



**Office of Navajo Nation
Scholarship & Financial Assistance
2019 Annual Report**



Statistical Profile: 2018 & 2019 Calendar Years



| | 2018 | 2019 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| No. of Students Requesting Awards: (Students are counted once whether they receive one or more awards during a calendar year.) | 13,210 | 13,269 |
| No. of Students Receiving Awards: (Students are counted once whether they receive one or more awards during the calendar year.) | 6,680 | 6,598 |
| Percentage of Students Funded: (The total number of students awarded from the total number of applicants Applicants are counted once.) | 51% | 50% |
| No. of Students Denied: | 6,530 | 6,671 |
| Enrollment Status of Recipients: | | |
| Undergraduate | 87% | 86% |
| Graduate | 13% | 14% |
| No. of Awards by Funding Source: | | |
| Federal | 5,008 | 4,578 |
| Navajo Nation, Trust, Corporate | 4,204 | 4,666 |
| Total | 9,212 | 9,251 |
| Total Federal Fund Awards to: | | |
| Need-Based Students | 7,079,947 | 7,912,833 |
| Chief Manuelito Scholars | 6,567,605 | 5,501,717 |
| Grand Total | \$ 13,647,552 | \$ 13,414,550 |
| Chief Manuelito Awards: | | |
| Total No. of Student Awards | 2,519 | 2,646 |
| Total Expended From All Sources | \$ 8,525,684 | \$ 9,002,002 |
| Percentage From All Sources | 35% | 36% |
| Total Funding to: | | |
| Undergraduate Students | 19,967,538 | 20,077,668 |
| Graduate Students | 4,430,251 | 5,198,173 |
| Grand Total | \$ 24,397,789 | \$ 25,275,841 |
| Average Award to: | | |
| Undergraduate Students | \$2,523 | \$2,151.92 |
| Graduate Students | \$3,416 | \$3,713.96 |
| No of Students Awarded: | | |
| Undergraduate Students | 5,773 | 5,648 |
| Graduate Students | 907 | 950 |

Apply online: www.onnsfa.org

Deadline to apply:
2020-2021 Academic Year – Nov. 25, 2020

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 (\$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 (1/2 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

(\$5,000 to \$10,000 per semester for 9-12 credit hours)

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

Part-Time Undergraduate and Graduate Awards (\$500 to \$750 per semester depending on courses)

