



Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



# ONNSFA Statistical Profile

Calendar Year	2021	2022
<b>No. of Students Requesting Awards:</b> (Students are counted once whether they submit one or more applications during a calendar year.)	11,924	11,628
<b>No. of Students Receiving Awards:</b> (Students are counted once whether they receive one or more awards during the calendar year.)	5,548	5,824
<b>Percentage of Students Funded:</b> (The total number of students awarded from the total number of applicants. Applicants are counted once.)	47%	50%
<b>No. of Students Denied:</b>	6,376	5,804
<b>Denial Ratio of ONNSFA Applicants:</b>	53%	50%
<b>Enrollment Status of Recipients:</b>		
Undergraduate	81%	81%
Graduate	19%	19%
<b>No. of Awards by Funding Source:</b>		
Federal	3,339	4,727
Navajo Nation, Trust, Corporate	4,884	3,379
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,223</b>	<b>8,106</b>
<b>Total Federal Fund Awards to:</b>		
Need-Based Students	\$3,971,784	\$5,588,290
Chief Manuelito Scholars	5,802,750	7,845,102
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$9,774,534</b>	<b>\$13,433,392</b>
<b>Chief Manuelito Awards:</b>		
Total No. of Student Awards	1,744	1,652
Total Expended From All Sources	\$9,428,340	\$8,550,937
Percentage From All Sources	41%	37%
<b>Total Funding to:</b>		
Undergraduate Students	17,617,742	16,984,093
Graduate Students	5,582,856	5,880,706
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$23,200,598</b>	<b>\$22,864,799</b>
<b>Average Award to:</b>		
Undergraduate Students	\$3,924	\$2,597
Graduate Students	\$5,277	\$3,758
<b>No. of Students Awarded:</b>		
Undergraduate Students	4,490	4,724
Graduate Students	1,058	1,100

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## DEADLINES TO APPLY:

2023-2023 Academic Year - **June 26, 2023**

2024 Spring/Winter Term - **November 27, 2023**

### 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 (e.g. tuition, books and housing) 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. The Chief Manuelito Scholarship is based upon the GPA of college-level courses. Students seeking an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) or Certificate are ineligible. The scholarship is not automatically renewed and students must re-apply each year for continued consideration.

### 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.

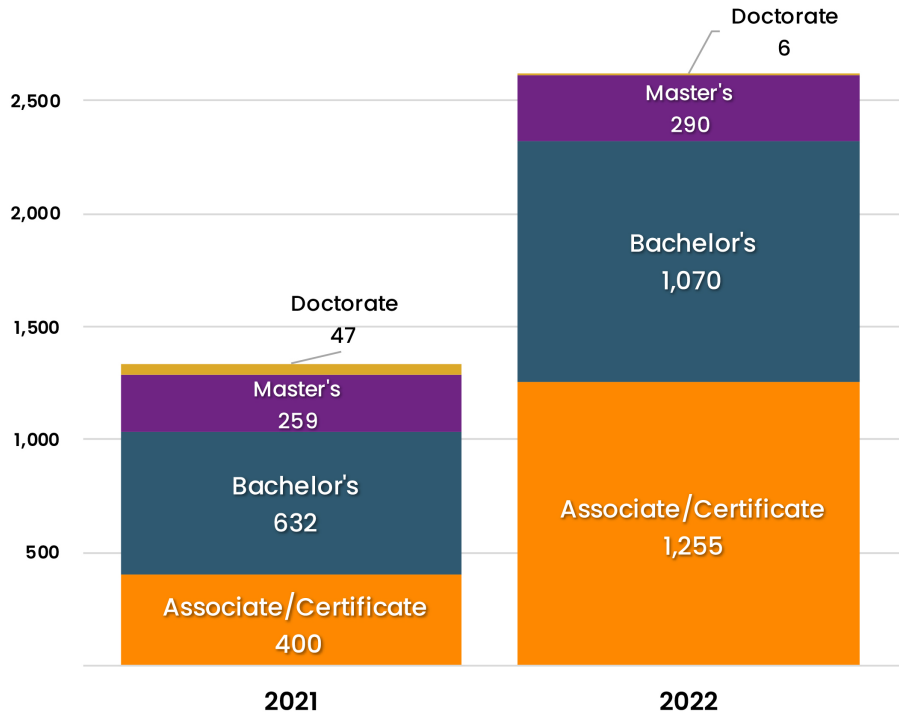
### Part-Time Undergraduate and Graduate Awards

(\$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.

# Degrees Attained/Pursued by ONNSFA Recipients

## 2,621 ONNSFA Award Recipients Attain College Degrees or Certificates



The number of degrees earned by ONNSFA award recipients in the Calendar Year 2022 doubled from 2021. A total of 2,621 students served by the ONNSFA attained degrees at various levels compared to the 1,338 degrees achieved in 2021.

Data collected from 196 schools, primarily in the Four-Corners area, showed that 2,621 award recipients attained a college degree or certificate in 2022.

Approximately 1,255 recipients, or 48 percent, earned an Associate degree or certificate. Another 41 percent, 1,070 recipients, earned a Bachelor's degree, 11 percent, or 290 recipients, earned a Master's degree, and less than 1 percent, or six recipients, earned a Doctoral or professional degree.

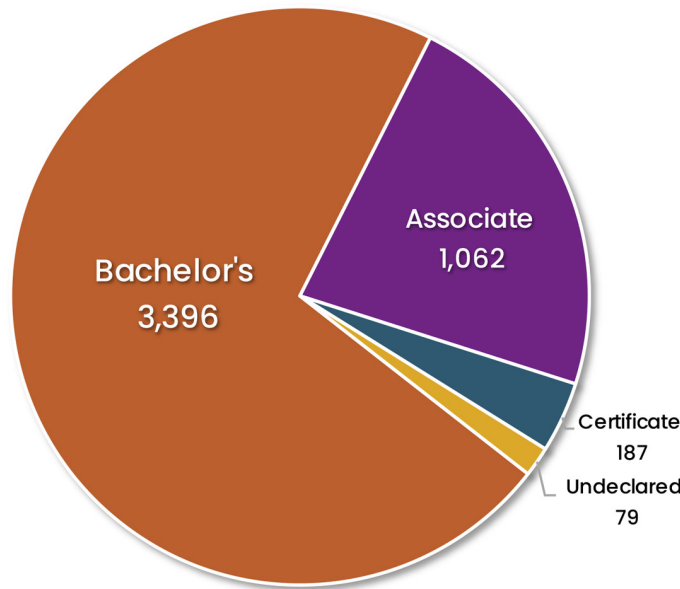
The number of degrees attained is based on graduation data within the ONNSFA's Empower database. The institutions where award recipients earned a college degree or certificate are among the top 20 schools attended by all students awarded. (See pages 6 and 7.) Data was extracted from graduation programs obtained by ONNSFA staff. The ONNSFA continually seeks graduation data.

## Levels of Degrees Sought by Undergraduate and Graduate Students in 2022

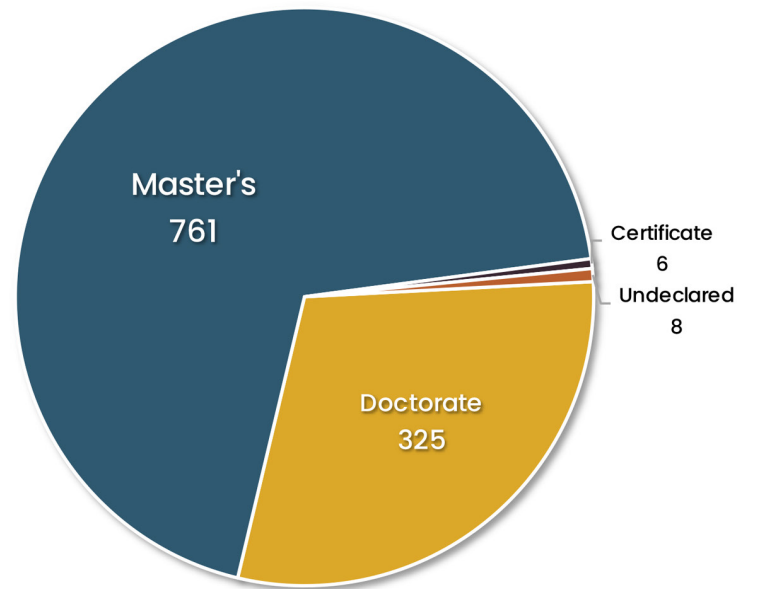
In Calendar Year 2022, 5,824 students received awards from the ONNSFA. Eighty-one percent were undergraduates, and 19 percent were graduate students.

Approximately 72 percent of undergraduates receiving awards were seeking a Bachelor's degree. Another 22 percent pursued an Associate degree, and 4 percent sought a Certificate.

Approximately 69 percent of graduate students sought a Master's degree. Another 30 percent pursued a doctoral or professional degree. Less than 1 percent sought a Certificate.



