



2026 Chief Manuelito Scholarship Awards Ceremony Packet

Congratulations on earning the prestigious Chief Manuelito Scholarship. In preparation for the 2026 Chief Manuelito Awards Ceremony, we ask each scholar to submit a vertical, high-resolution photograph for use in online and print media. In past years, the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance (ONNSFA) published a full-page advertisement in the *Navajo Times* (an example is included in this packet).

If you choose to have your photo published in online and print media, please submit a vertical, high-resolution photo of yourself adhering to the following standards:

- Refrain from wearing clothing that displays sayings, brands, logos, etc. For your background, we suggest using a blank wall or uncluttered outdoor space.
- Do not digitally alter the photograph or include props in your photo. i.e. No SnapChat, Instagram, or Facetune filters.
- Do not submit “professional” portraits unless written permission from the photographer is included. Letters that state “personal use” will not qualify, as your photos will be used online and published in the *Navajo Times*.

What should I wear?

- Avoid busy prints and small patterns.
- Plain colors show up best.

How should I pose? You have a few options:

- A photo that includes your head, neck, and shoulders – a headshot, works great.
- You can also use a photo that shows you from the waist up.
- Avoid including others, group shots, or large props.

Where should the photo be taken?

- Anywhere that is appropriate and represents you.
- Keep the background simple; plain colors work well.
- Be sure there’s enough light – outside facing away from the sun or inside with ample light or using one of the portrait modes on your camera.

What kind of camera do I need?

- Standard resolution, smartphone camera quality or higher, vertical orientation.
- Make sure your image is sharp and focused. Blurry photos will not be accepted.

What file type should I submit?

- PNG or JPEG
- No iPhone "Live" photos

What else do I need to know?

- All photos are subject to review/removal.
- You will be asked to sign a photo release allowing the ONNSFA to copyright, use, and publish your photo for such purposes as publicity, illustration, and advertising. Parents of scholars under the age of 18 also will be requested to sign the photo release.

What if I don't send in a photo?

- You will not be featured in the full-page advertisement if not submitted by the **July 24, 2026**, deadline.

Who do I submit my photo to?

- Email your photo, signed photo release and information by **July 24, 2026**, to stephanienez@navajo-nsn.gov. **Photos and information submitted after this date may not be included in online or print media due to production timelines.**

2025 Chief Manuelito Scholars



Honoring Hastiin Ch'ihaaajin's Legacy

One hundred thirty-seven graduating high school seniors earned the Navajo Nation's highest academic award – the Chief Manuelito Scholarship – in 2025. The Chief Manuelito Scholars were recognized at an awards ceremony held at the Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort on July 25, 2025. The Navajo Nation established the Chief Manuelito Scholarship program in 1980 to recognize high-achieving high school graduates. The scholarship honors Chief Manuelito, Hastiin Ch'ihaaajin (1818-1893), who encouraged the Navajo people to seek education and protect and preserve Navajo tradition and culture. Students seeking eligibility for the scholarship must be admitted to a post-secondary institution and have a minimum ACT score of 21 to 36, in combination with a proportionate cumulative grade point average. Students must complete courses in Navajo Language (1-unit high school credit or 1+ college credit) and Navajo Government (0.5-unit high school credit or 1+ college credit) before high school graduation. Students may also qualify by earning 24 college credit hours with a GPA of 3.0. To maintain eligibility, recipients must earn a 3.0 GPA and 12 or more semester credit hours per academic term. Additional details about the scholarship may be found at: <https://onnsfa.org/chief-manuelito>

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Please fill out and return by **July 24, 2026**, for inclusion in ONNSFA's digital and print publications.