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

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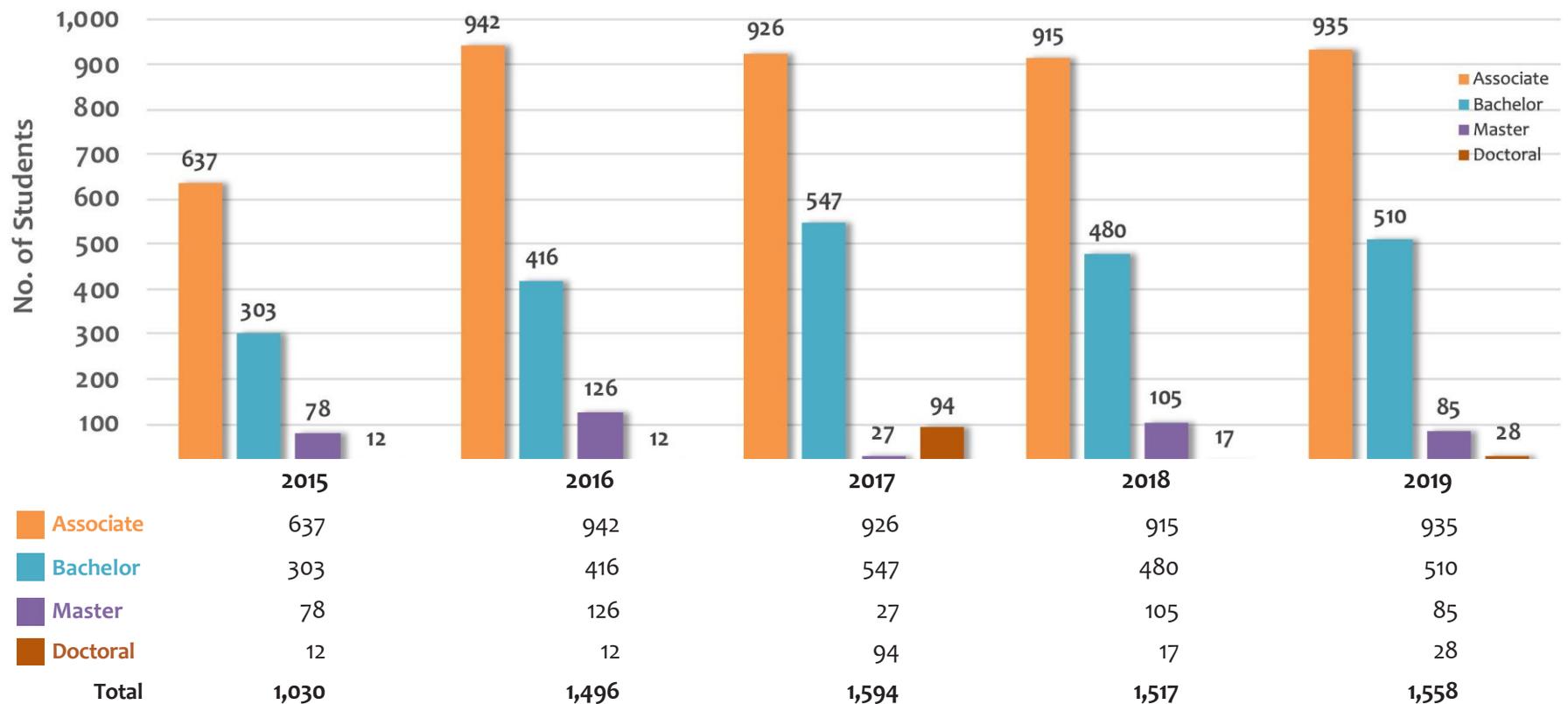
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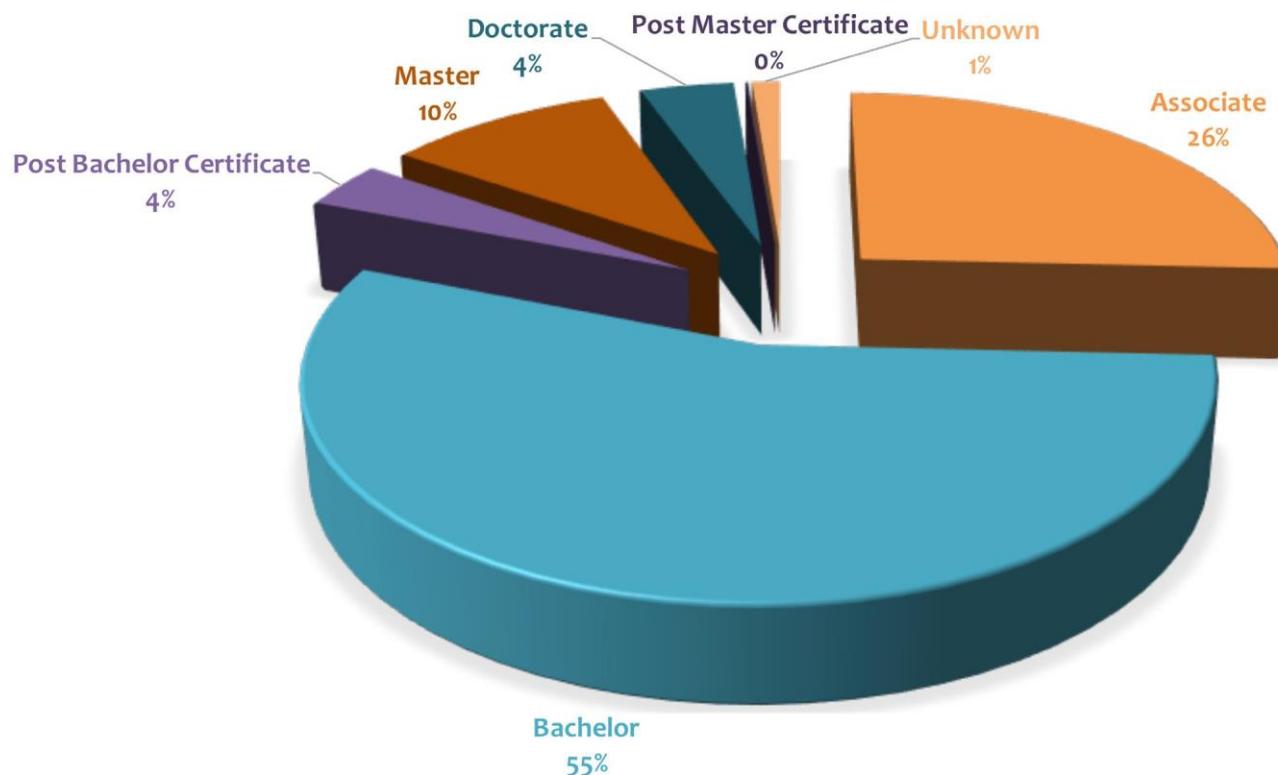
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Increasing Higher Education Attainment Rates

Number and Type of Degrees Attained by ONNSFA Award Recipients in Calendar Year 2019