Undergraduates	# of Students	%
Associate	1,062	22%
Bachelor's	3,396	72%
Certificate	187	4%
Undeclared	79	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,724</b>	<b>100%</b>



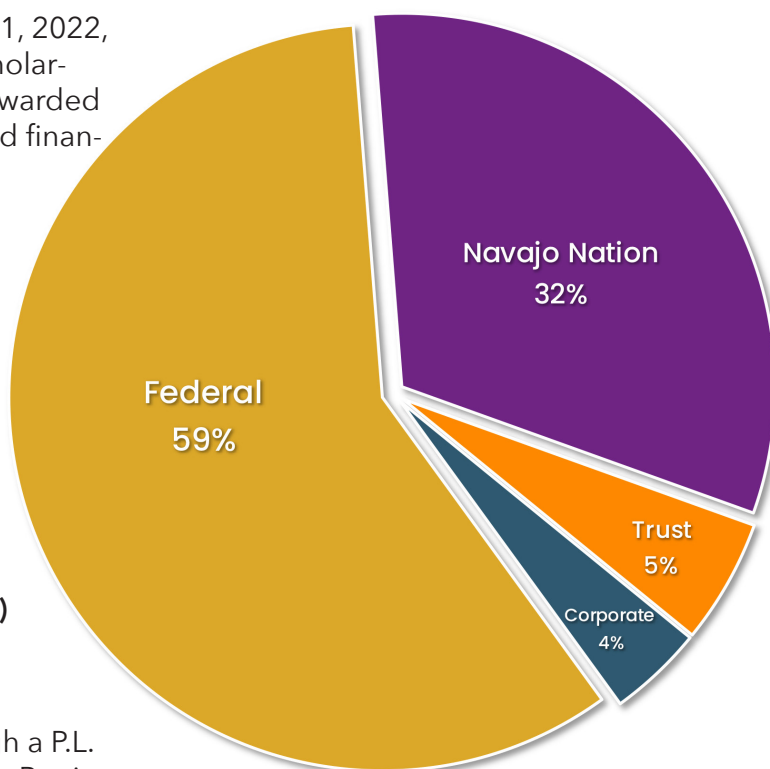
Graduates	# of Students	%
Master's	761	69%
Doctorate	325	30%
Certificate	6	< 1%
Undeclared	8	< 1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>100%</b>

# 2022 Calendar Year Funding Sources

## ONNSFA Financial Aid, Scholarship Awards Totaled \$22.8 Million in 2022

From January 1 to December 31, 2022, the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance awarded \$22,864,799 in scholarships and financial aid.

The total number of students who received awards from the four funding sources equated to 5,824. The total number of awards made from all funding sources amounted to 8,106. The chart to the right illustrates the proportion of each funding source to the total amount administered by the ONNSFA.



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

**Total: \$13,433,392**

**No. of Awards: 4,727**

Federal funds, provided through a P.L. 93-638 contract with the Navajo Region Bureau of Indian Affairs, comprised about 59 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 for merit-based awards to Chief Manuelito Scholars.

### Navajo Nation General Funds

**Total: \$7,257,149**

**No. of Awards: 2,623**

Navajo Nation General Funds comprised about 48 percent of scholarship funds. Annual appropriations of \$3.5 million as mandated by the Diné Higher Education Grant Fund and proceeds from a portion of Navajo Nation Sales Taxes are included in this category. These funds are used to provide awards to graduate students, undergraduates, and students enrolled in the Navajo Teacher Education program.

### Trust Funds

**Total: \$1,234,353**

**No. of Awards: 363**

Interest revenue from trust funds comprised about 5 percent of funds awarded by ONNSFA in 2022. Policies for trust funds, including the Graduate Trust Fund, the Navajo Engineering & Construction Authority Trust Fund, the Vocational Education Trust Fund, and Tucson Electric Fund, stipulate that "10 percent of the fund [market value] shall be used as scholarship and financial assistance." Interest revenue from these sources fluctuates from year to year based on market value.

### Corporate Funds

**Total: \$939,905**

**No. of Awards: 393**

Contributions from corporations comprised about 5 percent of the total funds awarded in 2022. Leases with companies including Chevron Mining, Inc. and Peabody Energy include a provision that companies contribute to the scholarship fund. Contributions from private individuals to the Diné Scholarship Annual Fund are also included in this category.

### 2022 Awards Breakdown

2022 Awards Breakdown	
<b>Navajo Nation Funds</b>	<b>\$7,257,149</b>
Navajo Nation Grant	3,150,398
Sales Tax Revenue	1,690,465
UA College of Law	
Navajo Technical University	
Chief Manuelito Scholarships	
Need-Based	
Part-Time Summer	
Vocational	1,228,041
Teacher Education	351,956
Chief Manuelito Scholarships	295,167
Need-Based	242,199
Part-Time	
Graduate	
No-Need (Sales Tax)	170,000
Fielding University	60,000
UA College of Medicine	58,923
Diné Bizaad College Fund	10,000
<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$13,433,392</b>
Chief Manuelito Scholarships	7,845,102
Need-Based	5,406,290
Part-Time	182,000
<b>Trust Funds</b>	<b>\$1,234,353</b>
Navajo Nation Graduate Trust	621,520
Vocational Trust Fund	212,447
Arizona State University Law	157,084
NECA Trust	102,500
University of New Mexico Law	85,552
Tucson Electric	55,520
<b>Corporate Funds</b>	<b>\$939,905</b>
Chevron P&M (No-Need)	309,603
Diné Scholarship Annual Fund	232,000
Peabody Energy	209,300
Sussman	166,252
Navajo Nation Oil & Gas, Co.	15,500
Dominion Energy/Four Corners	7,250

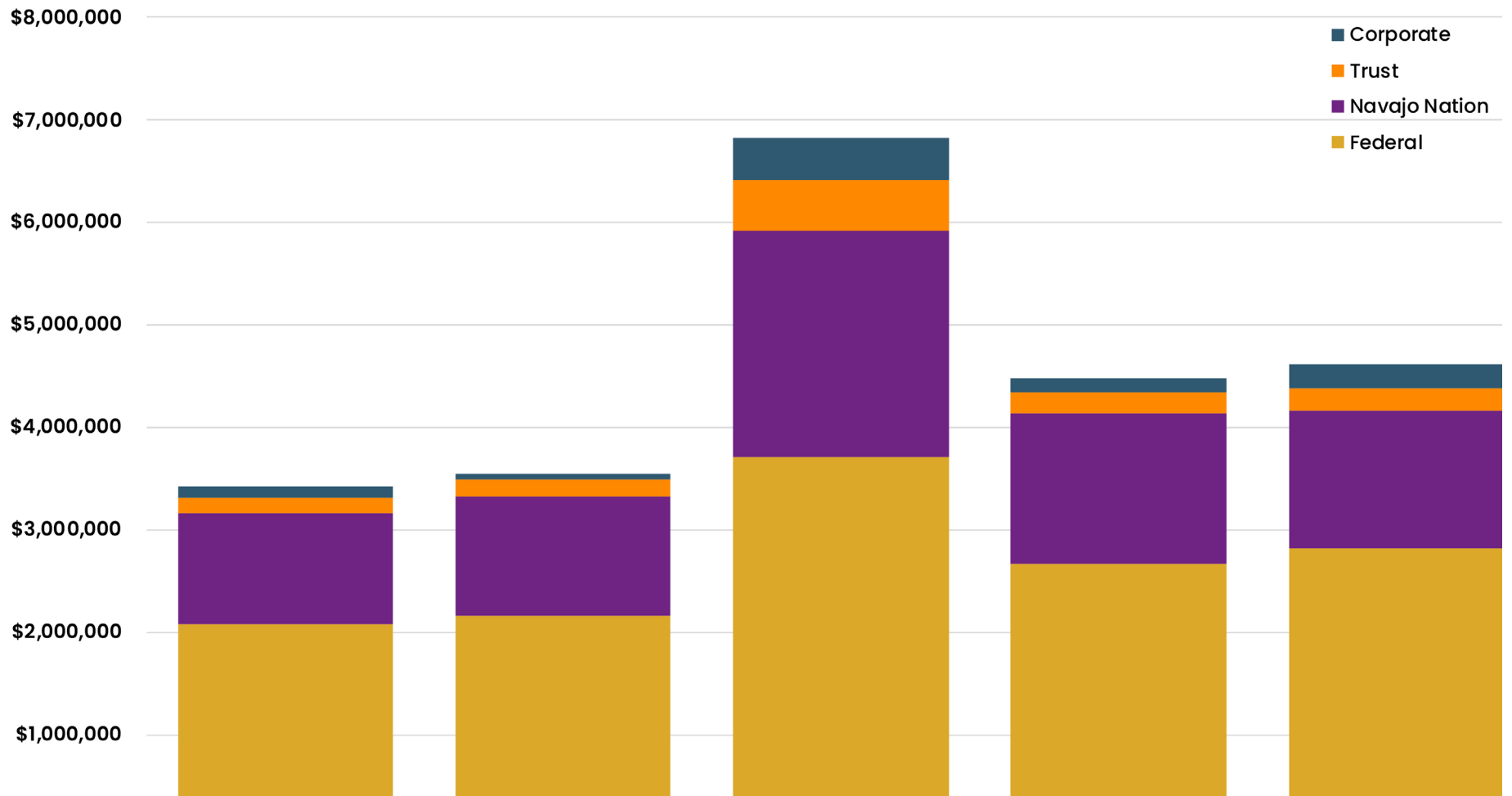
**Total All Sources: \$22,864,799**

**Note:** The total number of students awarded from all funding sources (5,824) differs from the total number of awards (8,106) as students may have received awards from a combination of funding sources and are counted in each source.



