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BIA presents \$858,932 to Navajo Scholarship Office to distribute to Navajo students this academic year

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance Office has received an additional \$858,932 from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for this fiscal year.

The initial appropriation was made on Sept. 1. This represents an additional one-time distribution for the Scholarship Program as recommended by the Tribal Budget Advisory Council, and approved by the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Carl Artman on Sept. 7. And on Wednesday, the BIA presented the scholarship office with another \$2,743.

In addition, on Sept. 10, Navajo Area Regional Director Omar Bradley released another \$100,000 to the Navajo Scholarship Program to support the program's IT initiative.

Navajo Scholarship Office Director Rose Graham said the staff is grateful for the support of the BIA Navajo Regional Office with the much-needed additional dollars.

The Scholarship Office has sought additional funds for two years in order to upgrade its database. The database

upgrade will provide Navajo students with the ability to apply online for Navajo Nation scholarship as well as minimize the data entry time to enable staff to concentrate on student eligibility.

"The scholarship office expects students to file their scholarship applications online for the Spring 2008 term," Ms. Graham said. "The \$756,189 will be used primarily to fund students with scholarships and financial assistance. We certainly have the funds to award more students for Fall 2008 term."

The full-time application deadline for Spring 2008 term is Nov. 26. The Navajo Nation Scholarship Office encourages all students to submit applications for full-time funding prior to the deadline. Transcripts are due within 30 days upon completion of the academic term for students who received funding for Fall 2007 term.

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