Degrees Pursued by Class Level in 2019



| Undergraduates | # of Students |
|----------------|---------------|
| Associate | 1,699 |
| Bachelor | 3,642 |
| Certification | 243 |
| Undeclared | 64 |
| Total | 5,648 |

| Graduates | # of Students |
|---------------|---------------|
| Master | 656 |
| Doctoral | 271 |
| Certification | 7 |
| Undeclared | 16 |
| Total | 950 |

Summary of Awards by Funding Source

| Federal Funds | Number of Awards | Total Award Amount |
|------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Chief Manuelito Scholarships | 2,319 | \$ 5,501,717 |
| Need-Based | 2,259 | 7,912,833 |
| Total | 4,578 | \$ 13,414,550 |

| Navajo Nation General Funds | Number of Awards | Total Award Amount |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Chief Manuelito Scholarships | 327 | \$ 1,089,169 |
| Need-Based | 1,394 | \$ 2,830,471 |
| Sales Tax Revenue | 469 | \$ 1,364,159 |
| Vocational | 861 | \$ 1,900,429 |
| Teacher Education | 250 | \$ 546,409 |
| Univ of Arizona College of Medicine | 12 | \$ 91,067 |
| No-Need | 13 | \$ 12,250 |
| Higher Education Grant | 468 | \$ 1,835,944 |
| Fielding University | 59 | \$ 295,000 |
| Total | 3,853 | \$ 9,964,898 |

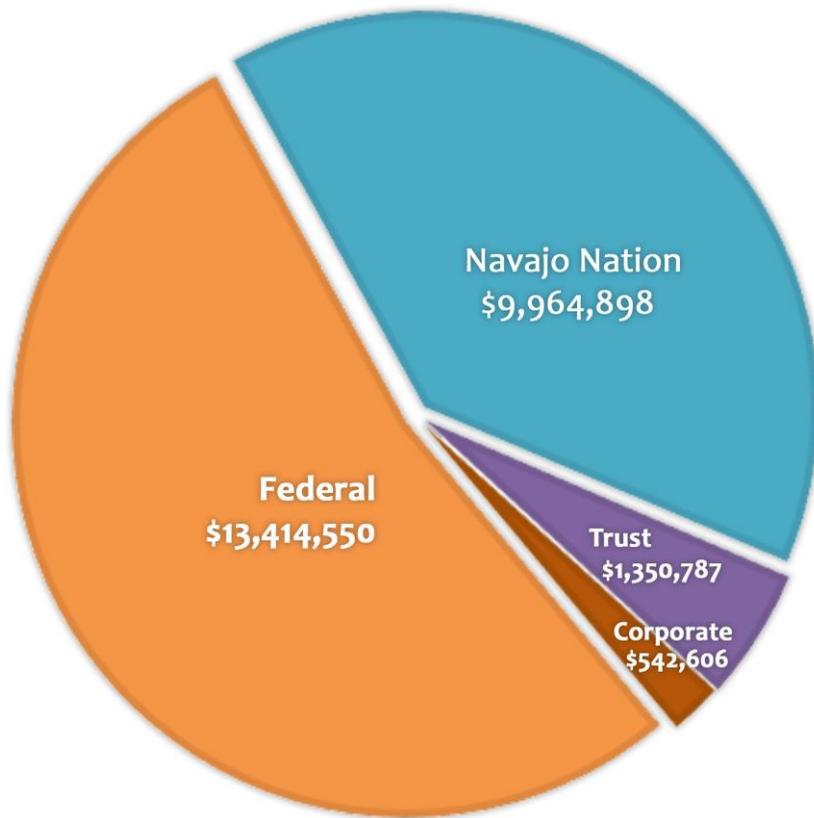
| Corporate Funds | Number of Awards | Total Award Amount |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Chevron / P&M | 308 | 311,000 |
| Sussman | 15 | 103,772 |
| Kinder Morgan/El Paso | 24 | 96,834 |
| Navajo Nation Oil & Gas, Co. | 7 | 31,000 |
| Total | 354 | \$ 542,606 |

| Trust Funds | Number of Awards | Total Award Amount |
|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Navajo Nation Graduate Trust | 59 | \$ 236,082 |
| Navajo Nation Vocational Trust | 140 | 300,890 |
| Navajo Engineering & Construction Authority Trust | 179 | 238,000 |
| Tucson Electric Trust | 25 | 54,500 |
| ASU Law | 20 | 279,699 |
| UNM Law | 36 | 244,616 |
| Total | 459 | \$ 1,288,322 |

| | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Total - All Sources | 9,231 | \$25,275,841 |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|

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



2019 Calendar Year

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Federal Funds: | 53 percent |
| General Funds: | 40 percent |
| Trust Funds: | 5 percent |
| Corporate Funds: | 2 percent |
| Total: | 100% |