# Funding Activity by Agency in 2022

## Total Award Amounts by Agency

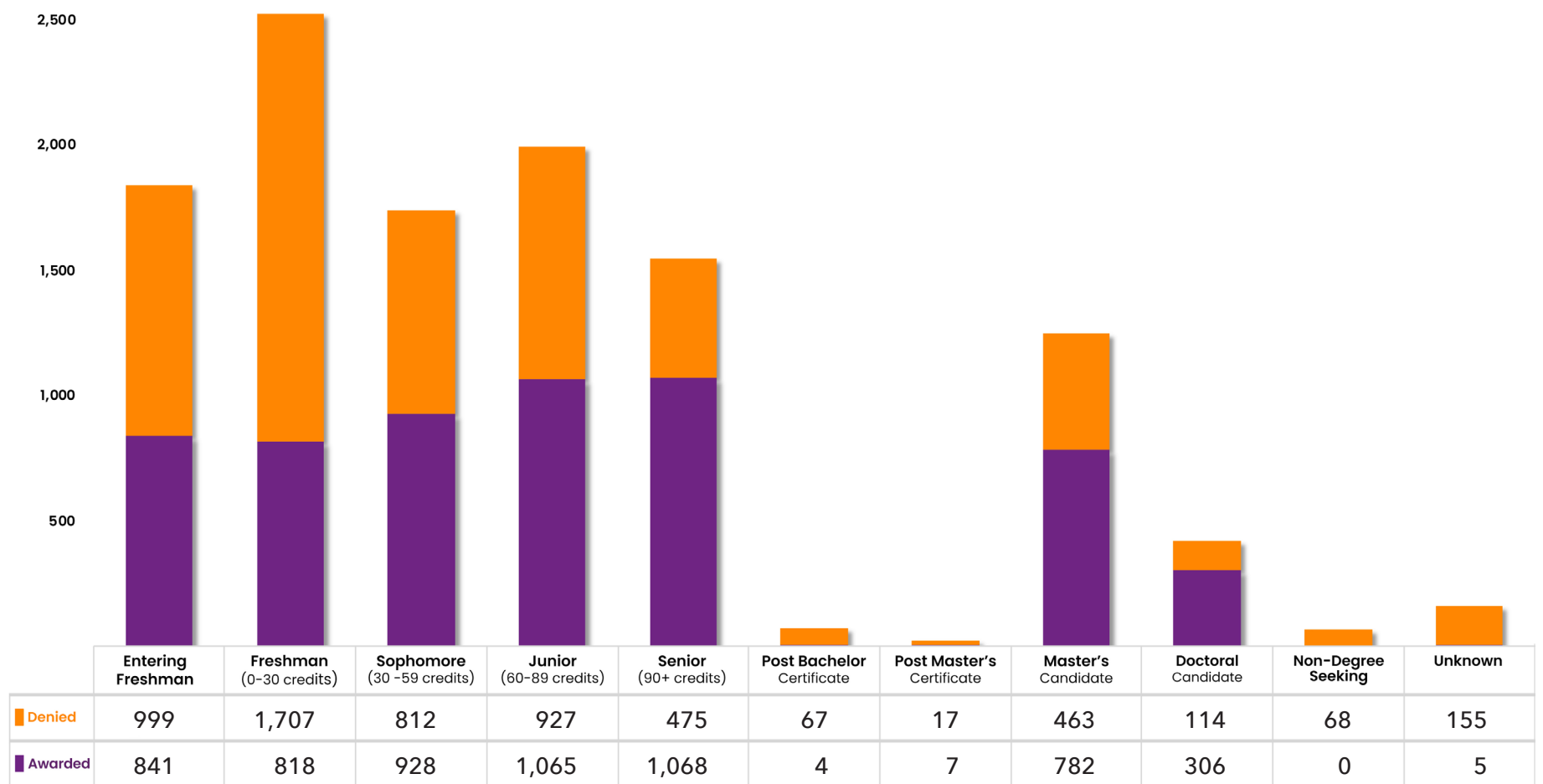


	Chinle	Crownpoint	Fort Defiance	Shiprock	Tuba City
<b>Federal</b>	\$2,075,982	\$2,160,975	\$3,711,169	\$2,668,402	\$2,816,864
<b>Navajo</b>	\$1,085,746	\$1,162,950	\$2,203,903	\$1,461,978	\$1,342,572
<b>Trust</b>	\$149,334	\$158,250	\$498,836	\$208,933	\$219,000
<b>Corporate</b>	\$114,064	\$55,000	\$404,926	\$138,205	\$227,710
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,425,126</b>	<b>\$3,537,175</b>	<b>\$6,818,834</b>	<b>\$4,477,518</b>	<b>\$4,606,146</b>

## Number of Awards by Agency

	Chinle	Crownpoint	Fort Defiance	Shiprock	Tuba City
<b>Federal</b>	744	764	1,310	933	976
<b>Navajo</b>	405	445	720	568	485
<b>Trust</b>	60	50	103	74	76
<b>Corporate</b>	48	33	149	76	87
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,257</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>2,282</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>1,624</b>

# Awarded/Denied Students by Class Levels

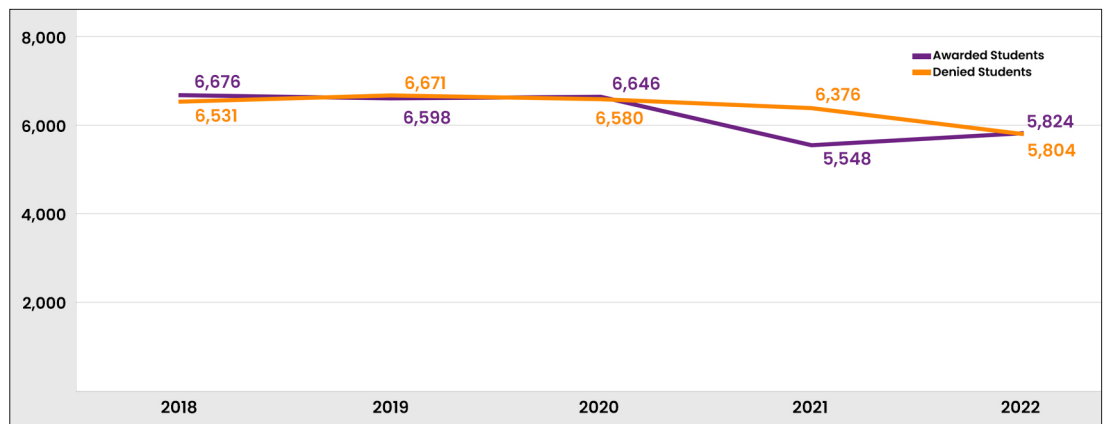


## Half of 11,628 Applicants Receive Awards; Application Submission Rate Drops 2.5%

The Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance received 2.5 percent fewer applications (11,628) in 2022 than the previous year (11,924). However, the denial rate decreased to 50 percent from 53 percent in 2021.

Students with Freshman status (0-30 credits) submitted 22 percent of all applications at 2,525. Approximately 68 percent (1,707) were denied, and 32 percent (818) received awards. Students with Junior status (60-89 credits) submitted the following highest number of applications at 1,992 – 53 percent (1,065) of those receiving awards.