Name:

Maternal Clan:

Paternal Clan:

Maternal Grandfather's Clan:

Paternal Grandfather's Clan:

High School:

College:

Where you are from:

Mother's Name:

Father's Name:

DÓONE'E CLANS

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 1

Kinyaa'aanii/Kiyaa'aanii *The Towering House*
(Original clan)
Dzi'it'aadi *Near the Mountain*
clan
'Azee'tsoh dine'é *The Big Medicine*
People clan
Tazhii dine'é *The Turkey People*
clan
Bit'ahnii *His Sheaves . . . Leaf*
clan . . . *Under His*
Cover clan
Halgai dine'é *People of the Valley*
(Adopted clan)
Shash dine'é *The Bear People clan*
(Adopted clan)
Naadag' dine'é *The Corn People clan*
(Adopted clan)

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 2

Honághaahnii *One-walks-around*
(Original clan)
To'ahani *Near the water clan*
Ta'neezahnii *Tangle clan*
Hashk'ag hadzohi *Yucca Fruit-Strung-*
Out-In-A-Line clan
Nihoobaanii *Gray Streaked-Ends*
clan
Ts'ah yisk'idnii *Sage Brush Hill clan*
Dzi'it'ahnii *Mountain Cove clan*
Dzi'it' na'oodi'nii *The Turning*
Mountain People
clan

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 3

Tódich'i'nii (Original clan)
Tséikeehé *Two Rocks-Sit clan*
Tsin sikaadnii *Clamp Tree clan*
Yoo'ó dine'é *The Bead People clan*
Bijh bitoodnii *Deer Spring clan*
T'í'ogi *Hairy Ones or*
Weaver-Zia clan
Todik'ózhí *Salt Water clan*
To baazhni'ázhi *Two Who Came To*
(Adopted clan) *the Water clan*
Naaket'áhi (Adopted clan)
clan *Flat Foot People-Pima*
clan

Bijh yáázh dine'é *Little Deer People clan*
(Adopted clan)
K'aa' dine'é (Adopted clan)
The Arrow People clan
K'aahanaanii *The Living Arrow clan*
(Adopted clan)
Yoo'ó dine'é *The Bead People of*
Tódich'i'nii *Bitter Water clan*
(Adopted clan)

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 4

Tótsohnii *Big Water clan*
Hooghan f'ani *Many Hogans clan*
Dzaanéez f'ani *Many Mules clan*
Tsé deeshgizhnii *Rock Gap clan*
(Original clan) *Mud clan*
Lók'aa' dine'é *Reed People clan*
Bit'ahnii *Within His Cover clan*
CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 5
Tabághá *Water's Edge clan*
Haltsooi *Meadow People clan*
Tó baazhni'ázhi *Two Who Came to*
Water clan

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 6

Táchii'nii *Red Running Into the*
Water people clan
Nát'oh dine'é *Tobacco People clan*
Ye'ii dine'é *Giant People clan*
Bijh dine'é Táchii'nii *The Deer People of the*
Red Running Into
the Water clan
Gah dine'é Táchii'nii *The Rabbit People of*
the Red Running
Into the Water clan
Naaneesh't'ézhi *The Charcoal Streaked*
táchii'nii *Division of the Red*
Running Into the
Water clan
Nóoda'i dine'é *The Ute People*
Táchii'nii *Division of the Red*
Running Into the
Water clan
Dólii dine'é *Blue Bird People clan*
Naasht'ézhi dine'é *Zuni clan*
Kin'fichii'nii *The Red House People*
(Adopted clan) *clan*

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 7

Tsénjikini *Honey Combed Rock*
People or the Cliff
Dwellers People clan
Dibézhini *Black Sheep clan*
Má'ii deeshgizhnii *Coyote Pass — Jemez*
clan
Kin'itsonii *Yellow House People*
clan
'Ashjijnii *Salt People-Extinct*
clan
'Ashjihi *Salt People clan*
Dzi'it' na'oodi'nii *The Turning*
Mountain People
clan

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 8

To'ahedliinii *The Water Flow*
Together clan
Naakai dine'é *The Mexican clan*
Nóoda'i dine'é *The Ute clan*
(Adopted clan)
Keha'atiinii (Adopted clan)
The Foot Trails
People clan

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 9

Tsi'naajinii *Black Streak Wood*
People clan
Deeshchii'nii *Start of the Red*
Streak People clan
Kin'fichii'nii *Red House clan*
T'í'izi láni *Many Goats*
T'í'aashchí'i *The Red Bottom*
People clan
Tsenabahi'nii *Sleep Rock People*
clan
The Bear People clan

Shash dine'é/
Nashashi (Adopted clan)
T'iisch'ébaanii *Gray Cottonwood*
(Adopted clan) *Extending Out clan*