Calendar Year 2019

Total Awarded: \$25,275,841
Number of Awards: 9,251

From January 1 to December 31, 2019, the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance awarded a total of \$25,275,841 in scholarships and financial aid. The total number of students, who received awards from the four funding sources equated to 6,598. The total number of awards made from all funding sources amounted to 9,251. 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: \$13,414,550
No. Students Awarded: 0000
No. of Awards: 4,584

Federal funds, provided through a P.L. 93-638 contract with the Navajo Region Bureau of Indian Affairs, comprised about 53 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: \$9,964,898
No. Students Awarded: 0000
No. of Awards: 3,854

Navajo Nation General Funds comprised about 40 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: \$1,350,787
No. Students Awarded: 000
No. of Awards: 473

Interest revenue from trust funds comprised about 5 percent of funds awarded by ONNSFA in 2019. 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

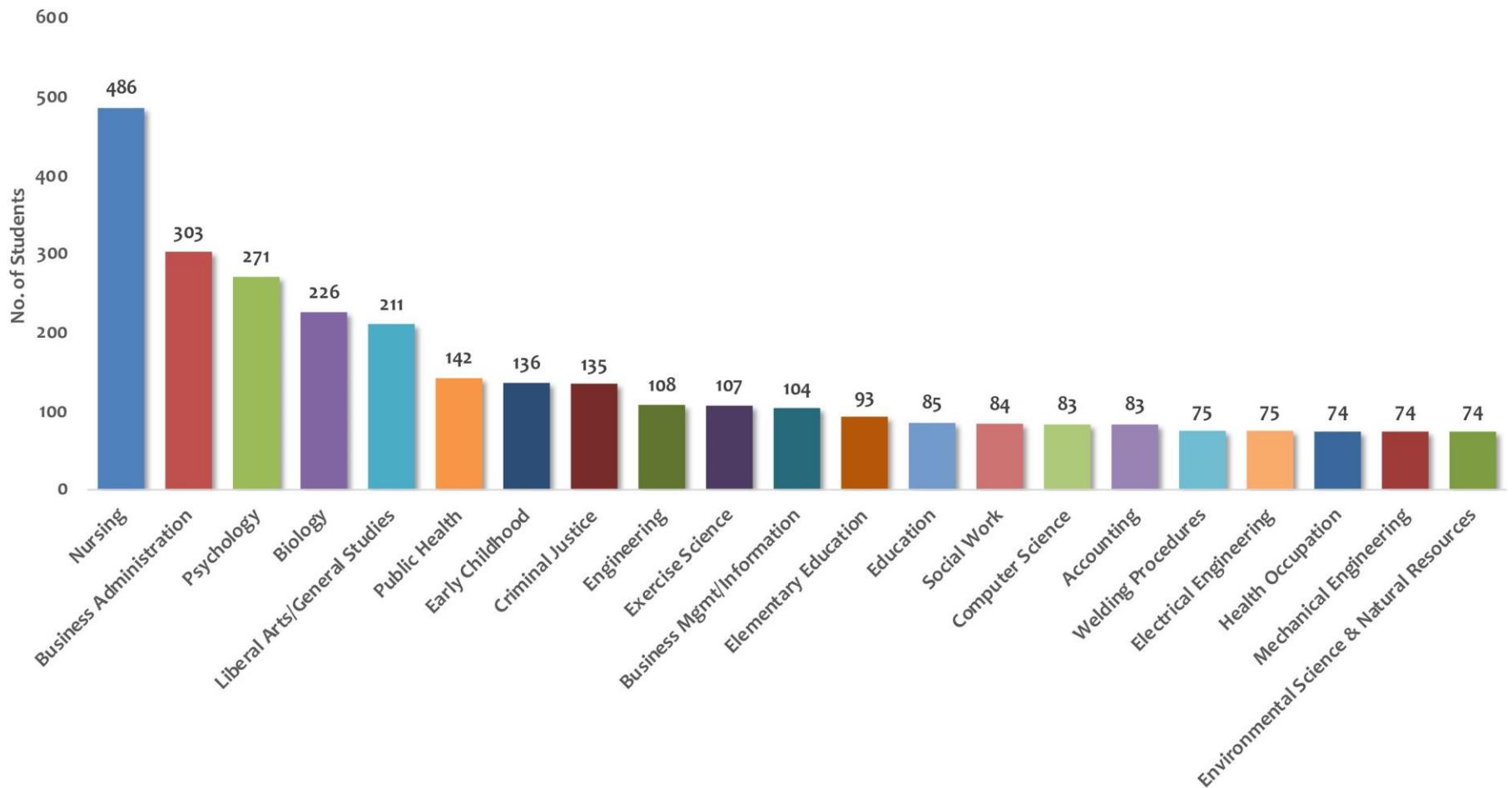
Total: \$542,666
No. Students Awarded: 000
No. of Awards: 354

Contributions from corporations comprised about 2 percent of the total funds awarded by ONNSFA in 2019. Navajo Nation Oil & Gas contributed \$31,000, Leases with companies including Chevron Mining, Inc., 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 (6,598) differs from the total number of awards (9,251) as students may have received awards from a combination of funding sources and are counted in each source.