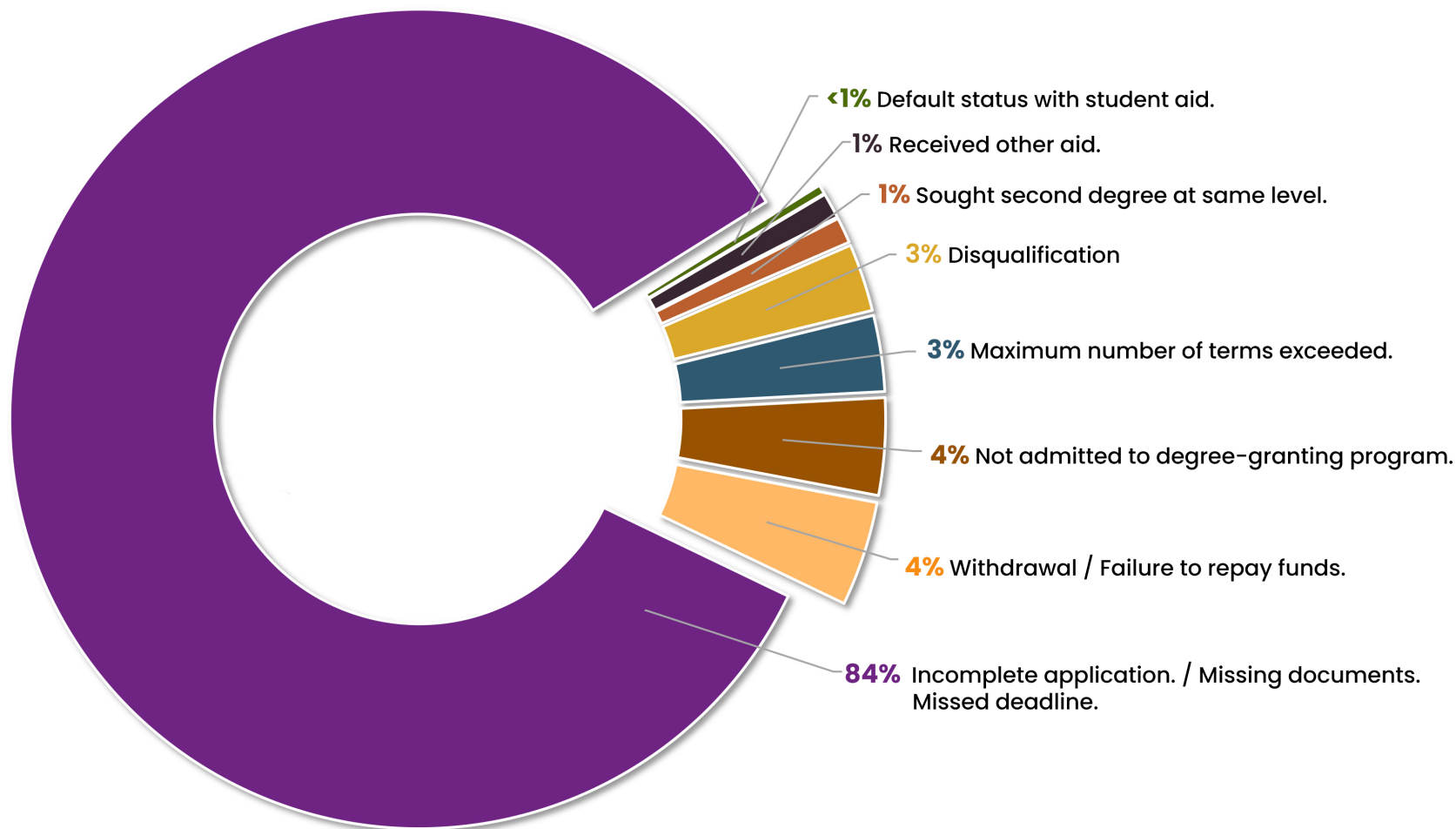
The third-highest number of applications (1,740) were submitted by students classified as Sophomores who had completed 31-59 credits. Fifty-three percent (1,065) received awards, and 47 percent (812) were denied. Students with Senior status (90+ credits) submitted 1,543 applications. Sixty-nine percent were awarded.



Year	Total No. Applicants	Awarded Students	Denied Students	% Awarded	% Denied	% Change (No. of Applicants)
2017	12,807	6,755	6,052	53%	47%	-
2018	13,207	6,676	6,531	51%	49%	3%
2019	13,269	6,598	6,671	50%	50%	.4%
2020	13,226	6,646	6,580	50%	50%	-.3%
2021	11,924	5,548	6,376	47%	53%	-10%
2022	11,628	5,824	5,804	50%	50%	-2.5%

# 2022 ONNSFA Denials

## Primary Reasons for Denials: Incomplete Applications, Missed Deadlines



### 5,804 Applications Denied

In Calendar Year 2022, a total of 11,628 applications were submitted to the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance (ONNSFA). Approximately half, 5,824 applicants, received awards. The remaining 5,804 applications were denied for varied reasons, including:

#### Incomplete Application/Missed Deadlines

Eighty-four percent (4,875 students) submitted incomplete applications or failed to provide all required documents by established deadlines.

#### Withdrawal/Failure to Repay Funds

Four percent or 240 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.

#### Not Admitted Into a Degree Program

A total of 222, or four percent, 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 and a Regular Letter of Admission from the graduate university.

#### Maximum Number of Terms Exceeded

Three percent, or 174 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, sixty-four semester credit hours, or an equivalent number of quarter or trimester credit hours.

#### Disqualification

Three percent or 155 applicants were denied due to violation of the ONNSFA's policies, including not maintaining the required grade point average, repeating courses, or falsifying information.

#### Seeking a Second Degree at Same Level

One percent or 59 applicants were denied as they requested additional funds toward a second degree at the same level.

#### Received Other Aid

One percent of 58 applicants were denied due to receiving aid from other sources that meet or exceed their financial need.

#### Default Status With Student Aid

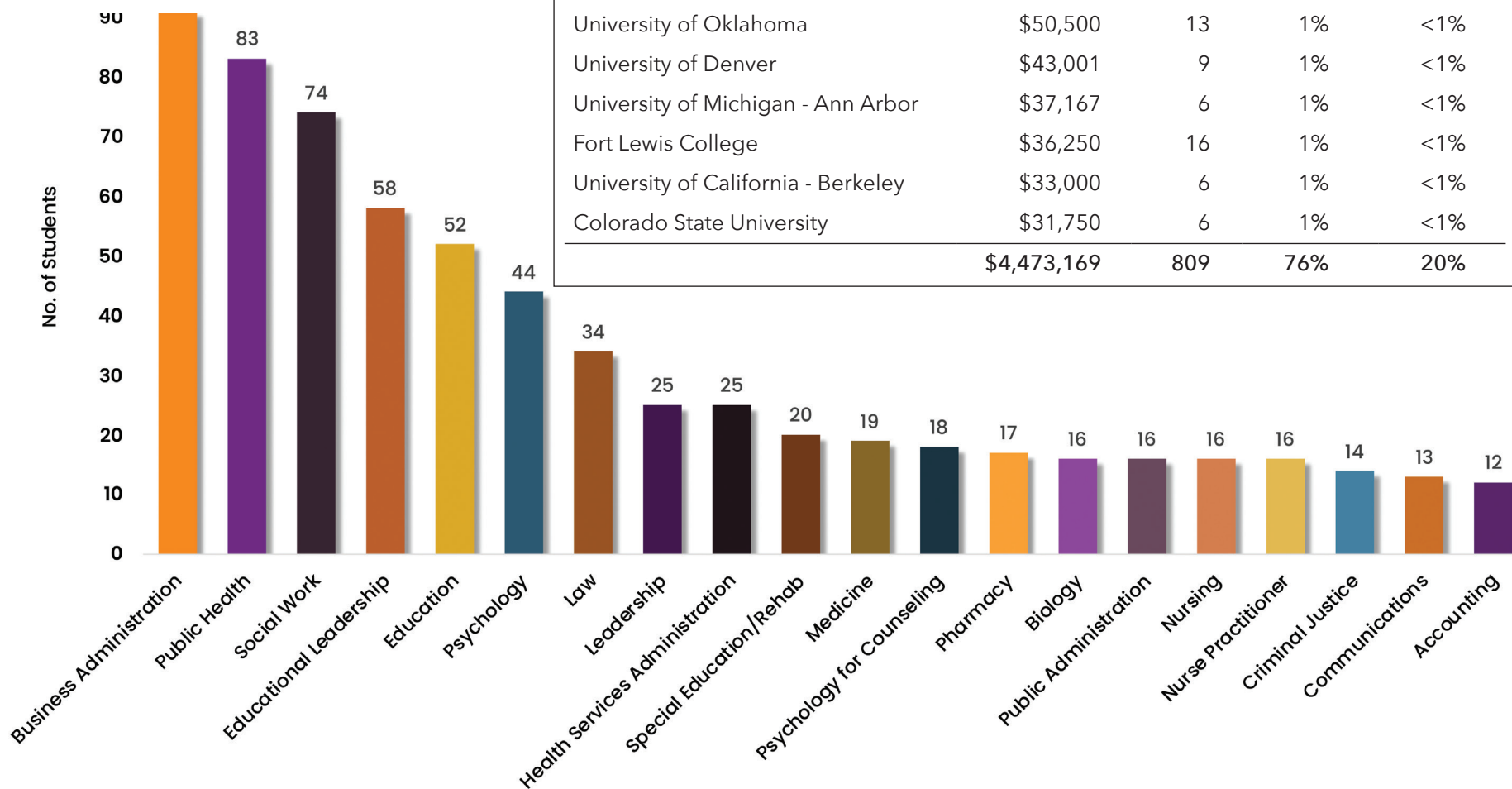
Less than 1 percent of applicants (21) was denied due to default status. Students who default on a federal student loan are ineligible for additional federal student aid.

# Top Graduate Majors & Institutions

## \$5.8 Million Awarded to 1,100 Graduate Students

In 2022, the ONNSFA awarded \$5,880,706 to 1,100 graduate students attending 186 institutions. Students attending the top 20 schools received 76 percent, \$4,473,169, of all graduate funding. Grand Canyon University received the largest amount with \$816,320 or 14 percent of graduate funding. Students at Arizona State University received \$660,273 or 11 percent of graduate funding.

