

Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance

ONNSFA

About ONNSFA

Background

The Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance (ONNSFA), provides enrolled members of the Navajo Nation an opportunity to achieve their educational goals. Formerly known as the Navajo Higher Education Office, the ONNSFA was established in 1972 when the Navajo Nation entered into a P.L. 93-638 contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to administer the Higher Education Grant. The ONNSFA is housed within the Department of Diné Education.



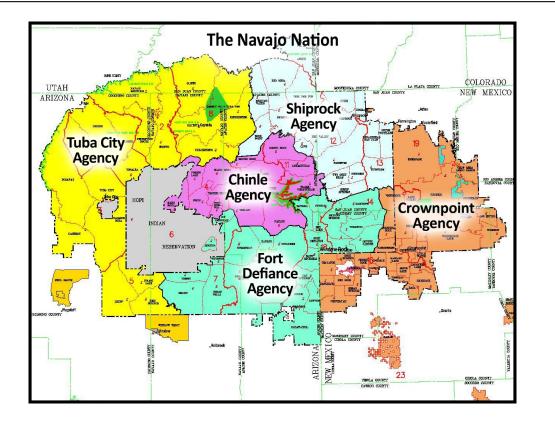
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Funding Sources

The ONNSFA awards students financial aid and scholarship from several sources, including federal funds from the Higher Education Grant, Navajo Nation Funds, Trust Funds, and Corporate Funds. In 2018, the ONNSFA awarded more than \$24 million in financial aid and scholarships to approximately 6,000 students seeking a college degree or certificate.



The Navajo Nation & Agencies



- 1. Chinle Agency
- 2. Crownpoint Agency
- 3. Fort Defiance Agency
- 4. Shiprock Agency
- 5. Tuba City Agency

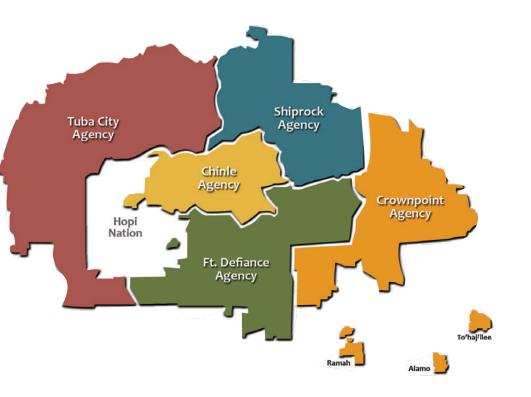


Chapter Affiliation

Each of the Navajo Nation's 110 chapters is served by one of five Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance agency offices in Chinle, Ft. Defiance, Crownpoint, Shiprock, and Tuba City.

Applicants are asked to enter the chapter they are affiliated with on their application. This information is used to determine which agency office will review an applicant's file and for reporting purposes.

Students unsure of which chapter to enter on their application are urged to consider the chapter nearest to their residence or the chapter at where their parents are registered to vote. Check the following list to determine which agency office serves your chapter:





| Chinle Agency PO Box 2358 Chinle, AZ 86503 Toll Free: (800) 919-9269 Fax: (928) 674-2331 | Ft. Defiance Agency PO Box 1870 Window Rock, AZ 86515 Phone: (928) 871-7434 Fax: (928) 871-6561 | Crownpoint Agency PO Box 1080 Crownpoint, NM 87313 Toll Free: (866) 254-9913 Fax: (505) 786-2178 | Shiprock Agency PO Box 1349 Shiprock, NM 87420 Toll Free: (866) 223-6457 Fax: (505) 368-1338 | Tuba City Agency PO Box 370 Tuba City, AZ 86045 Toll Free: (866) 839-8151 Fax: (928) 283-3215 |
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| Black Mesa Chinle Forest Lake Hard Rock Lukachukai Many Farms Nazlini Piñon Rough Rock Round Rock Tachee/Blue Gap Tsaile/Wheatfields Tselani/Cottonwood Whippoorwill Springs | Cornfields Coyote Canyon Crystal Dilkon Ft. Defiance Ganado Greasewood Springs Houck Indian Wells Jeddito Kinlichee Klagetoh Low Mountain Lupton Mexican Springs Nahata Dziil Naschitti Oak-Pine Springs Red Lake Sawmill St. Michaels Steamboat Teestoh Tohatchi Twin Lakes White Cone Wide Ruins | Alamo Baca/Haystack Bahaali Becenti Casamero Lake Chichiltah Church Rock Counselor Crownpoint Huerfano Iyanbito Lake Valley Littlewater Manuelito Mariano Lake Nageezi Nahodishgish Ojo Encino Pinedale Pueblo Pintado Ramah Red Rock Rock Springs Smith Lake Standing Rock Thoreau Tohajiilee Torreon/Star Lake Tsayatoh White Rock | Aneth Beclabito Cove Gad íí'ahí Mexican Water Nenahnezad Newcomb Red Mesa Red Valley Rock Point San Juan Sanostee Sheepsprings Shiprock Sweetwater Teec Nos Pos T'iis Tsoh Sikaad Tsé Daa K'aan Toadlena/Two Grey Hills Upper Fruitland | Birdsprings Bodaway/Gap Cameron Chilchinbeto Coalmine Canyon Coppermine Dennehotso Inscription House Kaibeto Kayenta Lechee Leupp Navajo Mountain Oljato Shonto Tolani Lake Tonalea Tó naneesdizí |
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Whitehorse Lake



