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Navajo President Joe Shirley, Jr., accepts Frontier Communications \$20,000 scholarship check, says it's building Nation's independence

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., told officials from Frontier Communications that they were helping the Navajo Nation reach the dream of standing on its own and regain its independence by re-inaugurating the Frontier Communications Scholarship Fund.

On Wednesday, the company presented the President with a check for \$20,000 to re-start the scholarship program. Since the program began in 1983, Navajo students have received more than \$450,000 from the local phone company.

“You’re helping us to get back at that dream by giving us the money that you are so that we can give it to the students that are wanting to better themselves,” President Shirley said. “I know that some of our students wouldn’t be able to be going to school and getting at their books and paying for their rooms and the different things that are associated with education if it weren’t for Frontier Communications.”

The program will provide 20 students with \$1,000 scholarships to use for higher education expenses. The scholarship is

based on merit, not financial need. To apply, students must complete an application with the Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Aid Office which can be downloaded from its website – www.onnsfa.org.

To qualify, applicants need a 3.0 grade point average or higher, a letter of admission from a school or college, and a Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood.

The program is divided into three parts: \$5,000 is for students in voice and data communications or related studies; \$5,000 is for dependents of Frontier Communications employees; and \$10,000 is for students in each of five agencies; Chinle,

Crownpoint, Fort Defiance, Shiprock, Tuba City, and one at large.



Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., accepts the first annual \$20,000 check from Frontier Communications that resumes a scholarship program started in 1983. Presenting the check to the President, from left to right, is Frontier Southwest Area General Manager Lynne Petersen, