



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



Statistical Profile: 2017 & 2018 Calendar Years



	2017	2018
No. of Students Requesting Awards: (Students are counted once whether they receive one or more awards during a calendar year.)	12,807	13,210
No. of Students Receiving Awards: (Students are counted once whether they receive one or more awards during the calendar year.)	6,755	6,680
Percentage of Students Funded: (The total number of students awarded from the total number of students that applied. Applicants are counted once.)	53%	51%
No. of Students Denied:	6,052	6,530
Enrollment Status of Recipients:		
Undergraduate	90%	87%
Graduate	10%	13%
No. of Awards by Funding Source:		
Federal	3,879	5,008
Navajo Nation, Trust, Corporate	5,544	4,204
Total Federal Fund Awards to:		
Need-Based Students	7,506,622	7,079,947
Chief Manuelito Scholars	2,464,831	6,567,605
Grand Total	\$ 9,971,453	\$ 13,647,552
Chief Manuelito Awards:		
Total No. of Student Awards	2,328	2,519
Total Expended From All Sources	\$ 7,875,012	\$ 8,525,684
Percentage From All Sources	33%	35%
Total Funding to:		
Undergraduate Students	20,197,956	19,967,538
Graduate Students	3,929,429	4,430,251
Grand Total	\$ 24,127,385	\$ 24,397,789
Average Award to:		
Undergraduate Students	\$2,450	\$2,523
Graduate Students	\$3,330	\$3,416
No of Students Awarded:		
Undergraduate Students	5,941	5,773
Graduate Students	814	907

Apply online: www.onnsfa.org

Deadlines to apply:

2019-2020 Academic Year – June 25, 2019

2020 Winter/Spring Term – Nov. 25, 2019

Financial Need-Based Awards

(up to \$2,500 per semester)

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

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

No-Need-Based Awards

(\$1,000 per semester)

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

Chief Manuelito Scholarships

(\$3,500 per semester)

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

Graduate Student Awards

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

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

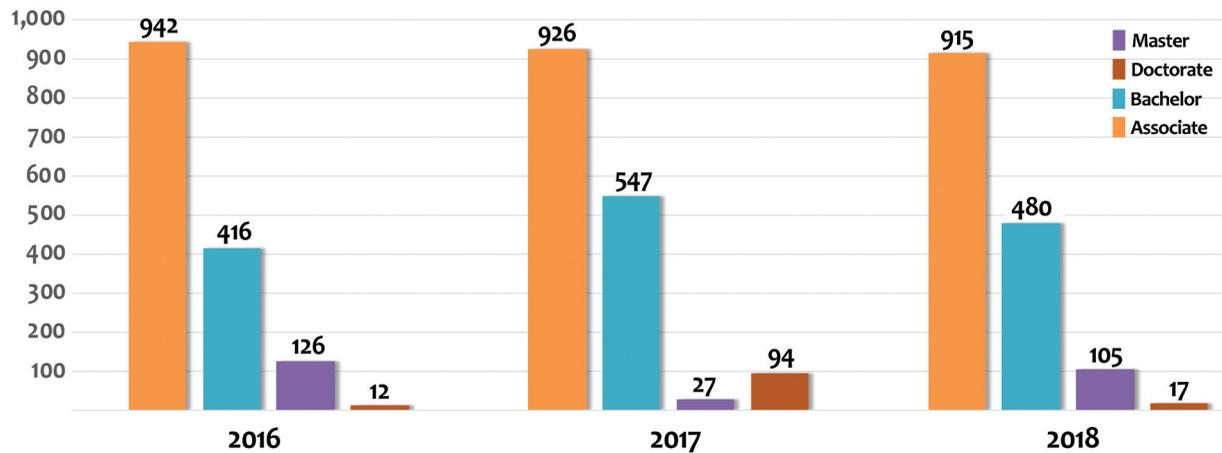
Part-Time Undergraduate and Graduate Awards