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 10

'Ats'ooos dine'é *The Feather People*
clan

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 11

Bijh tsoh dine'é *The Big Deer People*
clan

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 12

'Iich'gh dine'é *The Moth People-*
Extinct clan

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 13

Jaa'yaalóolii *The Sticking Up Ears*
People clan

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 14

Kéha'atiinii *The Foot Trails people*

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 15

Naashaashi *The Bear Enemies, the*
Tewa clan

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 16

Naashgali dine'é *The Mesclero Apache*
clan

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 17

Naayizi dine'é *The Squash People*
clan

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 18

Nóoda'i dine'é *The Ute clan*

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 19

Séi bee hoghanii *The Sand Hogan*
people

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 20

To'azóli *The Light Water*
People clan

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 21

Tsin yee na'álo'ii *Tree Stretcher clan*

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Print Name

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Date

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Legal Guardian

Date

Individually and as Parent/
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Date



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Department of Diné Education

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Location: Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort, Flagstaff, AZ

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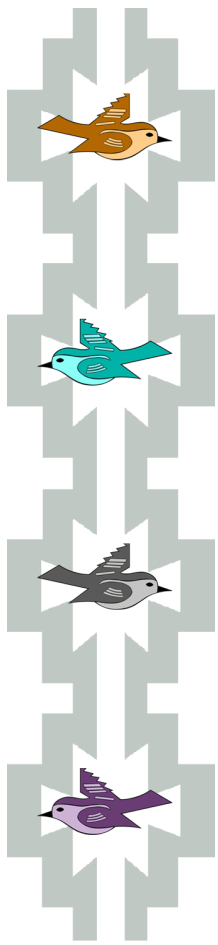
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Date: _____

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Return completed form to Stephanie Nez
at stephanienez@navajo-nsn.gov no later
than **Friday, July 24, 2026.**



All Chief Manuelito Scholars will be provided an opportunity to introduce themselves during the awards ceremony. We suggest scholars use the format below. A list of clans is available below for reference.

Yá'át'ééh,

Shí éí _____

yiníshyé.

nishťj.

báhishchíín,

dashicheii,

dashinalí.

Akoot'éego ch'kẹẹ nishťj.

[young woman]

Akoot'éego diné nishťj.

[young man]

dẹẹ'naashá.

di i'iiníłttá.

Shimá éí _____

wolyé.

Shizhe'é éí _____

wolyé.

DÓONE'E CLANS

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 1

Kinyaa'aanii/Kiyaa'aanii (Original clan)	<i>The Towering House clan</i>
Dził't'aadi	<i>Near the Mountain clan</i>
'Azee'tsoh dine'é	<i>The Big Medicine People clan</i>
Tązhii dine'é	<i>The Turkey People clan</i>
Bit'ahnii	<i>His Sheaves . . . Leaf clan . . . Under His Cover clan</i>
Halgai dine'é (Adopted clan)	<i>People of the Valley clan</i>
Shash dine'é (Adopted clan)	<i>The Bear People clan</i>
Naadąą' dine'é (Adopted clan)	<i>The Corn People clan</i>

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 2

Honágháahnii (Original clan)	<i>One-walks-around clan</i>
Tó'ahani	<i>Near the water clan</i>
Ta'neezahnii	<i>Tangle clan</i>
Hashk'ąą hadzohi	<i>Yucca Fruit-Strung- Out-In-A-Line clan</i>
Nihoobáanii	<i>Gray Streaked-Ends clan</i>
Ts'ah yisk'idnii	<i>Sage Brush Hill clan</i>
Dził't'ahnii	<i>Mountain Cove clan</i>
Dził' ná'oodił'nii	<i>The Turning Mountain People clan</i>

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 3

Tódich'ii'nii (Original clan)	<i>Bitter Water clan</i>
Tséikeehé	<i>Two Rocks-Sit clan</i>
Tsin sikaadnii	<i>Clamp Tree clan</i>
Yoo'ó dine'é	<i>The Bead People clan</i>
Bijh bitoodnii	<i>Deer Spring clan</i>
Tł'ogi	<i>Hairy Ones or Weaver-Zia clan</i>
Tódik'ózhi	<i>Salt Water clan</i>
Tó baazhni'ázhi (Adopted clan)	<i>Two Who Came To the Water clan</i>
Naakét'áhi (Adopted clan)	<i>Flat Foot People-Pima clan</i>