Sixty percent of all graduate students declared majors in 20 disciplines. Eight percent, 91 students, majored in Business Administration. Seven percent, 83 students, sought Public Health degrees. Another seven percent, 81 students, majored in Social Work followed by five percent, 58 students, who majored in Educational Leadership.



Institution	Total Awards to Graduates	No. of Students	% of Grad Funding	% of Total Funding
Grand Canyon University	\$816,320	160	14%	4%
Arizona State University	\$660,273	102	11%	3%
University of New Mexico	\$611,960	108	10%	3%
University of Arizona	\$581,685	80	10%	3%
New Mexico Highlands University	\$433,500	74	7%	2%
Northern Arizona University	\$400,605	93	7%	2%
University of Phoenix	\$180,250	45	3%	1%
Fielding Graduate University	\$120,151	15	2%	1%
University of Arizona - College of Medicine	\$99,923	9	2%	<1%
New Mexico State University	\$98,750	22	2%	<1%
Western New Mexico University	\$64,750	14	1%	<1%
University of Utah	\$63,250	10	1%	<1%
University of Washington	\$56,584	11	1%	<1%
Navajo Technical University	\$53,500	10	1%	<1%
University of Oklahoma	\$50,500	13	1%	<1%
University of Denver	\$43,001	9	1%	<1%
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	\$37,167	6	1%	<1%
Fort Lewis College	\$36,250	16	1%	<1%
University of California - Berkeley	\$33,000	6	1%	<1%
Colorado State University	\$31,750	6	1%	<1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,473,169</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>20%</b>

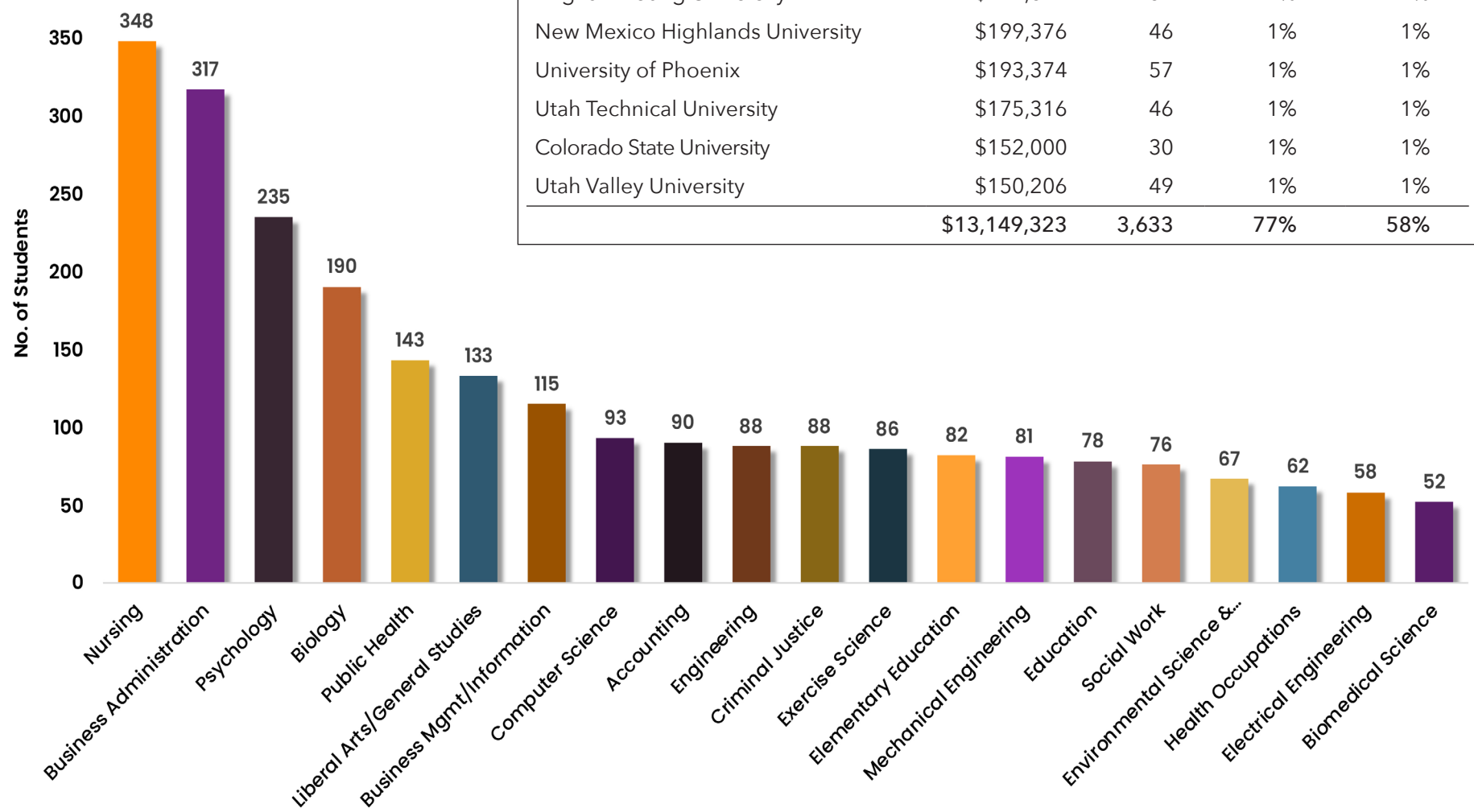
# Top Undergraduate Majors & Institutions

## \$13.1 Million Awarded to 4,724 Undergraduates

In 2022, the ONNSFA awarded \$13.1 million to 4,724 undergraduates attending 403 colleges and universities throughout the United States. A majority of students chose to attend schools in the Four-Corners area.

Students at Arizona State University received 11 percent of undergraduate funding and 8 percent of all ONNSFA funding. Those attending Northern Arizona University received \$1,711,585, 11 percent of undergraduate funding and 7 percent of all funding.

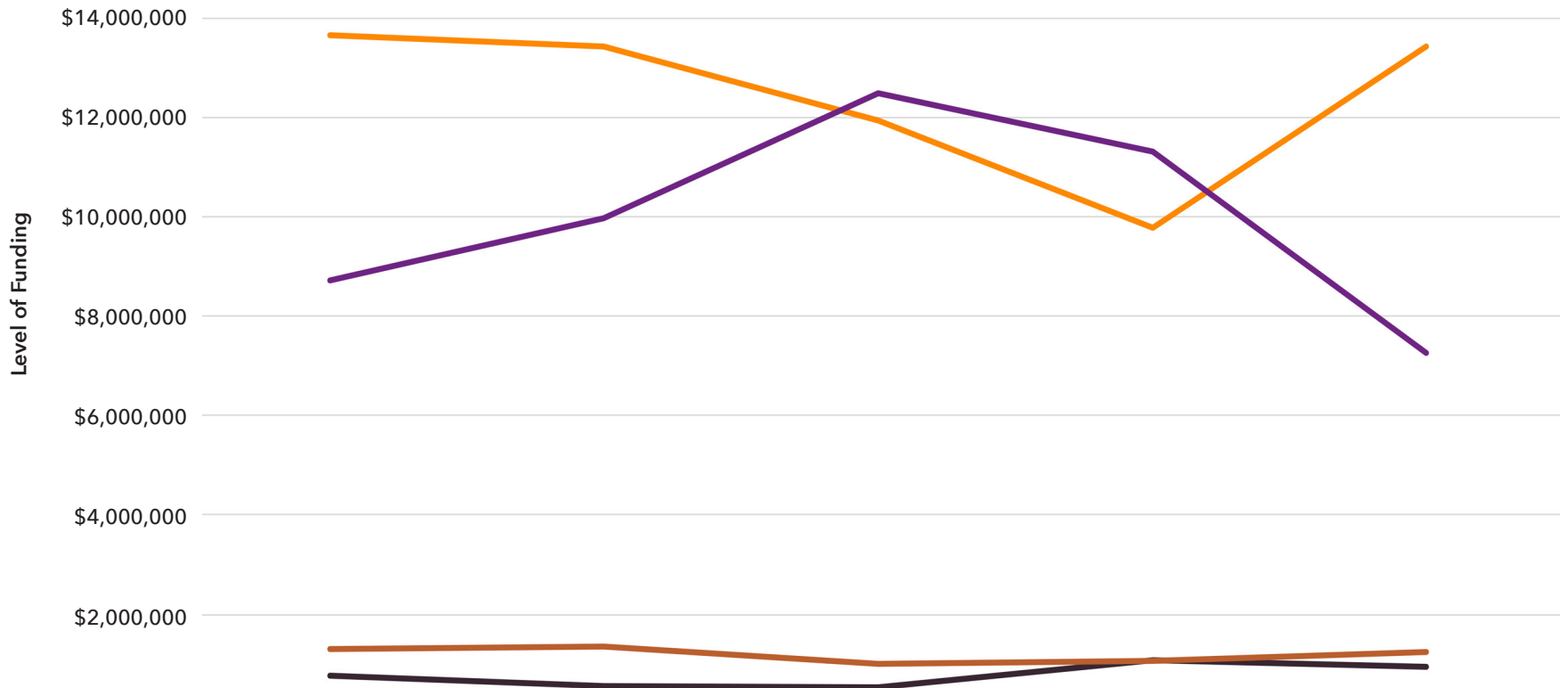
A total of 343 undergraduates chose to major in Nursing, 317 in Business Administration, 235 in Psychology, 190 in Biology, 143 in Public Health, 133 in Liberal Arts/General Studies, and 115 in Business Management and Accounting.



Institution	Total Awards to Undergraduates	No. of Students	% of Undergrad Funding	% of Total Funding
Arizona State University	\$1,870,550	436	11%	8%
Northern Arizona University	\$1,711,585	406	10%	7%
Fort Lewis College	\$1,595,315	435	9%	7%
University of New Mexico	\$1,499,107	401	9%	7%
Diné College	\$1,027,233	324	6%	4%
University of Arizona	\$796,961	196	5%	3%
Navajo Technical University	\$793,896	265	5%	3%
Grand Canyon University	\$653,956	171	4%	3%
San Juan College	\$587,542	222	3%	3%
Utah State University - Blanding	\$393,748	128	2%	2%
University of New Mexico - Gallup	\$347,449	138	2%	2%
New Mexico State University	\$346,556	89	2%	2%
University of Utah	\$225,925	54	1%	1%
Coconino Community College	\$217,336	88	1%	1%
Brigham Young University	\$211,892	52	1%	1%
New Mexico Highlands University	\$199,376	46	1%	1%
University of Phoenix	\$193,374	57	1%	1%
Utah Technical University	\$175,316	46	1%	1%
Colorado State University	\$152,000	30	1%	1%
Utah Valley University	\$150,206	49	1%	1%
	<b>\$13,149,323</b>	<b>3,633</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>58%</b>



# ONNSFA Funding From 2018-2022



	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
<b>Federal</b>	\$13,647,552	56%	\$13,414,550	53%	\$11,917,270	46%	\$9,774,534	42%	13,433,392	59%
<b>Navajo Nation</b>	\$8,710,026	36%	\$9,964,989	39%	\$12,480,928	48%	\$11,293,430	48%	7,257,149	32%
<b>Corporate</b>	\$751,889	3%	\$542,606	2%	\$531,392	2%	\$1,076,076	5%	939,905	4%
<b>Trust</b>	\$1,288,322	5%	\$1,350,787	5%	\$1,002,686	4%	\$1,056,558	5%	1,234,353	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,397,789</b>		<b>\$25,274,952</b>		<b>\$25,932,276</b>		<b>\$23,200,598</b>		<b>\$22,864,799</b>	

## Federal Funds Are Primary Source of Funding for ONNSFA Recipients in 2022

In 2022, the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance awarded about \$22.8 million to 5,824 students. Unlike past years, federal funds, provided through a P.L. 93-638 contract with the Navajo Region Bureau of Indian Affairs, comprised about 59 percent of the funds awarded in 2022.

Federal funds are primarily used to award undergraduate students with financial need as determined by the student's Financial Need Analysis and for merit-based awards to Chief Manuelito Scholars.

In 2020 and 2021, Navajo Nation funds surpassed federal funding amounts. In 2022, Navajo Nation funding fell to \$7.26 million

from \$11.2 million in 2021.

A factor in the dip in Navajo Nation funding was the portion of Navajo Nation Sales Tax revenues earmarked for scholarships. Legislation passed in recent years increased the number of programs that appropriated parts of sales tax revenue and reduced amounts available for scholarships.

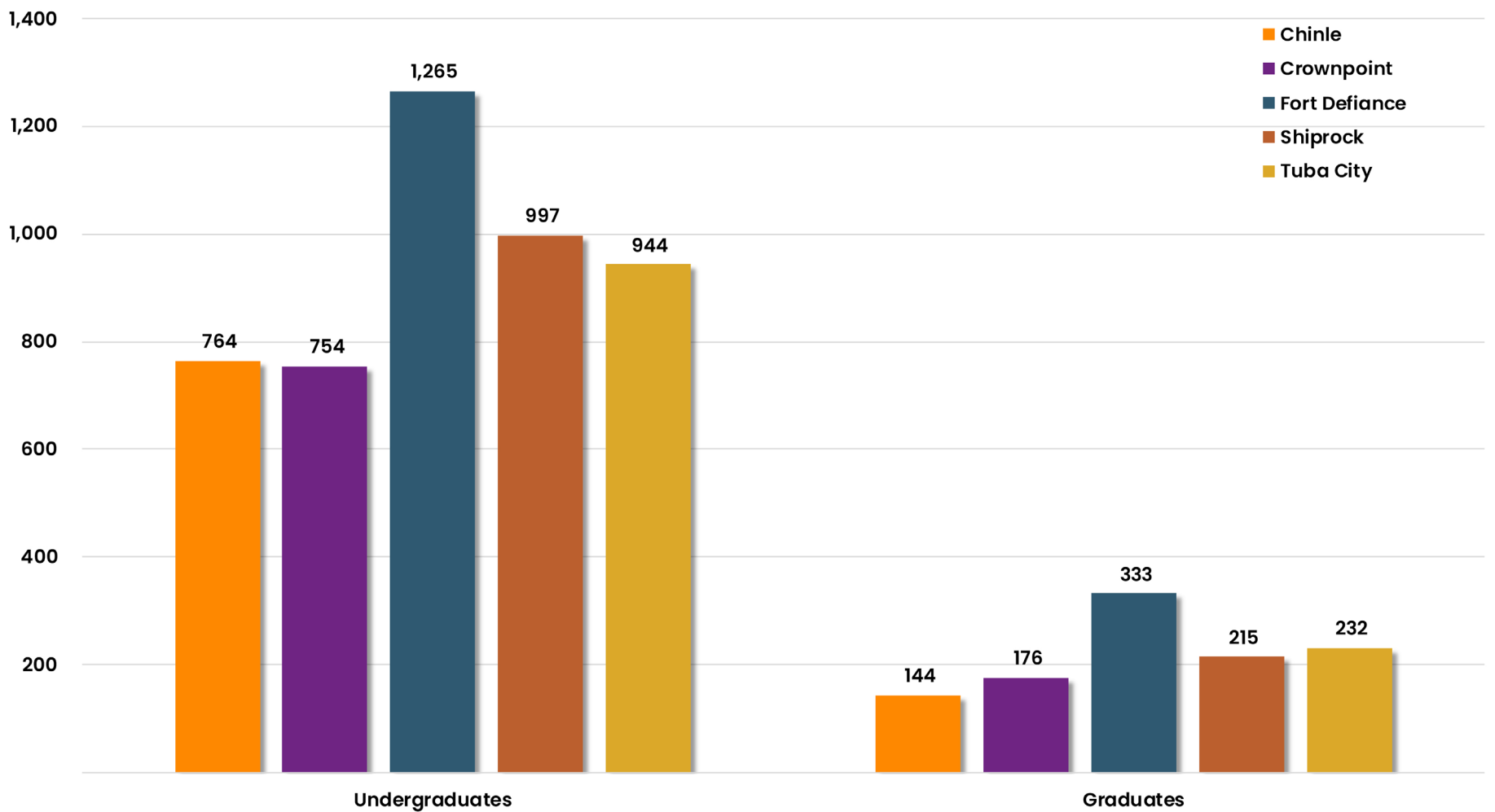
Revenues from the Navajo Nation's trust funds increased by about \$200,000 to \$1.2 million. Policies for trust funds, including the Graduate Trust Fund, the Navajo Engineering & Construction Authority Trust Fund, the Vocational Education Trust Fund, and Tucson Electric Fund, stipulate that "10 percent of the fund [market value] shall

be used as scholarship and financial assistance." Interest revenue from these sources fluctuates from year to year based on market value.

Corporate funding fell slightly from 2021 levels. Private individuals continue to make generous contributions which range from \$25 to \$100,000 for scholarships to benefit Navajo students. There are instances where contributions are made in memory of loved ones who once lived on the Navajo Nation.

The ONNSFA realizes students' financial challenges as they work towards a college degree. We will continue to seek out additional funding sources with the support of the Navajo Nation's leadership.

# Students Awarded by Agency/Class Level



## 5,824 Applicants Received Award Notices in 2022; Ft. Defiance Agency Office Provides Awards to 1,598

In 2022, a total of 11,628 undergraduate and graduate students submitted applications for financial aid to the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance. Of those, 5,548 students received a total of 8,223 awards.

As illustrated in the graph above, the Fort Defiance Agency office awarded 1,598 applicants, or 27 percent of all students receiving awards, with the most at the undergraduate (1,265) and graduate (333) levels.

Two agency offices - Shiprock and Tuba City - issued approximately 21 and 22 percent of the total awards, respectively. The Shiprock Agency office issued 997 undergraduate and 215 graduate awards, totaling 1,212. The Tuba City Agency office provided 1,176 awards to 944 undergraduates and 232 graduates.