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

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Crownpoint Agency Office onnsfacrownpointnm@navajo-nsn.gov 1-866-254-9913	Tuba City Agency Office onnsfatubacity@navajo-nsn.gov 1-866-839-8151
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Increasing Higher Education Attainment Rates

Number and Type of Degrees Attained by ONNSFA Award Recipients



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

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

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

Rising Numbers of Navajo College Students

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

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

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

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

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



Summary of Awards by Funding Source

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

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

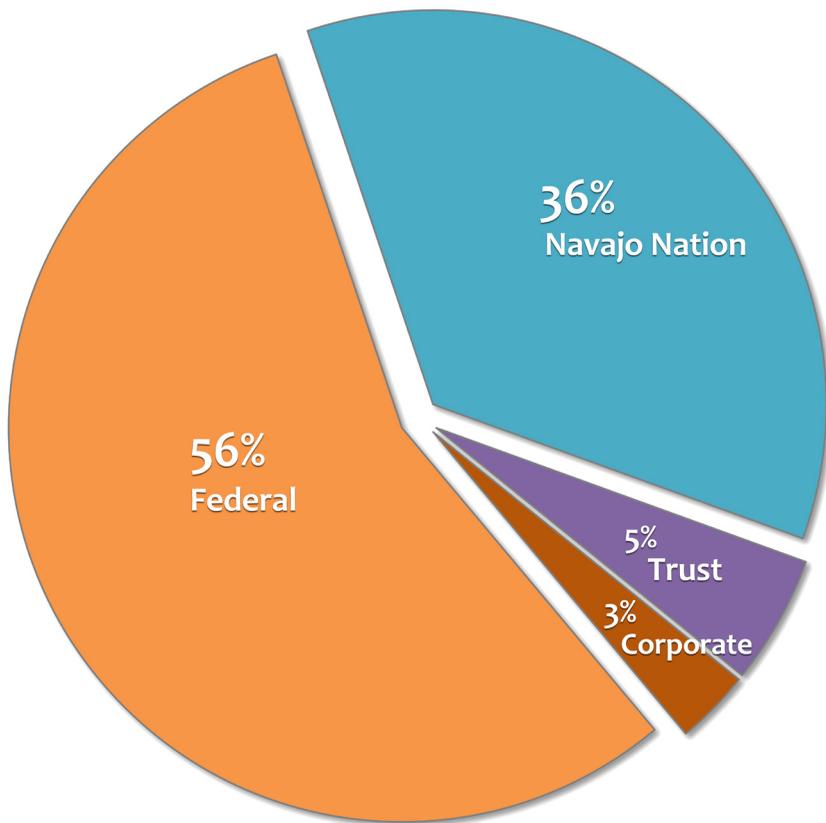
Corporate Funds	Number of Awards	Total Award Amount
Peabody Energy	75	\$ 265,502
Chevron / P&M	193	193,000
Sussman	11	93,172
Questar/Four Corners	96	92,000
Kinder Morgan/El Paso	25	84,666
Navajo Nation Oil & Gas, Co.	3	14,500
Diné Scholarship Annual Fund	8	9,049
Total	411	\$ 751,889

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

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

Calendar Year 2018

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

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

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

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

Federal funds, provided 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: \$8,710,0261
No. Students Awarded: 2,817
No. of Awards: 3,320

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

Trust Funds

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

Interest revenue from trust funds comprised about 6 percent of funds awarded by ONNSFA in 2018. Policies for trust funds including the Graduate Trust Fund, the Navajo Engineering & Construction Authority Trust Fund, the

Vocational Education Trust Fund and Tucson Electric Funds stipulate that "10% of the fund [market value] shall be used as scholarship and financial assistance." Interest revenue from these sources fluctuate from year-to-year based upon market value.