2019 ONNSFA Awards

Undergraduate Majors



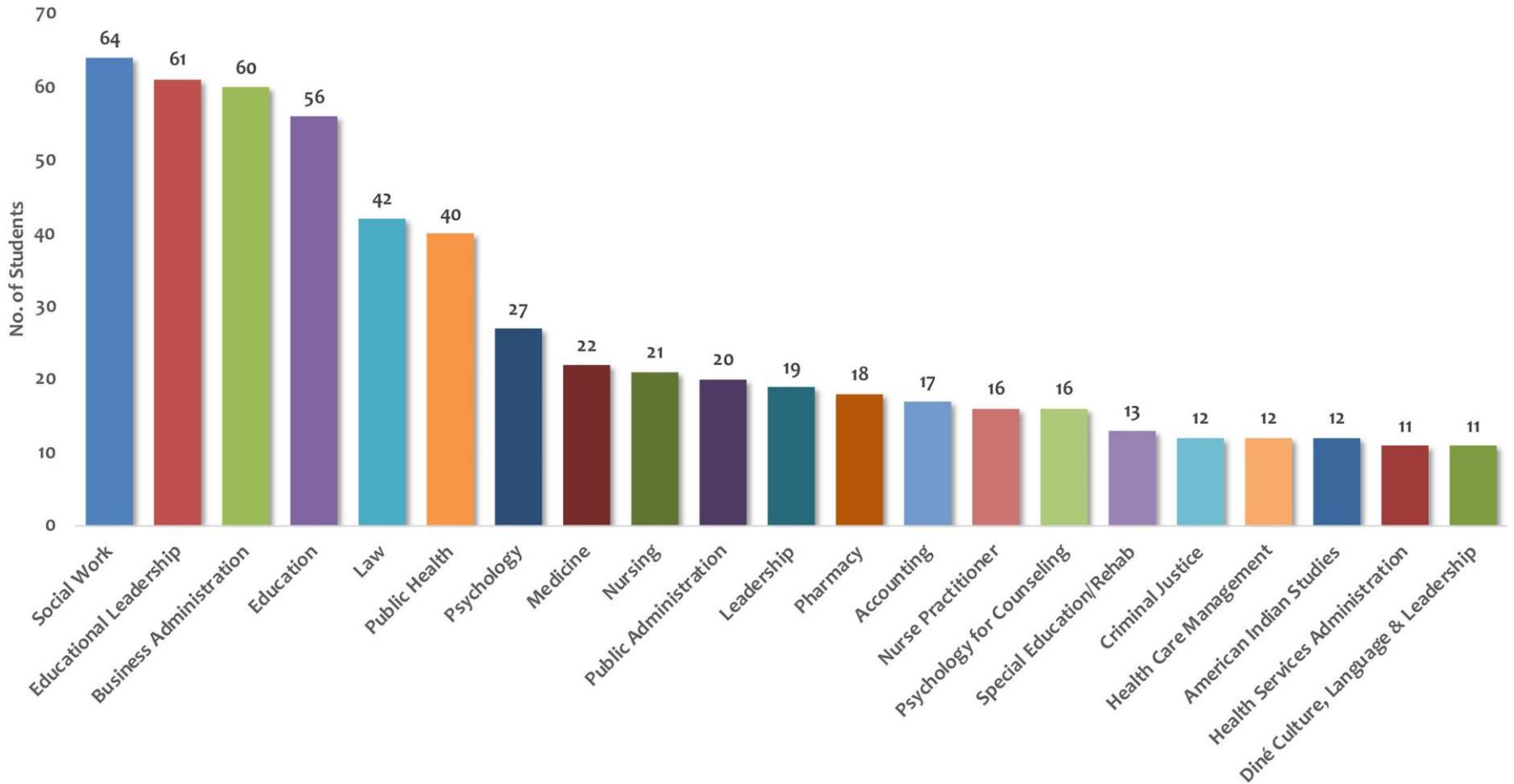
Undergraduates

In 2019, ONNSFA awarded a total of \$20,077,668 to 5,648 undergraduates. A majority of the 20 institutions listed are located within the Four Corners area.