The Crownpoint and Chinle Agency offices each issued approximately 16 percent of all awards. The Crownpoint office awarded

Agency Office	No. of Undergraduates Awarded	No. of Graduates Awarded	Total
Chinle	764	144	908
Crownpoint	754	176	930
Fort Defiance	1,265	333	1,598
Shiprock	997	215	1,212
Tuba City	944	232	1,176
	<b>4,724</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>5,824</b>

754 undergraduates and 176 graduates totaling 930. The Chinle Agency awarded 908 students, with 764 provided to undergraduates and 144 to graduates totaling 908 awards.

Navajo Nation funds, federal funds, corporate funds, and trust fund interest are used to make awards. Fifty-eight percent of awards (4,727) were sourced from federal funds. Navajo Nation funds provided 32 percent (2,623) of all awards. Corporate funds funded 5 percent (393) of all awards, and Trust fund interest funded 4 percent of all awards at 363. The Fort Defiance Agency office issued the highest amount from all sources totaling \$6,818,834.

# Student Awards (by Chapter)

## Chapter Affiliation

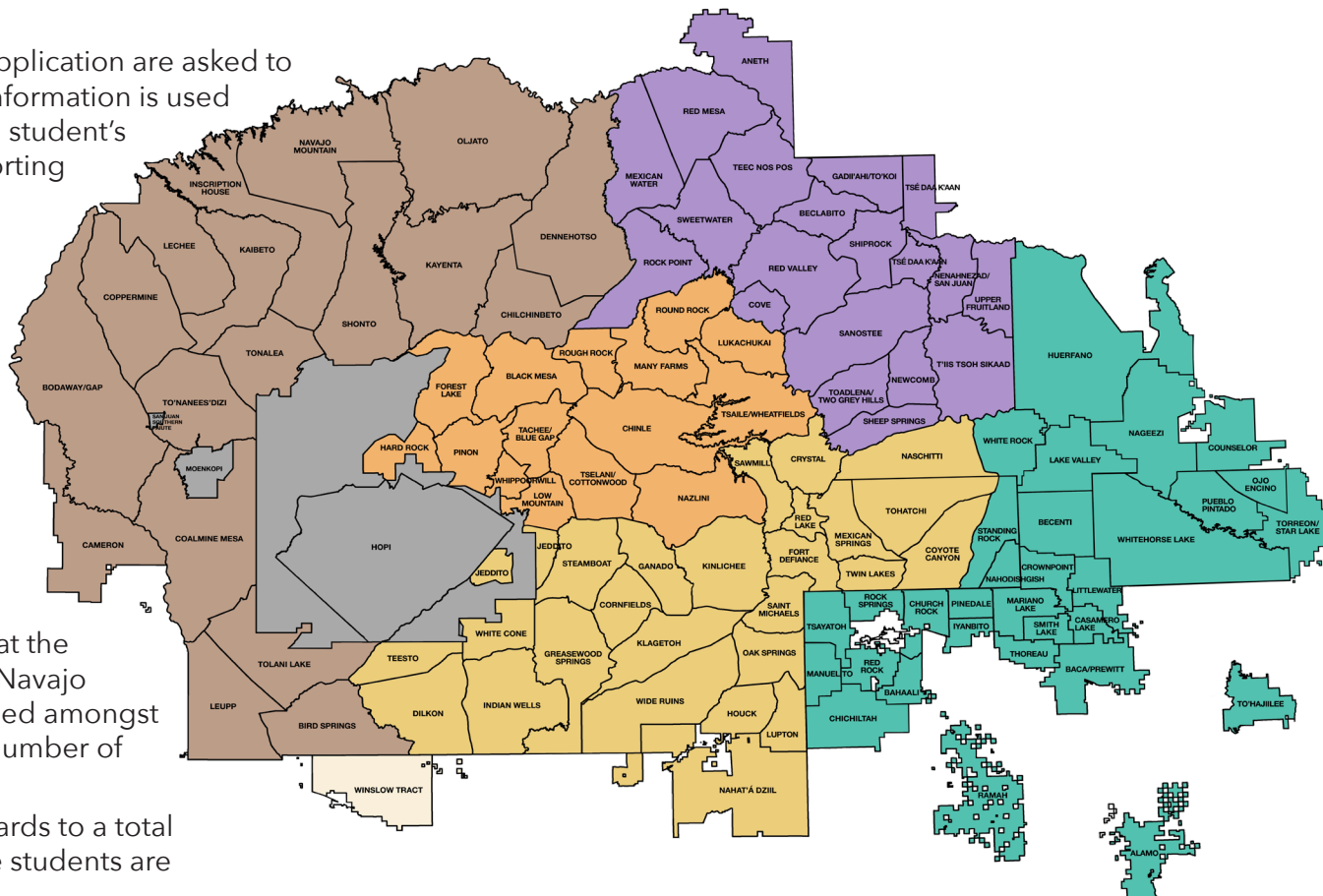
Students submitting an ONNSFA application are asked to state their chapter affiliation. This information is used to determine which agency office a student's file will be assigned to and for reporting purposes.

## 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 2022, the ONNSFA provided awards to a total of 5,824 students. The chapters the students are affiliated with are:



### **Ft. Defiance Agency** **1,497 Students**

- Cornfields - 316
- Coyote Canyon - 68
- Crystal - 41
- Dilkon - 56
- Ft. Defiance - 311
- Ganado - 76
- Greasewood Springs - 39
- Houck - 48
- Indian Wells - 35
- Jeddito - 40
- Kinlichee - 50
- Klagetoh - 32
- Low Mountain - 27
- Lupton - 18
- Mexican Springs - 38
- Nahata Dziil - 32
- Naschitti - 58
- Oak-Pine Springs - 36
- Red Lake - 31
- Sawmill - 44
- St. Michaels - 135
- Steamboat - 39
- Teestoh - 43
- Tohatchi - 55

### **(Ft. Defiance Agency)**

- Twin Lakes - 48
- White Cone - 33
- Wide Ruins - 33

### **Crownpoint Agency** **1,042 Students**

- Alamo - 15
- Baca/Haystack - 28
- Baahaali- 37
- Becenti - 31
- Casamero Lake - 18
- Chichiltah - 35
- Church Rock - 91
- Counselor - 18
- Crownpoint - 168
- Huerfano - 40
- Iyanbito - 25
- Lake Valley - 14
- Littlewater - 15
- Manuelito - 27
- Mariano Lake - 25
- Nageezi - 37
- Nahodishgish - 18
- Ojo Encino - 23
- Pinedale - 35

### **(Crownpoint Agency)**

- Pueblo Pintado - 20
- Ramah - 33
- Red Rock - 42
- Rock Springs - 52
- Smith Lake - 17
- Standing Rock - 25
- Thoreau - 45
- Tohajiilee - 22
- Torreon/Star Lake - 31
- Tsayatoh - 31
- White Rock - 18
- Whitehorse Lake - 6

### **Shiprock Agency** **1,174 Students**

- Aneth - 96
- Beclabito - 29
- Cove - 21
- Gad í'ahí - 19
- Mexican Water - 29
- Nenahnezad - 66
- Newcomb - 14
- Red Mesa - 54
- Red Valley - 28
- Rock Point - 84

### **(Shiprock Agency)**

- San Juan - 22
- Sanostee - 38
- Sheepsprings - 28
- Shiprock - 406
- Sweetwater - 33
- Teec Nos Pos - 39
- T'iis Tsoh Sikaad - 20
- Tsé Daa K'aan - 34
- Toadlena/  
Two Grey Hills - 21
- Upper Fruitland - 93

### **Tuba City Agency** **1,173 Students**

- Birdsprings - 24
- Bodaway/Gap - 35
- Cameron - 43
- Chilchinbeto - 37
- Coalmine Canyon - 36
- Coppermine - 40
- Dennehotso - 37
- Inscription House - 34
- Kaibeto - 43
- Kayenta - 155
- Lechee - 76

### **(Tuba City Agency)**

- Leupp - 73
- Navajo Mountain - 49
- Oljato - 100
- Shonto - 55
- Tolani Lake - 28
- Tonalea - 50
- Tó naneesdizí- 258

### **Chinle Agency** **927 Students**

- Black Mesa - 23
- Chinle - 325
- Forest Lake - 27
- Hard Rock - 22
- Lukachukai - 56
- Many Farms - 66
- Nazlini - 33
- Piñon - 84
- Rough Rock - 40
- Round Rock - 47
- Tachee/Blue Gap - 45
- Tsaile/Wheatfields - 72
- Tselani/Cottonwood - 52
- Whippoorwill Springs - 35
- Unknown - 11



## Eighty-Six Students Earn Prestigious Chief Manuelito Scholarship in 2022

LEUPP, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, First Lady Phefelia Nez, Vice President Myron Lizer, and Second Lady Dottie Lizer had the honor of joining proud parents, grandparents, and educators to recognize and celebrate the outstanding academic achievements of 86 student recipients of the Chief Manuelito Scholarship during an awards ceremony held at Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort in Leupp, Ariz., on August 5, 2022.