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ARTICLE 5. PLEDGE OF SERVICE TO THE NAVAJO NATION

§15. The purpose of the Pledge of Service is for college graduates to apply their acquired skills, training and knowledge to assist the Navajo Nation by returning to the Navajo Nation and seeking employment in their appropriate profession.



Federal Student Aid Apply for FAFSA at: <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u>



- Apply early.
- Application opens Oct. 1st.
- Use 2019 income tax information for Academic Year 21/22.
- NOTE: You may enter up to 10 schools to receive your Student Aid Report.

Federal Student Aid

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Completed my FAFSA. What happens next?



FAFSA processing takes 2-3 business days.



Review Student Aid Report (SAR) and correct if necessary.



Incorrect information delays processing of financial aid.



Student Aid Report includes Expected Family Contribution (FFC) EFC is used by schools to determine how much aid a student qualifies for.



Complete financial aid file with school.

Must be admitted into a degree-seeking program and enrolled in a certain number of credit hours. Complete verification if selected.

Completed my FAFSA. What happens next?

Your school's Financial Aid Office will determine eligibility based on several factors:

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- > Enrollment Status: Full-time, Part-time, etc.
- Degree you are seeking
- Cost of Attendance
 - Independent or dependent status
 - On- or off-campus budget
 - Tuition/Fees, Books/Supplies, Room/Board, Transportation, Misc/Personal, etc.



Cost of Attendance

| Cost of Attendance | \$6 <i>,</i> 500 |
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Less EFC

EFC = Zero / Enrollment = FT

Equals Financial Need \$6

\$6,500

Pell + Navajo Nation \$3,097 + \$2,500 = \$5,597

Less Resources
\$6,500 minus \$5,597 = \$903
Equals Unmet Need
\$903



APPLICATION DEADLINES — Fall/Spring (Academic Year): June 25 & Spring/Winter: November 25

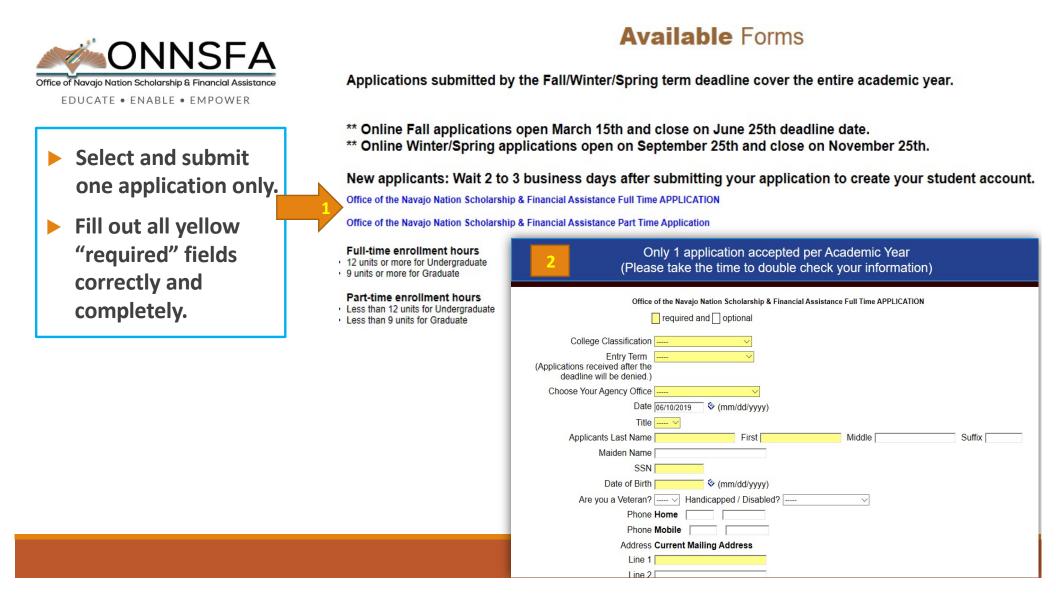
Application available online:

