

**DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION
DINÉ YOUTH
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**EDUCATIONAL FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE**

I. General Information

The Diné Y.O.U.T.H. administers Educational Financial Assistance (EFA) to eligible youth utilizing 1982 Land Claims Settlement Trust Funds. EFA awarded through the Diné YOUTH is based on the Financial Needs Analysis (FNA) that is prepared by the School Financial Aid Officer or designated individual. Educational Financial Assistance is awarded in two categories when funds are available:

1. Academic Year for High School Preparatory students in Grades 9-12
2. College Summer Enrichment Programs for students in Grades 7-12

II. Eligibility Requirements

- Be enrolled member of the Navajo Nation (¼ or more Indian Blood)
- Be officially admitted/enrolled full-time student to **accredited** Post-Secondary Preparatory School for Grades 9-12
- Complete all necessary forms for Educational Financial Assistance.
- Submit all application/documents by Semester deadline dates as listed:

** Spring 2026 due on/before January 23, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.*

** Summer 2026 due on/before May 8, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.*

** Fall 2026 due on/before July 31, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.*

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED EACH TERM/SEMESTER

New Applicants: (Did not receive funding from Educational Financial Assistance of the Navajo Nation the term /semester prior to current application.) ***All Summer Enrichment Applicants are considered as a new applicant. Requires all original documents, copies are NOT acceptable.***

- Letter of Admission
- Official Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)
- Completed Educational Financial Assistance Application
- Official High School Transcript: (Must be Submitted by Financial Aid Officer)
 - **New** applicant must have a **3.3 Grade Point Average** (GPA) or above
- Two letters of Recommendation (Ex: School Teacher, Counselor or Administrator)
- One page essay:
 - Applicant Topic: "Pursuing Academic Excellence Through Preparatory Education"
- Financial Needs Analysis (**Completed & Submitted by School Financial Aid Officer**)

Continuing/Returning Applicants: (Have received funding from Educational Financial Assistance of the Navajo Nation term/semester prior to current application.) ***Requires all original documents, copies not acceptable.***

- Completed Education Financial Assistance Application
- Official High School Transcript: (Must be Submitted by School)
 - * Applicant shall maintain a **3.3 Grade Point Average** (GPA) or above.
- Financial Needs Analysis (**Completed & Submitted by School Financial Aid Officer**)

New Student: _____
Return Student: _____
GPA: _____
Complete: _____

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ODY USE ONLY

EDUCATIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

High School Preparatory SPRING 2026: _____	College Summer Enrichment SUMMER 2026: _____	High School Preparatory FALL 2026: _____
(Check Mark Only One Term/Semester Applying above:)		

Personal and Family Data
COMPLETE ALL BLANKS

NAME: (First, M.I., Last)	CENSUS NO:	SOCIAL SECURITY NO:	EMAIL ADDRESS:
MAILING ADDRESS: (Box, City, State, Zip Code)		HOME TELEPHONE NO:	MESSAGE TELEPHONE NO:
DATE OF BIRTH:	AGE:	GENDER: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
CHAPTER/AGENCY AFFILIATION: (Where parents vote)		GRADE IN HIGH SCHOOL:	DATE OF H.S. GRADUATION:
Have you previously attended any High School Preparatory/Enrichment? Yes or No (Circle one) If yes, give name of School/Program and Dates. Name of School: _____ Date: _____			
Name of School the Student will attend in this School term/semester and School address and dates of attendance: SCHOOL NAME: _____ DATE: _____ ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE NO: _____			
Have you previously attended any Summer Enrichment Program? Yes or No (Circle one) If yes, give name of School/Program and Dates. Entity/Institution: _____ Date: _____			
Name of School the Student will attend in Summer, _____ (year) and School Address: SCHOOL: _____ DATE: _____ ADDRESS: _____ _____			
FATHER'S NAME:	ADDRESS:	TELEPHONE #:	MESSAGE #:
_____	_____ _____	_____	_____
MOTHER'S NAME:	ADDRESS:	TELEPHONE #:	MESSAGE #:
_____	_____ _____	_____	_____

Students and Parents completely read agreement and application.
SIGN YOUR NAMES at the bottom to indicate agreement.

STUDENT AGREEMENT AND PARENTAL CONSENT

THE STUDENT AND PARENT(S) BY COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREES AND CONSENT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS: (If funds are awarded)

NEW APPLICANT For High School Preparatory Funds SHALL:

(Did not receive funding from Navajo Nation the term/semester prior to current application or returning student transferring to a different Preparatory school)

1. Have met all Educational Financial Assistance eligibility requirements.
2. Have submitted all required documents.
3. Be a full-time student with a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of no less than 3.3 on a scale of 4.0 at the end of regular term/semester.
4. Be aware that funds will be paid directly to the School specified on the Application Form for educational expenses ONLY, if funds are awarded.
5. Submit to ODY within 30 days after the end of each term/semester, the following:
 - a) Grade Report
 - b) Official High School Transcript

Please Note: Failure to submit grades and transcript may result in future award suspension or denial.

6. Be aware that Educational Financial Assistance Funding **will not be transferred between institutions or students** during the academic terms/semester.

New Student Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

CONTINUING/RETURNING STUDENTS for High School Preparatory Funds SHALL:

(Have received funding from Navajo Nation the term /semester prior to current application)

1. Have met all Educational Financial Assistance eligibility requirements.
2. Have submitted all required documents.
3. Be a full-time student with Accumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of no less than 3.3 on a scale of 4.0 at the end of regular term/semester.
4. Be aware that funds will be paid directly to the School specified on the application form for educational expenses ONLY, if funds are awarded.
5. Submit to ODY within 30 days after the end of each term/semester, the following:
 - b) Grade Report
 - b) Official High School Transcript

Please Note: Failure to submit grades and transcript may result in future award suspension or denial.

6. Be aware that Educational Financial Assistance Funding **will not be transferred between institutions or students** during the Academic terms/semester.

Continuing Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT:

I/We _____, Parents/Legal Guardian of _____
(student's legal name), hereby give consent/permission for the Office of Diné YOUTH to request and receive my child's transcript and academic financial information from the institution indicated on the Educational Financial Assistance application. I understand the information received will be utilized only in the review of my child's application for financial assistance from the Navajo Nation Office of Diné Y.O.U.T.H.

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Financial Needs Analysis
(To be completed by School/Institution)

TERM APPLYING FOR PLEASE CHECK ONE

TO BE COMPLETED & SUBMITTED BY THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICER ONLY

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