

CAJ-53-61
Amended by
CAP-22-62
Rescinded by
CAJ-58-65

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO TRIBAL COUNCIL

Adopting Plan of Operation for the Administration of the Navajo
Tribal Education Scholarship Program

WHEREAS:

1. There is urgent need to formulize, define and publicize the eligibility requirements, scope, restrictions, conditions and procedures involved in the conduct of the Navajo Tribal Scholarship Program, and
2. Rising costs of college education, changing conditions and other factors dictate the need for certain amendments and modifications of Resolution No. CJ-21-53, adopted on January 22, 1953, establishing the original Navajo Higher Educational Scholarship Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The attached Exhibit entitled "Plan of Operation for the Administration of the Navajo Tribal Education Scholarship Program" be and the same hereby is adopted by the Navajo Tribal Council as the Education Scholarship Policy of the Navajo Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Tribal Council at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 33 in favor and 24 opposed, this 29th day of August, 1961.


Vice Chairman
Navajo Tribal Council

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Plan of Operation for the Administration of the Navajo Tribal
Education Scholarship Program

Purpose: The purpose of the Navajo Tribal Education Scholarship Program is to provide free advanced education to Navajo young people and to improve in the social, economic and political situation of the students involved and of the Navajo people in general.

Governing Body: The Program will be administered by the Scholarship Committee. It shall have sole authority to grant and withdraw education awards except where action is needed by the Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council as indicated herein.

Committee Members: The Scholarship Committee shall be made up of the following members:

1. A Navajo representative of the Chairman, Navajo Tribal Council, to be appointed by him.
2. Chairman, Education Committee, Navajo Tribal Council.
3. Director of Schools, Navajo Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs.
4. U. S. Public Health Service officials, to be appointed by the Chairman.
5. Public School official, to be appointed by the Chairman.
6. A representative of the General Superintendent of the Navajo Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, to be appointed by him.

Committee Quorum: Three members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for regular business; two members for emergency actions.

Award Items: The award to each student shall be in keeping with his needs. Money may be allowed for the following items:

1. Room and board.
2. Clothing, laundry and dry cleaning.
3. Transportation to and from school, or one round trip.
4. Incidentals.
5. Books and school supplies
6. Tuition and fees.

Amount of Regular Awards: The award to one student shall not exceed \$2000.00 for the twelve months of the regular fiscal year.

Amount of Special Awards: In special cases with unusual justification, one student may receive up to \$3000.00 for a fiscal year under the following conditions. The award must be recommended by the Scholarship Committee and approved by the Advisory Committee. Awards in any amount for study outside the continental United States must be recommended by the Scholarship Committee and approved by the Advisory Committee.

Pre-Requisite Education: Only regular high school graduates may be considered for college aid. Regular and examination type high school graduates may be considered for trade (technical) training.

Educational Objectives: Aid may be extended to pursue a recognized curriculum in college, school of nursing, state, city of Bureau Trade School. No help shall be given to students being trained by the Bureau Relocation Branch. Preference to students with certain objectives will be taken up later.

Schools to be Attended: Each college student who is given assistance must attend a college belonging to one of the regional accrediting agencies. Each professional nursing student must attend a school approved by the Accrediting Service of the National League for Nursing.

Tribal Membership: Each student receiving an award must be a member of the Navajo Tribe with $\frac{1}{2}$ Navajo blood or more. The determination of these qualifications will be made by the Navajo Census office. Preference will be taken up later.

Unused Income: Unused income from the Navajo education trust funds shall be kept available for use by the Scholarship Committee as need arises.

Committee Executive Secretary: The Executive Secretary of the Committee will work as a part of the Public Services Division of the Tribe but under the direction of the Scholarship Committee. He will handle the day by day operation of the program, give information and guidance to students and schools, prepare all applications for Scholarship Committee consideration, keep official records of awards made and student progress, and assist award recipients while in school.

Annual Report: The Scholarship Committee secretary shall prepare an annual report to the Scholarship Committee and the Navajo Tribal Council on July 1, of each year, giving a full review of the status and progress of the program during the year just closed.

Extraneous Expenses: All income from the Navajo education trust funds must be reserved for use in making awards to qualified and approved students. None of this income may be used for incidental Scholarship Committee expenses such as forms, clerk hire, testing and salary of the Committee Secretary.

Dependents: No part of any award may be used by the student to assist relatives. The only exception will be where the Scholarship

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Committee approves of the use of money to assist the student's spouse or children.

Limitations on Awards: Assistance is given to attend a specific school and pursue studies preparing for a definite profession or vocation. The student must not change his school or objective without Scholarship Committee approval.

Freedom of Judgement: The Scholarship Committee shall have discretionary authority to grant or withhold awards as it sees fit. In no instance is it mandatory to approve of assistance. Lawyers or other advocates of applicants have no right to appear before the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee may act on any application after interviewing the student or without interviewing him.

Credit: The Scholarship Committee may not authorize credit to students predicated on the award given to the students. All students should be discouraged from using credit while they are in school.

Debts to Tribe: No student may receive an award who owes a Tribal or Bureau delinquent educational loan debt. No student may receive an added award who owes the Tribe a debt because of improper use of a previous grant.

Nature of Award: Awards are free. When properly used they are never paid back. It is the hope and desire of the Navajo Tribal Council that recipients work after graduation in a capacity and location where they will be of service to the Navajo people, if that is possible.

Guidelines: The remainder of this Plan of Operation gives guidelines to the Scholarship Committee in carrying out its work. These are not hard and fast rules which the Scholarship Committee must follow.

Preference: Other things being essentially equal preference in making awards should go to:

1. College students over trade school students. Trade school students have a better opportunity to secure other assistance.
2. Students with a good academic record over those with a poorer record.
3. Younger students over older students. Those past forty years of age should be given no undergraduate assistance.
4. Except in special cases undergraduate students over graduate students.
5. Students preparing to do work essential in the Navajo Area over those who will probably work elsewhere because of the occupation they are prepared to enter.

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6. Regular sch 1 year students over m. school students. Undergraduates should receive aid only when graduation will take place at the close of the summer term.
7. Students without specialized training enabling them to earn a living over those who have had such training.
8. Students wanting attendance at a low cost college over those wanting a high cost college, where the first is fully adequate for the needs of the student.

If the student is aided for a high cost college in such a situation aid will ordinarily not exceed that which is given at a home state college which would serve his needs in full.

Full or Part Assistance: Except in special cases academically qualified students should be given full financial aid even though the student and/or the parent has money.

Scholastic Achievement: The Scholarship Committee will ordinarily require students to make such academic progress as will permit college students to finish in four years and trade school students in the time set for their curriculum. Thus college students should ordinarily earn 15 hours credit each semester or quarter with a "C" average or higher.

Luxury Living: The Scholarship Committee will not allow award money to be used for luxury equipment or living. No award money may be used to pay for a motor vehicle.

Medical Reports: The Scholarship Committee will require a medical examination of each applicant to determine the student's physical fitness to attend college.

Athletic Participation: No award student may participate as a member of any athletic team not officially sponsored by his school.

Employment: Award students are not to work while in school unless this is definitely approved by the Scholarship Committee. Approval is seldom given. No student is to work for his board and room at an Indian School or dormitory.

Quarters: All students, single and married, will be expected to live on the campus when quarters are available for them there. If a married student has his family with him at school he may live off-campus if the school provides no family quarters. Single students should take meals at college operated or sponsored dining rooms.

Award Checks: Award checks may be sent direct to the student when necessary, otherwise, they should be sent in care of an appropriate official who has been contacted at the college. All checks will be made payable to the student. Payments shall be made monthly to the student while in school.

Alternative Aid: Students will be required to use Bureau College grants, Bureau Relocation training, Bureau vocational schools, and State Rehabilitation training, instead of an award, where available and fully adequate to care for the needs of the students.

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