| Institution | Amount Funded | No. Students | Institution | Amount Funded | No. Students |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| University of New Mexico | \$1,852,596 | 111 | New Mexico State University | 462,841 | 111 |
| Arizona State University | 1,767,642 | 111 | New Mexico Highlands University | 301,266 | 111 |
| Northern Arizona University | 1,679,669 | 111 | Coconino Community College | 287,452 | 111 |
| Diné College | 1,639,111 | 111 | Mesa Community College | 261,427 | 111 |
| Fort Lewis College | 1,514,095 | 111 | Central NM Community College | 208,118 | 111 |
| Navajo Technical University | 1,272,328 | 111 | University of Phoenix | 190,041 | 111 |
| University of Arizona | 950,109 | 111 | Brigham Young University | 188,919 | 111 |
| University of New Mexico - Gallup | 778,432 | 111 | University of Utah | 183,500 | 111 |
| San Juan College | 744,652 | 111 | Utah State University | 177,750 | 111 |
| Utah State University - Blanding | 567,506 | 111 | * Other 422 Institutions | 4,489,127 | 111 |
| Grand Canyon University | 561,087 | 111 | Total: | \$20,077,668 | 5,648 |

2019 ONNSFA Awards

Graduate Majors

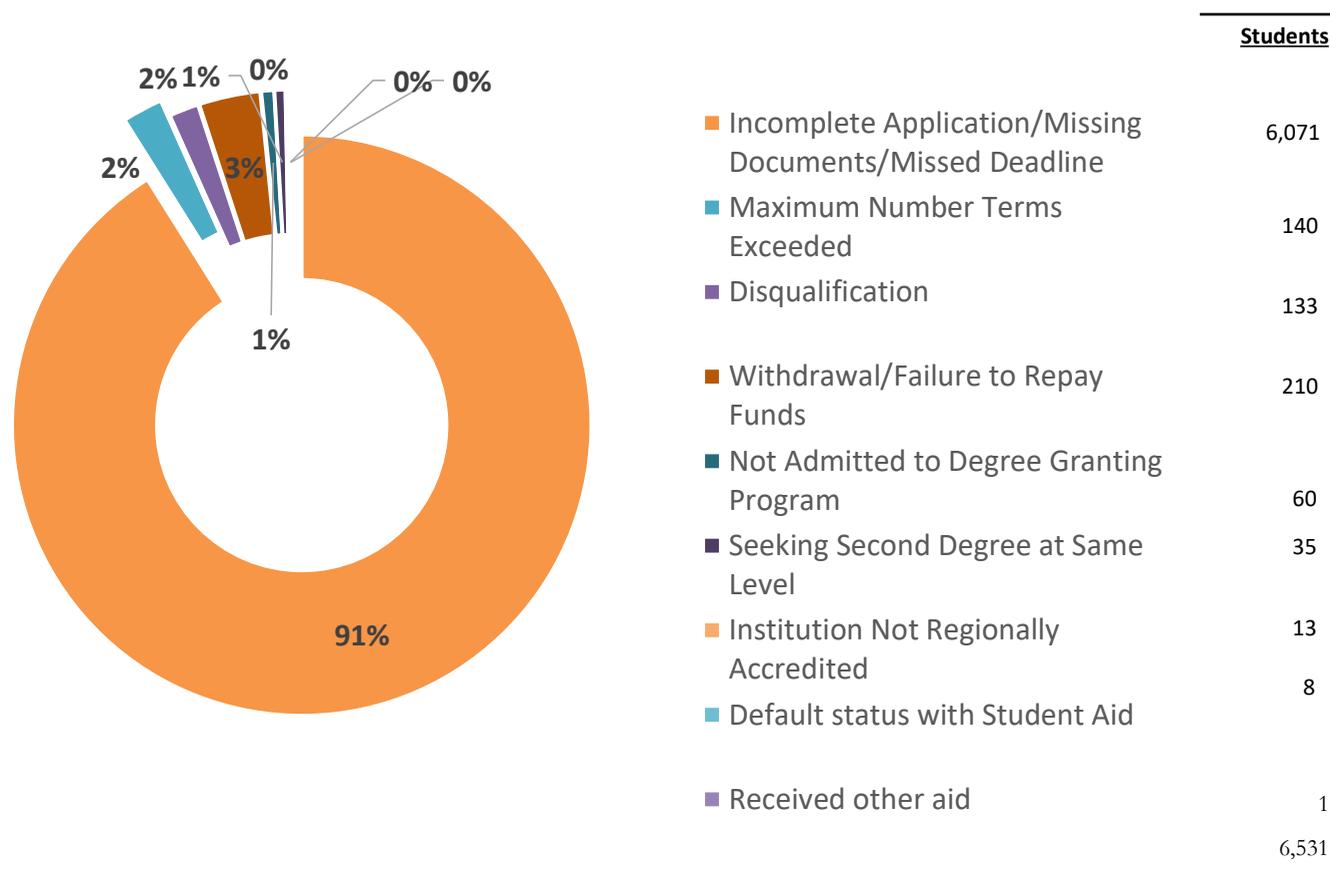


Graduates

In 2019, there were 950 graduate students who were awarded by ONNSFA. These are the institutions and majors listed in Top 20 order. The top 20 graduate account for 16% of total funding and enrollment.

