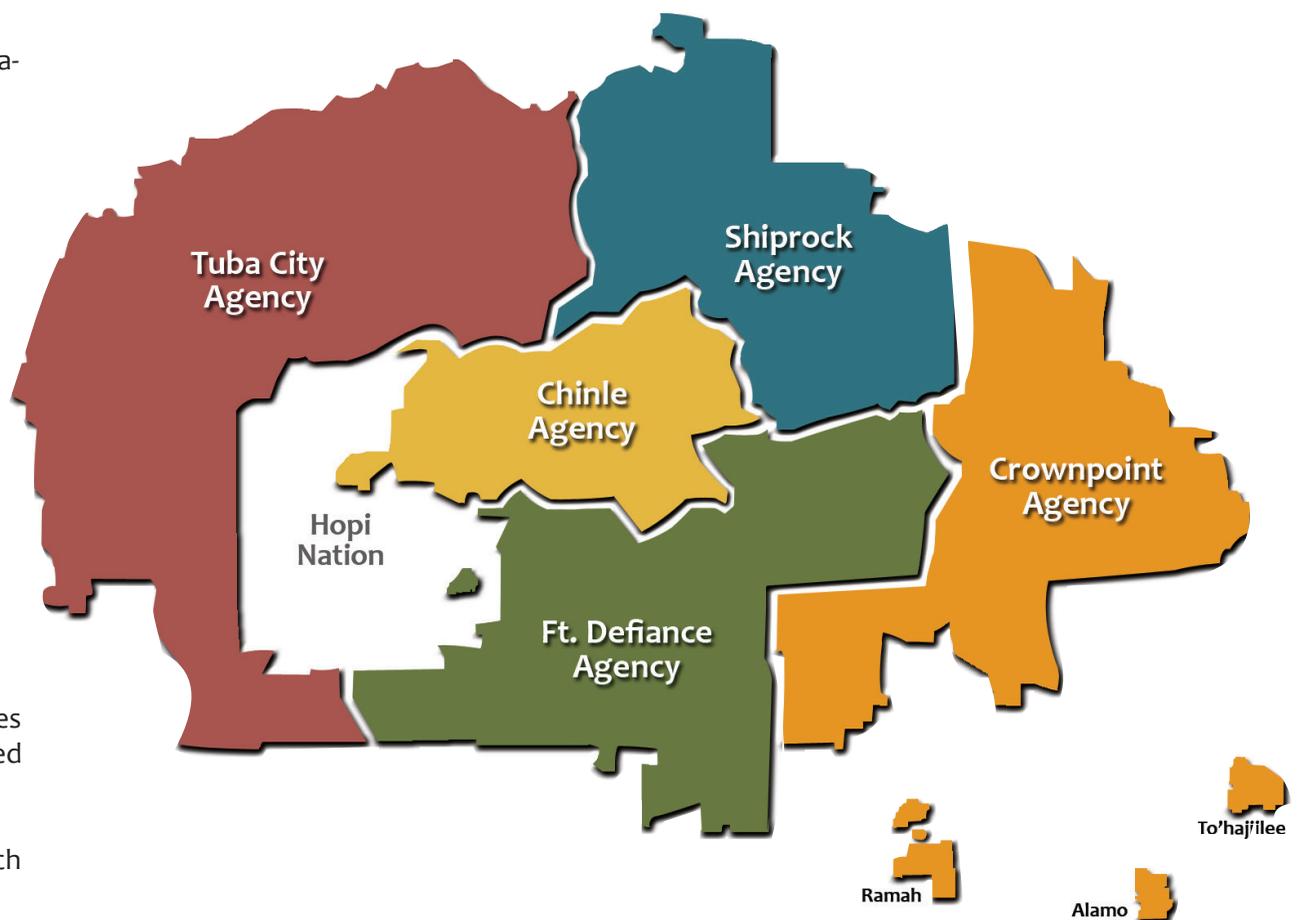
Students submitting an ONNSFA application are asked to state their chapter affiliation. This information is used to determine which agency office a student's file will be assigned to and for reporting purposes.

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
- St. Michaels - 152
- Steamboat - 68
- Teestoh - 55
- Tohatchi - 79

(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
- Mariano Lake - 25
- Nageezi - 44
- Nahodishgish - 31
- Ojo Encino - 20

(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
- Red Mesa - 78
- Red Valley - 44
- Rock Point - 77
- San Juan - 45

(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
- Kayenta - 130
- Lechee - 42
- Leupp - 58
- Navajo Mountain - 49

(Tuba City Agency)

- Oljato - 81
- Shonto - 51
- Tolani Lake - 28
- Tonalea - 44
- Tó naneesdizí - 315
- Unknown - 2

Chinle Agency

1,087 Students

- Black Mesa - 32
- Chinle - 384
- Forest Lake - 26
- Hard Rock - 30
- Lukachukai - 83
- Many Farms - 91
- Nazlini - 36
- Piñon - 65
- Rough Rock - 50
- Round Rock - 53
- Tachee/Blue Gap - 37
- Tsaile/Wheatfields - 93
- Tselani/Cottonwood - 60
- Whippoorwill Springs - 47