Corporate Funds

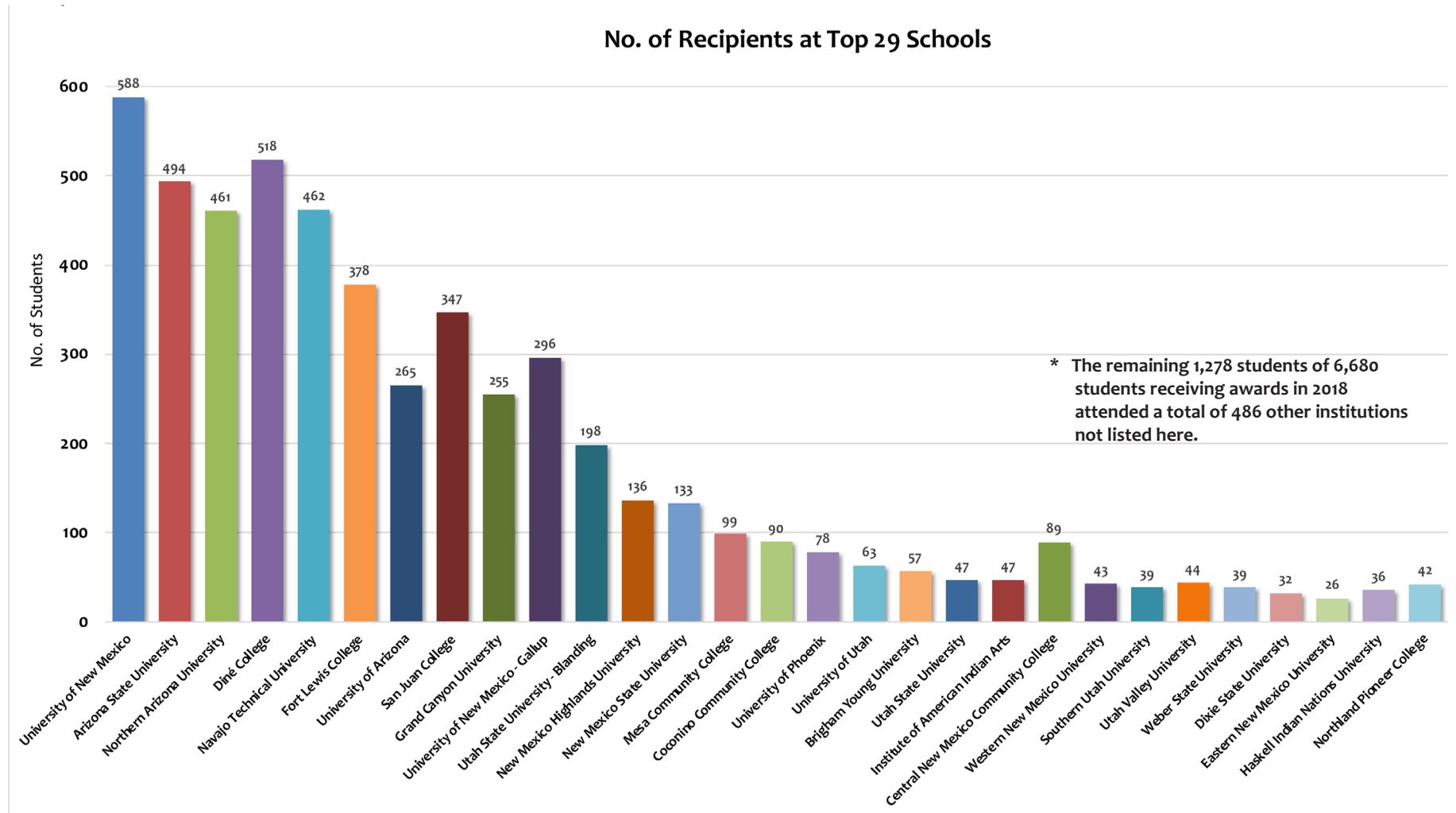
Total: \$751,889
No. Students Awarded: 400
No. of Awards: 411