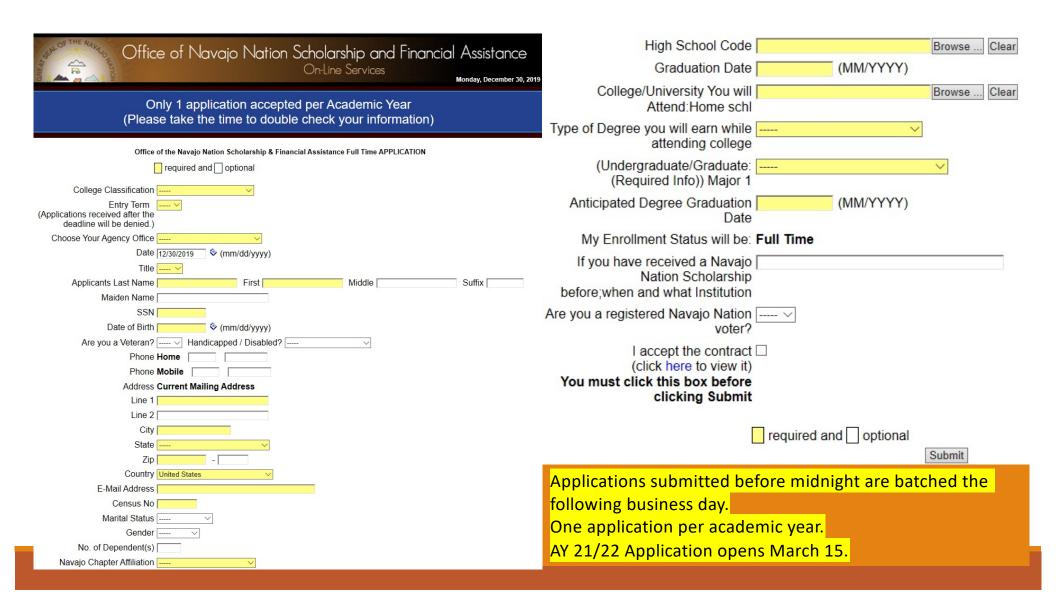
- Go to: <u>www.onnsfa.org</u>
- Click "Apply Online"

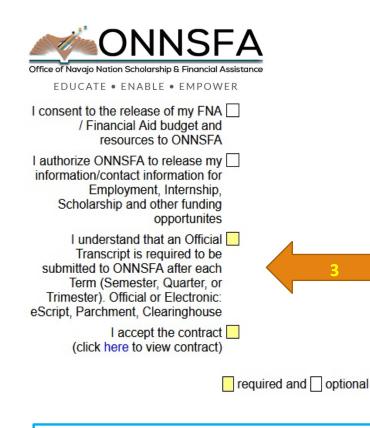


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submitting.

submit.

Please be sure to read through the terms of the application you are

Click all boxes to accept and then

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Full-Time Application

ONNSFA Policies & Procedures

Applicant need to submit the following documents to determine eligibility on/or before deadline dates:

| Term | Deadline Date | ာocuments Needed |
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| Academic Year (Fall, Winter and/or Spring) | June 25 | Application, CIB, Letter of Admission (Enrollment Verification), FNA, Transcripts are all due |
| Winter and/or Spring Terms only | November 25 | Application, CIB, Letter of Admission (Enrollment Verification), FNA, Transcripts are all due |

If there are any changes in status, please report any change in marital status, name, income, enrollment, withdrawal and transfer status to ONNSFA.

If and when this application is approved, I will abide by the ONNSFA policy and procedures. I give permission to ONNSFA to receive my transcripts and financial information.