| Institutions | Students | Institutions | Students |
|------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| UNIV OF NEW MEXICO | \$ 755,104 | UNIVERSITY OF UTAH | \$ 81,000 |
| ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY | \$ 750,895 | WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIV | \$ 72,750 |
| GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY | \$ 526,705 | NAVAJO TECHINCAL UNIV | \$ 72,500 |
| FIELDING GRADUATE UNIVERSITY | \$ 297,500 | INST OF AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS | \$ 53,500 |
| UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA | \$ 292,414 | COLORADO STAE UNIV-FT COLLIN | \$ 48,500 |
| NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERISTY | \$ 281,500 | UNIV OF OKLAHOMA-NORMAN | \$ 36,500 |
| NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIV | \$ 242,500 | UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON | \$ 36,168 |
| UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX | \$ 170,393 | UNIVERSITY OF DENVER | \$ 35,167 |
| UNIV OF ARIZ-COL OF MEDICINE | \$ 136,567 | UNIV SOUTHERN CALIF-LOS ANGL | \$ 30,250 |
| NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY | \$ 82,845 | UNIV OF MONTANA | \$ 26,000 |
| | | Other 143 Institutions | \$1,169,415.31 |

2019 ONNSFA Denials



50 Percent of All Applicants Denied

In 2019, a total of 13,269 students submitted applications to the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance (ONNSFA).

Approximately 50 percent or 6,598 students who applied received an award. Another 50 percent or **6,531** applicants were denied. Applicants were denied for several reasons including:

Incomplete/Missing Documents

Ninety-one percent (6,071 students) either submitted incomplete applications or failed to provide all required documents.

Withdrawal/Failure to Repay Funds

0 percent or 0 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 133 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

One percent or 210 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 60 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 35 applicants were denied as they were requesting additional funds toward a second undergraduate, graduate or post-graduate 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

Eight 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

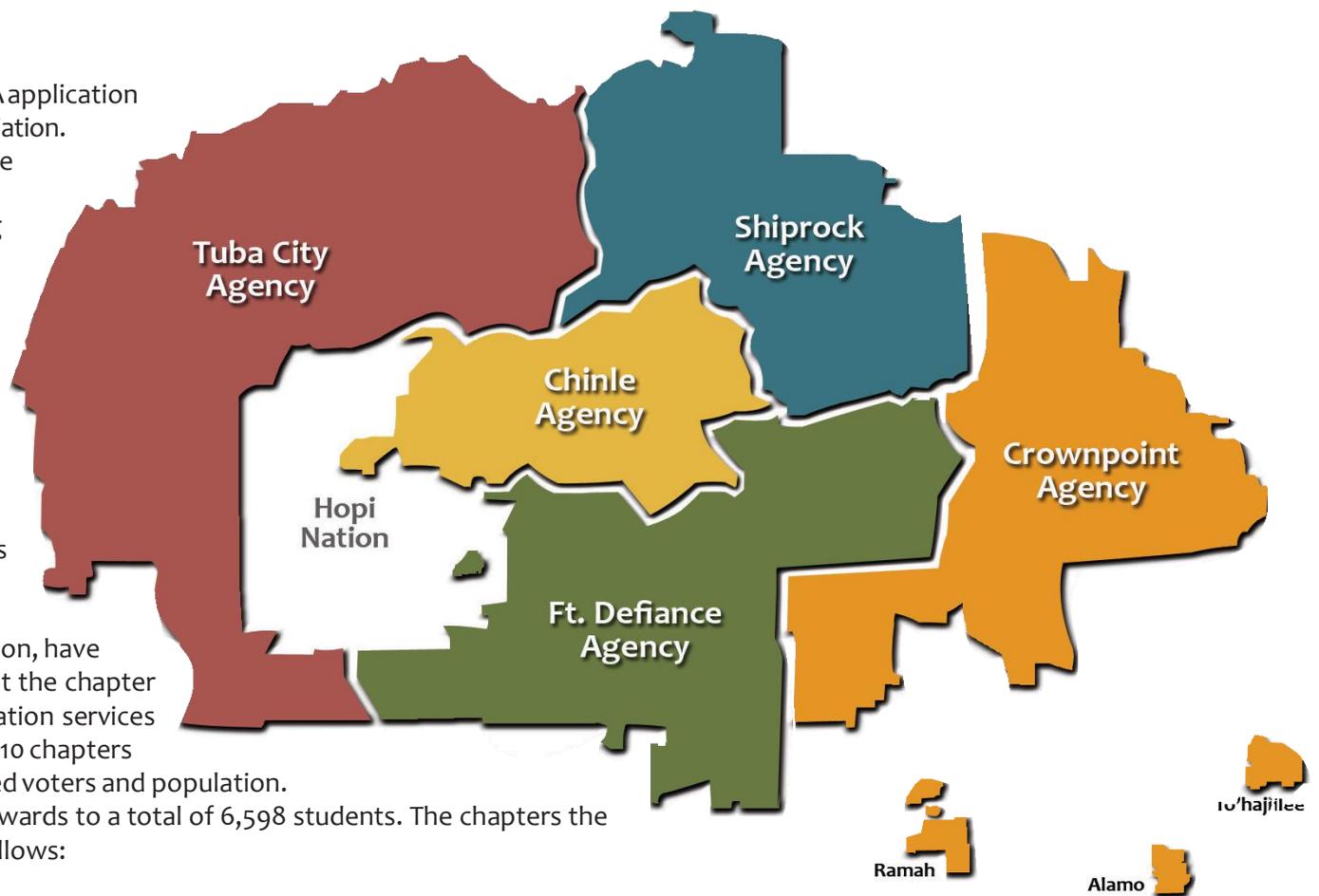
Students submitting an ONNSFA application are asked to state their chapter affiliation. This information is used to determine which agency office a student's file will be assigned to and for reporting purposes.