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

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

2018 ONNSFA Awards

No. of Recipients at Top 29 Schools



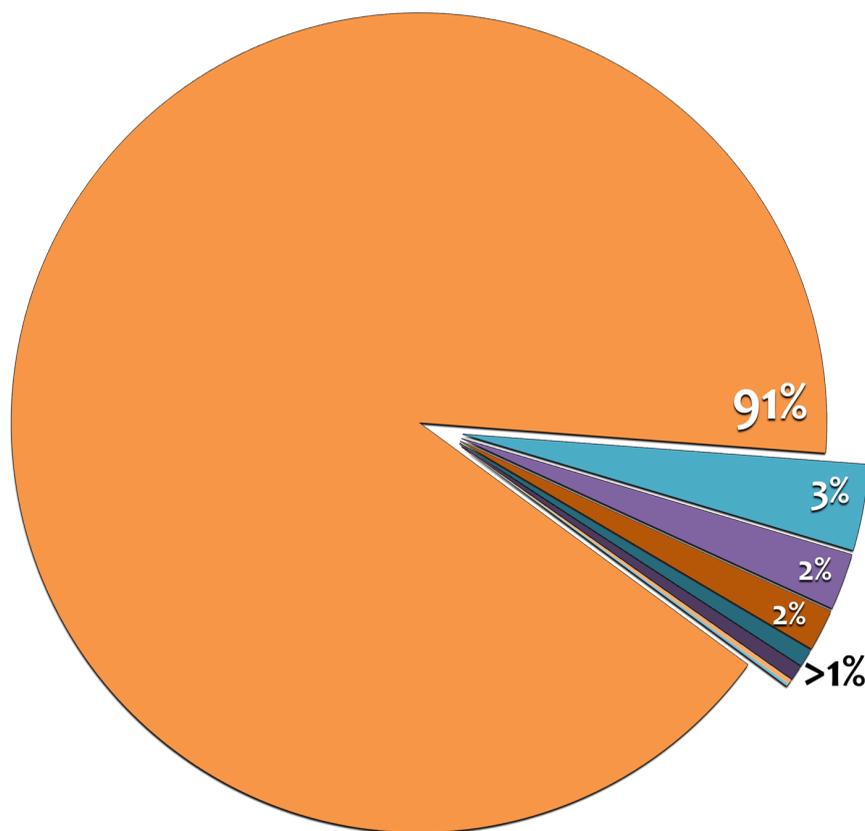
81 Percent of ONNSFA Awards Provided to Students at 29 Schools

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

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

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

2018 ONNSFA Denials



Reasons For Denial

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

49 Percent of All Applicants Denied

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

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

Incomplete/Missing Documents

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

Withdrawal/Failure to Repay Funds

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

Maximum Number of Terms Exceeded

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

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

Disqualification

Two percent or 107 applicants were denied due to violation of the ONNSFA's 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