Student Signature:

Submit

Date:

NOTE: A full copy of the ONNSFA Policies & Procedures can be found at <u>www.onnsfa.org</u> under the Documents tab.



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Print confirmation page for your records.



Continue



- 1) APPLICATION (APP) Complete Full-Time ONNSFA Application online at www.onnsfa.org
- 2) CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN BLOOD (CIB) An official CIB with seal verifying legal Navajo Nation enrollment is required for all firsttime applicants. Continuing ONNSFA students are not required to resubmit a CIB unless there is a legal name change.
- 3) TRANSCRIPT(s) (TRX) Official college, high school transcripts, and/or GED scores. First-year applicants must submit a final high school transcript with date of graduation noted. Continuing recipients must submit an official college transcript after each semester. Additional transcripts are required from *ALL* previous colleges attended.
- 4) LETTER OF ADMISSION (LOA) Applicants must be admitted to a postsecondary institution accredited by one of six regional accrediting associations as recognized by the Navajo Nation. Graduate applicants must submit two (2) letters of admission indicating full admission status: One Letter of Admission from the graduate college and the other from the graduate degree program. Enrollment verification is required from students, who may have already submitted a Letter of Admission, but have not been funded at least one term. Students, who have not attended school for two consecutive semesters, will need to submit a readmission letter from their respective institution.
- 5) FINANCIAL NEED ANALYSIS (FNA) Students must complete the "Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Submit a Navajo Nation FNA to the Financial Aid Office at your school every academic year. Upon completion of the FNA, the Financial Aid Officer will forward the FNA to ONNSFA.
- 6) GRADUATION/DEGREE CHECKLIST Listing of ALL courses required to complete the degree being pursued. All college juniors, seniors and graduate applicants must submit a graduation/degree checklist for verification of graduation date. The checklist must include your "expected" graduation date and be signed by your advisor.
- 7) COURSE REGISTRATION Submit a current Class Schedule/Registration verifying full-time enrollment.



- 1) APPLICATION (APP) Complete Part-Time ONNSFA Application online at www.onnsfa.org
- 2) CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN BLOOD (CIB) An official CIB with seal verifying legal Navajo Nation enrollment is required for all first-time applicants. Continuing ONNSFA students are not required to resubmit a CIB unless there is a legal name change.
- 3) TRANSCRIPT(s) (TRX) Official college, high school transcripts, and/or GED scores. First-year applicants must submit a final high school transcript with date of graduation. Continuing recipients must submit an official college transcript after each semester. Additional transcripts are required from ALL previous colleges attended.
- 4) LETTER OF ADMISSION (LOA) Applicants must be admitted to a postsecondary institution accredited by one of six regional accrediting associations as recognized by the Navajo Nation. Graduate applicants must submit two (2) letters of admission indicating full admission status: One Letter of Admission from the graduate college and the other from the graduate degree program. Enrollment verification is required from students, who may have already submitted a Letter of Admission, but have not been funded at least one term. Students, who have not attended school for two consecutive semesters, will need to submit a re-admission letter from their respective institution.
- 5) GRADUATION/DEGREE CHECKLIST All part-time applicants must submit a graduation/degree checklist from their respective degree program. All courses required to complete the degree being pursued must be listed.
- 6) COURSE REGISTRATION Part-time applicants must submit current Class Schedule/Registration for the term applying. The courses must correspond with the graduation/degree checklist for funding eligibility.



Create an Account

(Four to five business days after submission of your application.)

- Create your student account.
- Go to ONNSFA website: www.onnsfa.org.



ONNSFA Student Portal

- 1. <u>Apply Online</u> Fill out and submit an application.
- 2. <u>Create an account</u> four- to five-business days after submitting an application.
- 3. Check My Document Status
- 4. Documents/Forms