Bijh yáázh dine'é (Adopted clan)	<i>Little Deer People clan</i>
K'aa' dine'é (Adopted clan)	<i>The Arrow People clan</i>
K'aahanaanii (Adopted clan)	<i>The Living Arrow clan</i>
Yoo'ó dine'é	<i>The Bead People of Bitter Water clan</i>
Tódich'ii'nii (Adopted clan)	

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 4

Tótsohnii	<i>Big Water clan</i>
Hooghan łáni	<i>Many Hogans clan</i>
Dzaanéeł łáni	<i>Many Mules clan</i>
Tsé deeshgizhnii	<i>Rock Gap clan</i>
Hasht'ł'ishnii (Original clan)	<i>Mud clan</i>

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 5

Tábąąh	<i>Water's Edge clan</i>
Haltsooi	<i>Meadow People clan</i>
Tó baazhni'ázhi	<i>Two Who Came to Water clan</i>

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 6

Táchii'nii	<i>Red Running Into the Water people clan</i>
Nát'oh dine'é	<i>Tobacco People clan</i>
Yé'ii dine'é	<i>Giant People clan</i>
Bijh dine'é Táchii'nii	<i>The Deer People of the Red Running Into the Water clan</i>

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 7

Gah dine'é Táchii'nii	<i>The Rabbit People of the Red Running Into the Water clan</i>
Naaneesht'ézhi táchii'nii	<i>The Charcoal Streaked Division of the Red Running Into the Water clan</i>
Nóoda'i dine'é Táchii'nii	<i>The Ute People Division of the Red Running Into the Water clan</i>
Dólíi dine'é	<i>Blue Bird People clan</i>
Naasht'ézhi dine'é	<i>Zuni clan</i>
Kin'ichii'nii (Adopted clan)	<i>The Red House People clan</i>

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 8

Tséńjikini	<i>Honey Combed Rock People or the Cliff Dwellers People clan</i>
Dibéłzhini	<i>Black Sheep clan</i>
Mą'ii deeshgiizhnii	<i>Coyote Pass — Jemez clan</i>
Kin'itsonii	<i>Yellow House People clan</i>
'Ashjijnii	<i>Salt People-Extinct clan</i>
'Ashjii	<i>Salt People clan</i>
Dził' ná'oodił'nii	<i>The Turning Mountain People clan</i>

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 9

Tó'ahedłiinii	<i>The Water Flow Together clan</i>
Naakai dine'é	<i>The Mexican clan</i>
Nóoda'i dine'é (Adopted clan)	<i>The Ute clan</i>
Keha'atiinii (Adopted clan)	<i>The Foot Trains People clan</i>

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 10

Tsi'naajinii	<i>Black Streak Wood People clan</i>
Deeshchii'nii	<i>Start of the Red Streak People clan</i>
Kin'ichii'nii	<i>Red House clan</i>
Tł'izi láni	<i>Many Goats</i>
Tł'áashchí'í	<i>The Red Bottom People clan</i>

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 11

Tsenabahi'nii	<i>Sleep Rock People clan</i>
Shash dine'é/ Nashashi (Adopted clan)	<i>The Bear People clan</i>
T'iisch'ébaanii (Adopted clan)	<i>Gray Cottonwood Extending Out clan</i>

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 12

'Ats'ooos dine'é	<i>The Feather People clan</i>
Bijh tsoh dine'é	<i>The Big Deer People clan</i>

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 13

Tich'ah dine'é	<i>The Moth People- Extinct clan</i>
Jaa'yaaloolii	<i>The Sticking Up Ears People clan</i>

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 14

Kéha'atiinii	<i>The Foot Trails people</i>
Naashaashi	<i>The Bear Enemies, the Tewa clan</i>

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 15

Naashgalí dine'é	<i>The Mescalero Apache clan</i>
Naayizi dine'é	<i>The Squash People clan</i>

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 16

Nóoda'i dine'é	<i>The Ute clan</i>
Séi bee hoghanii	<i>The Sand Hogan people</i>

CLAN RELATIONSHIP GROUP 17

Tó'azóli	<i>The Light Water People clan</i>
Tsin yee na'álo'ii	<i>The Tree Stretcher clan</i>

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