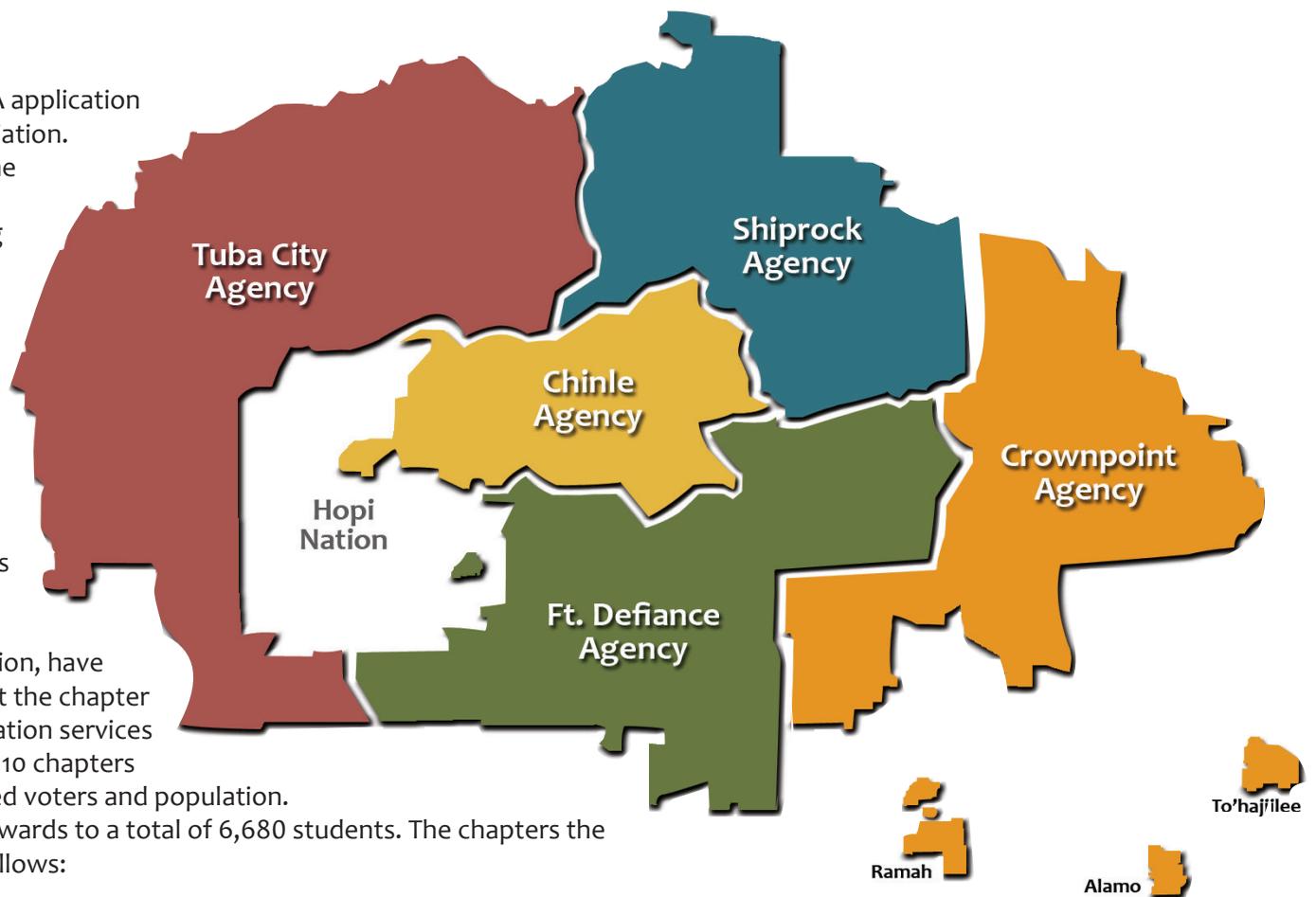
Students submitting an ONNSFA application are asked to state their chapter affiliation. This information is used to determine which agency office a student's file will be assigned to and for reporting purposes.

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 Dziil - 29
- Naschitti - 58
- Oak-Pine Springs - 36
- Red Lake - 38
- Sawmill - 50
- St. Michaels - 136
- Steamboat - 52
- Teestoh - 46

(Ft. Defiance Agency)

- Tohatchi - 76
- Twin Lakes - 63
- White Cone - 40
- Wide Ruins - 36

Crownpoint Agency

1,340 Students

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

(Crownpoint Agency)

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

Shiprock Agency

1,429 Students

- Aneth - 110
- Beclabito - 33
- Cove - 17
- Gad íí'ahí - 26
- Mexican Water - 26
- Nenahnezad - 112
- Newcomb - 23
- Red Mesa - 74
- Red Valley - 33

(Shiprock Agency)

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

Tuba City Agency

1,190 Students

- Birdsprings - 29
- Bodaway/Gap - 46
- Cameron - 45
- Chilchinbeto - 34
- Coalmine Canyon - 25
- Coppermine - 46
- Dennehotso - 33
- Inscription House - 33
- Kaibeto - 37
- Kayenta - 148

(Tuba City Agency)

- Lechee - 50
- Leupp - 62
- Navajo Mountain - 45
- Oljato - 87
- Shonto - 62
- Tolani Lake - 27
- Tonalea - 45
- Tó naneesdizí - 336

Chinle Agency

1,093 Students

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