The prestigious Chief Manuelito Scholarship was established in 1980 to provide scholarships to high-achieving Navajo high school graduates to cover direct educational expenses associated with attending a post-secondary institution. The scholarships are awarded based on ACT/SAT scores and the final high school grade point average.

In his congratulatory message, President Nez encouraged the students to return home to the Nation after earning their degrees to help their people. President Nez recalled that as a young college graduate, he unsuccessfully applied for several jobs with the Navajo Nation before ultimately deciding to run for public office to serve as the Vice President of the Shonto Community Governance.

"I understand the challenges of returning home, securing a job, and building a life. It's not easy, but we have many of our people

who are doing it each and every day.

The Chief Manuelito Scholarship empowers our young people to earn their formal education, but we also have to uphold and honor the teachings of our elders to succeed. The key to moving forward is never to give up. Our ancestors never gave up, and that's why we are still here today," said President Nez.

He also highlighted the teachings of our elders. He spoke about how those teachings continue to help the Navajo people overcome challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and the importance of prayer as the students move forward with



ABOVE Six students from Tuba City High School earned Chief Manuelito Scholarships in 2022. Former President Jonathan Nez and First Lady Phefelia Nez congratulate Gracee Amy Curley, Ayana Jayde Brown, Taryn Tsoisie, Lyndsey Erin Tsoisie and Kirsten Goldtooth at an awards ceremony held on August 5, 2022. Not pictured: Kayden L. Acothley. RIGHT Dr. Manley Begay's keynote address focused on "Building the Navajo Nation: Challenges & Hope for the Future." (Courtesy photos)



their higher education and career goals.

Vice President Lizer also offered appreciation and thanks to the parents, grandparents, teachers, and others who supported the scholarship recipients and helped them to achieve academic success before offering the closing prayer to conclude the ceremony.

Northern Arizona University Professor Dr. Manley Begay, Jr. was the keynote speaker. Executive Staff Assistant with the Office of the President and Vice President Darrick Franklin served as the master of ceremonies. Navajo Nation Board of Education President Dr. Henry Fowler provided the opening prayer.

In closing, the Nez-Lizer Administration expressed gratitude to Rose Graham,

ONNSFA Department Manager, the agency staff members, and all the sponsors and contributors of the 2022 Chief Manuelito Scholarship Awards Ceremony, including Diné Development Corporation. SRP, Navajo Transitional Energy Company, Choice NTUA Wireless, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, Diné College, Navajo Gaming, and Navajo Petroleum.



# 2022 Chief Manuelito Scholars



**Kayden L. Acothley**  
Tuba City High School  
Arizona State University



**Meagan Apachito**  
Crowpoint High School  
University of New Mexico



**Alannah Atcitty**  
Skyline High School  
Brigham Young University



**Elijah D. Barnum**  
Dixie High School  
Utah Tech University



**Alexander Begay**  
Grandview High School  
University of Colo. - Boulder



**Kash Begay**  
Navajo Pine High School  
University of New Mexico



**Mya Benally**  
Navajo Preparatory School  
Bowdoin College



**Chyler Bitsoi**  
Holbrook High School  
Northern Arizona University



**Trajon Bizardi**  
Valley High School  
University of Arizona



**Hazel Tallman Blake**  
Shonto Prep Tech. High School  
Northern Arizona University



**Victoria Breeze**  
Winslow High School  
Fort Lewis College



**Ayana Jayde Brown**  
Tuba City High School  
Arizona State University



**Erin Brown**  
Tohatchi High School  
University of New Mexico



**Trinity Castillo**  
Farmington High School  
University of New Mexico



**Jimmie R. Chavez III**  
Tohatchi High School  
University of New Mexico



**Sykora Chief**  
Greyhills Academy High Sch  
Northern Arizona University



**Abrianna Kelea Clitso**  
Monument Valley HS-AZ  
Northern Arizona University



**Tasheena Cly**  
Monument Valley HS-UT  
University of Utah



**Jayneann Cummings**  
Page High School  
Snow College



**Gracee Amy Curley**  
Tuba City High School  
University of Oregon



**Kaitlyn Davis**  
Flagstaff High School  
University of Arizona



**Zachary Dawson**  
Coconino High School  
University of Arizona



**Lennon Done**  
San Juan High School  
University of Utah



**Javin Felipe**  
Sandia Preparatory School  
Brown University



**Shandelariah Footracer**  
Holbrook High School  
Northern Arizona University



**Isaac Francis**  
Winslow High School  
Northern Arizona University



**Kamri L. Gilliland**  
Pinnacle High School  
Washington State University



**Kirsten E. Goldtooth**  
Tuba City High School  
University of Arizona



**Selena Gonzales**  
Red Mesa High School  
Fort Lewis College



**Chelsey Hansen**  
Middle College High School  
University of Utah



**Lance Harris**  
Flagstaff High School  
Grand Canyon University



**Kaitlyn Harrison**  
Kirtland Central High School  
John Hopkins University



**Mato PW Henderson**  
Stevens High School  
South Dakota State Univ



**Michaela Hollowhorn**  
Miyamura High School  
University of Arizona



**Kiana Horsen**  
Meeeteetse High School  
Arizona State University



**Jared Howard**  
Mountain View High School  
Brigham Young University



**Emelia Howe**  
Sandia High School  
University of New Mexico



**Emily Joe**  
Piedra Vista High School  
Fort Lewis College



**Yanibaa Johnson**  
Rio Rancho High School  
University of New Mexico



**Theryn W. Kee**  
Wingate High School  
NM Institute of Mining & Tech.



**Tynya Kee**  
Pinon High School  
Northern Arizona University



**Caleb Bahe Ketchum**  
BASIS Flagstaff High School  
Stanford University



**Vivika Lewis**  
Window Rock High School  
Northern Arizona University



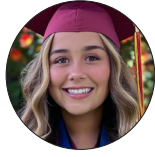
**Elijah Long**  
Farmington High School  
University of New Mexico



**Syriah Manheimer**  
Hopi Jr-Sr High School  
Northern Arizona University



**Cassidy Mike**  
Window Rock High School  
Arizona State University



**Elizabeth Mitchell**  
Viewmont High School  
Brigham Young University



**Maria Kate Moreno**  
Ingleside High School  
Texas A&M University



**Abriella Faith Muniz**  
Farmington High School  
University of New Mexico



**Aiyanna Nash**  
Monument Valley HS -AZ  
Northern Arizona University



**Gavin Nelson**  
Chanle High School  
Fort Lewis College



**Abigayle Nez**  
Holbrook High School  
Northern Arizona University



**Ashanti Lynn Nez**  
Monument Valley HS - AZ  
Stanford University



**Evan Paddock**  
EDUPRIZE School Gilbert  
Northern Arizona University



**Mailaya Paul**  
Crowpoint High School  
Arizona State University



**Deezi Peralta**  
Coconino High School  
Northern Arizona University



**Mariah Platero**  
Middle College High School  
University of New Mexico



**Keyonna Pollins**  
Moon Valley High School  
Arizona State University



**Alaiah Redmustache**  
Pinon High School  
Northern Arizona University



**Shay K. Samuel**  
Coconino High School  
California College of Art



**Kiley Faith Scott**  
Whitehorse High School  
University of California - LA



**Marisa Shirley**  
Chandler High School  
Arizona State University



**David Evan Simpson**  
Cuba High School  
Northern Arizona University



**Candace M. Singer**  
Monument Valley HS - AZ  
Northern Arizona University



**Alyssa R. Sombrero**  
Monument Valley HS - AZ  
Northern Arizona University



**Joseph Thompson**  
Middle College High School  
University of New Mexico



**Cheyenna Tsosie**  
Arizona Virtual Academy  
Arizona State University



**Lainey Nicole Tsosie**  
Paradise Honors High School  
Arizona State University



**Lyndsey Erin Tsosie**  
Tuba City High School  
Northern Arizona University



**Taryn Tsosie**  
Tuba City High School  
Haskell University



**Amber White**  
Navajo Preparatory School  
Duke University



**Quadre Wilson**  
Higley High School  
Arizona State University



**Daniel Yazzie**  
Navajo Preparatory School  
University of New Mexico



**Gehrend Yazzie**  
Chinle High School  
Northern Arizona University



**Ryan Sahneyah Yazzie**  
Hopi Jr-Sr High School  
Arizona State University



**Sheldon Yazzie**  
Flagstaff High School  
Northern Arizona University



**Shree Yazzie**  
Monument Valley HS-AZ  
Arizona State University



**Darren Yellowhair**  
Highland High School  
Arizona State University

**Not pictured:** Triston D. Carlo; Kirtland Central High School; NM Institute of Mining & Technology; Ruby Chadwick; American Embassy School; Stanford University; Matthew Francisco; Miyamura High School; Arizona State University; Adriana-Jo Halona; Middle College High School; University of Arizona; Alister L. Kinlichini; Coconino High School; Northern Arizona University; Gwenyth S. McPhie; Mountain View High School; Brigham Young University; Neil Martin Onesait; Miyamura High School; University of New Mexico - Gallup; Kaylee E. Winder; Stansbury High School; Weber State University