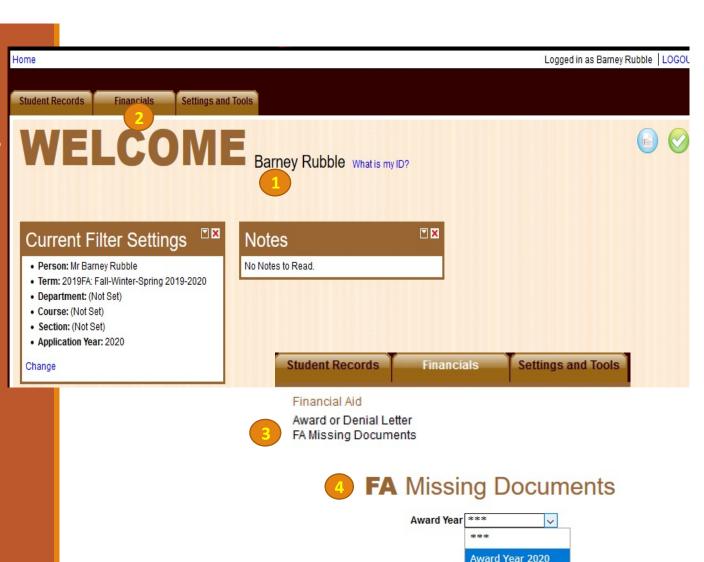
Create an Account

- > Log in regularly.
- Check your document status.
- > Upload documents.
- Review Award or Denial Letters.

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| Please enter your i | nformation to create a User Account: | | | | | | | |
| | ed. st be at least 6 characters long. e a combination of letters, numbers, a | nd case to define your password. | | | | | | |
| Last Name: | | | | | | | | |
| Government ID/SSN: | (9999999999) | | | | | | | |
| Date of Birth: | (mm/dd/yyyy) | | | | | | | |
| Desired Username: | | | | | | | | |
| Desired Password: | | | | | | | | |
| Verify Password: | | | | | | | | |
| | Submit Cancel | | | | | | | |

Student Portal View Missing Documents

- 1. Log in as Student.
- 2. Click on the "Financials" tab.
- 3. Select: FA Missing Documents
- 4. Select: Current Award Year 2022



Types of Full-Time Undergraduate Scholarships

Need-Based*

- Based on Financial Need.
 - FASFA needs to be completed!
 - FNA form needs to be submitted.
- Up to \$2,500 per term.

Chief Manuelito*

- Merit Based
 - AA/AS or BS/BA degree seeking.
 - ACT / GPA requirement
 - Navajo Language/ Navajo Gov't courses



- Based on Financial Need (lack of).
 - FASFA needs to be completed!
 - FNA form needs to be submitted
- > \$1,000 per term

*based upon eligibility and availability of funds

Part-Time Scholarships

Undergraduate*

- Eligible students are awarded for up to 3 courses.
 - Courses must be listed on degree checklist.
- Award amount varies.
 - \odot Based on course level.

*based upon eligibility and availability of funds

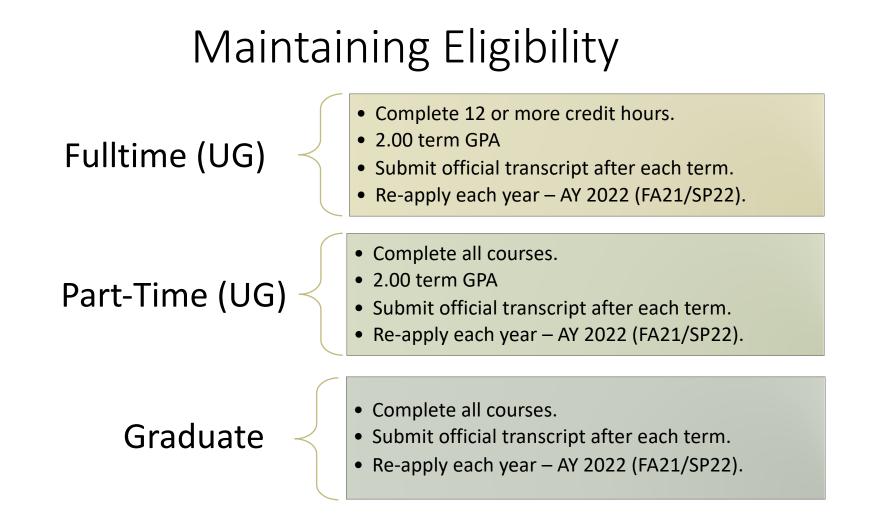
Types of Graduate Scholarships

Full-time Graduate Award*

- Graduate Level Degrees
 - Master-level degree and above
 - Funding based on Point System per Academic Year.
- \$2,500 \$5,000 per term

Part-Time Graduate Award*

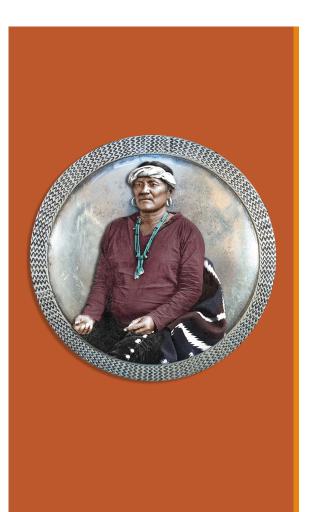
- Eligible students are awarded up to 2 courses.
 - Award is flat rate of \$750 per class.
 - Courses must be listed on degree checklist.





Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance Chief Manuelito Scholarship

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'ilhaajiin*, (1818-1893), who encouraged the Navajo people to seek education and protect and preserve Navajo tradition and culture. Students meeting the Chief Manuelito Scholarship criteria are awarded \$7,000 per academic year to cover direct educational expenses associated with attending a post-secondary institution. Chief Manuelito Scholarship recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA and earn 12 or more semester credit hours, based on college-level graded courses, for each academic term.





Chief Manuelito Requirements

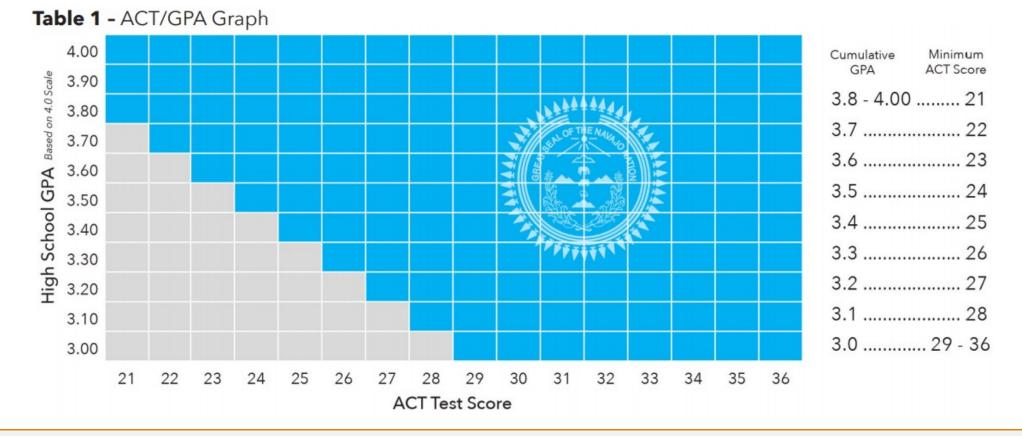
- Admission to a post-secondary institution.
 - Seeking a Bachelor of Science (BS)/ Bachelor of Art (BA) or Associate of Science (AS)/ Associate of Art (AA)
- Minimum GPA in correlation to ACT score. (See following graph.)
- Completion of required courses:
 - Navajo Language*
 - 1 unit high school OR
 - 1+ college credit
 - Navajo Government*
 - 0.5 unit high school credit OR
 - 1+ college credit

> 24/3 Rule for Undergraduates

- Full-time undergraduates also may qualify upon meeting the following criteria:
- Completion of 24 semester college-level credit hours (or equivalent trimester or quarter credit hours) with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Students seeking an Associate of Applied Science (AAS), Bachelors of Applied Science (BAS) or Certificate (CERT) are not eligible as the scholarship is limited to college-level courses.

PRIOR TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATE!

Chief Manuelito ACT Requirement



Review

- The 2021-2022 FAFSA is available online (since October 1, 2020).
- Re-apply to ONNSFA every Academic Year. The Fall 2021/Spring 2022 application is available from 3-15-21 until 6-25-21.
- The next application will be for Fall 2022/Spring 2023.
- If transferring, notify your ONNSFA agency office immediately. Updated documentation will be required.
- > Maintain academic progress.



Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Transposing Social Security Number, Census Number or Date of Birth.
- > Submitting unofficial or copies of documents: CIB, Transcripts.
- Not completing the required number of credit hours (UG, Grad).
- The ONNSFA online application is mobile friendly: Tablet, smart phone.
 - Be sure to submit until you see the Confirmation Page.
- Online application for the Academic Year:
 - AY 2022 is Good for Fall 21, Spring 22, Winter 22,
- Submit application before deadline date:
 - June 25 or November 25





Questions, Comments, Concerns?

Contact your Agency Office. Thank You

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