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 2019, the ONNSFA provided awards to a total of 6,598 students. The chapters the students are affiliated with are as follows:



Ft. Defiance Agency

1,652 Students

- Cornfields - 35
- Coyote Canyon - 59
- Crystal - 59
- Dilkon - 51
- Ft. Defiance - 357
- Ganado - 82
- Greasewood Springs - 44
- Houck - 38
- Indian Wells - 37
- Jeddito - 38
- Kinlichee - 61
- Klagetoh - 38
- Low Mountain - 41
- Lupton - 25
- Mexican Springs - 42
- Nahata Dziil - 27
- Naschitti - 63
- Oak-Pine Springs - 35
- Red Lake - 43
- Sawmill - 55
- St. Michaels - 120
- Steamboat - 48
- Teestoh - 50

(Ft. Defiance Agency)

- Tohatchi - 66
- Twin Lakes - 62
- White Cone - 46
- Wide Ruins - 30

Crownpoint Agency

1,301 Students

- Alamo - 26
- Baca/Haystack - 36
- Bahaali - 40
- Becenti - 49
- Casamero Lake - 25
- Chichiltah - 50
- Church Rock - 107
- Counselor - 27
- Crownpoint - 197
- Huerfano - 59
- Iyanbito - 41
- Lake Valley - 11
- Littlewater - 17
- Manuelito - 34
- Mariano Lake - 36
- Nageezi - 44
- Nahodishgish - 15

(Crownpoint Agency)

- Ojo Encino - 27
- Pinedale - 29
- Pueblo Pintado - 24
- Ramah - 31
- Red Rock - 62
- Rock Springs - 57
- Smith Lake - 12
- Standing Rock - 21
- Thoreau - 59
- Tohajiilee - 53
- Torreon/Star Lake - 37
- Tsayatoh - 48
- White Rock - 11
- Whitehorse Lake - 16

Shiprock Agency

1,355 Students

- Aneth - 103
- Beclabito - 22
- Cove - 20
- Gad íí'ahí - 26
- Mexican Water - 28
- Nenahnezad - 102
- Newcomb - 21
- Red Mesa - 83
- Red Valley - 20

(Shiprock Agency)

- Rock Point - 98
- San Juan - 38
- Sanostee - 41
- Sheepsprings - 26
- Shiprock - 448
- Sweetwater - 45
- Teec Nos Pos - 46
- T'iis Tsoh Sikaad - 29
- Tsé Daa K'aan - 51
- Toadlena/
- Two Grey Hills - 21
- Upper Fruitland - 87

Tuba City Agency

1,221 Students

- Birdsprings - 29
- Bodaway/Gap - 41
- Cameron - 47
- Chilchinbeto - 40
- Coalmine Canyon - 44
- Coppermine - 45
- Dennehotso - 27
- Inscription House - 22
- Kaibeto - 29
- Kayenta - 147
- Lechee - 60

(Tuba City Agency)

- Leupp - 72
- Navajo Mountain - 40
- Oljato - 80
- Shonto - 62
- Tolani Lake - 25
- Tonalea - 54
- Tó naneesdizí - 365
- Unknown - 3

Chinle Agency

1,066 Students

- Black Mesa - 21
- Chinle - 361
- Forest Lake - 28
- Hard Rock - 24
- Lukachukai - 97
- Many Farms - 84
- Nazlini - 42
- Piñon - 70
- Rough Rock - 43
- Round Rock - 59
- Tachee/Blue Gap - 55
- Tsaile/Wheatfields - 95
- Tselani/Cottonwood - 52
- Whippoorwill Springs - 35