



**SHONTO COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE
* SCHOLARSHIP POLICY ***

- I. Applicant must be a Shonto (Chapter) Community Governance registered voter for one (1) year or longer. If the applicant is eighteen (18) years old and a day before his/her 19th birthday, one (1) parent must be a registered voter of Shonto (Chapter) Community Governance for one (1) year for eligibility.

* Applicants awarded a scholarship must register to vote with Shonto (Chapter) Community Governance in order to meet the one (1) year registered voter requirement and receive future funding after they turn eighteen (18) years old.
- II. The applicant is only eligible to receive assistance twice (2) each fiscal year (October 1st to September 31st) to cover two (2) semesters (Fall, Winter, Spring, or Summer) under the following conditions:
 - a) Applicant continues to meet eligibility guidelines.
 - b) Availability of the Shonto (Chapter) Community Governance Scholarship Fund.
- III. The Applicant must meet the following application deadlines for consideration:
 - a) Fall Term: First Friday in October
 - b) Winter Term: First Friday in January
 - c) Spring Term: First Friday in February
 - d) Summer Term: First Friday in June
- IV. The applicant must be accepted to post-secondary institution accredited by one of six regional accrediting associations as recognized by the Navajo Nation. {Visit www.onnsfa.org for General Eligibility.} Applicant must be pursuing an Associate's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, Doctoral Degree, or a Vocational Certificate or Diploma.
- V. Applicants who submit a Letter of Denial from the Navajo Nation Scholarship Office and Financial Assistance (ONNSFA) will receive priority consideration.
- VI. The applicant must submit the following required documents by the indicated deadline(s) to be considered:
 - a) The Official Shonto (Chapter) Community Governance Scholarship Packet.
 - b) Copy of applicant's Navajo Nation Voter Registration Card/Receipt or Signed Voter Verification Form by Shonto Community Governance Administration (See Policy I above).
 - c) OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT (S) from institution (s) the applicant has attended. If applicant has no prior higher educational experience he/she must submit an OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT with graduation date, or GED test scored certified by the granting agency.
 - d) A copy of applicant's Letter of Admission or an Enrollment Verification statement to the institution he/she will be or is attending. If applicant is a continuing student, he/she is required to show verification of semester enrolled and registered credit hours {i.e. term class schedule, official transcript, etc.} *Vocational School: Verification must indicate the hours and duration of instruction/program.

VII. The applicant must show proof of satisfactory completion of all semesters/training courses with an acceptable grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher. High School graduates: Cumulative GPA will be applied.

VIII. The applicant may apply for the following scholarship award amount:

Undergraduate

a)	Full-Time enrollment (12 or more credit hours)	\$500.00
b)	Part-Time enrollment (less than 12 credit hours)	\$250.00
c)	Summer Term (for both terms; not each term)	\$250.00
d)	Winter Term	\$250.00
e)	Vocational School	\$250.00
f)	Quarter Schools: Full Time Student for Winter or Summer	\$500.00
	* deadline for Quarter Schools for Winter and Summer terms is the first Monday of the following month after their school's Winter or Summer term starts.	

Graduate

a)	Full time enrollment (9 or more credit hours)	\$500.00
b)	Part time enrollment (Less than 9 credit hours)	\$ 250.00
c)	Summer Term (for both terms; not each term)	\$250.00
d)	Winter Term	\$250.00

PhD, Md, & JD

a)	Full time enrollment (9 or more credit hours)	\$500.00
b)	Part time enrollment (Less than 9 credit hours)	\$500.00
c)	Summer Term (for both terms; not each term)	\$250.00
d)	Winter Term	\$250.00

* Full-Time enrollment status may vary from school to school, which requires a clarification to be submitted by the applicant in order to be eligible for the full-time student funding amount.

IX. The Applicant is eligible to receive ONE TIME assistance, is in the summer only, if required as part of an accelerated, year-round program of study that requires full-time summer enrollment. Documentation of a program of study is required.

Approved applicant will receive the following scholarship award amount.

a)	Undergraduate (12 or more credit hours)	\$ 250.00
b)	Graduate (9 or more credit hours)	\$250.00
c)	PhD, MD, & JD (9 or more credit hours)	\$250.00

- X. Scholarship Packet must be submitted (mailed, or hand-carried) to the Shonto (Chapter) Community Governance Administration Office by the required deadlines (s).
- XI. No faxes or copies of Scholarship Application Packet will be accepted (original documents to be submitted: SCG Application, Official Transcript, Class Schedule and Letter of Admission/ or Enrollment Verification for continuing students). Exception: Voter Registration Receipt, Verification of Voter Registration Card.
- XII. The Shonto (Chapter) Community Governance Manager will review all required documents before an approval is granted.
- XIII. Failure to comply with scholarship policies will result in denial.

***Amendments Approved: June 24, 2013**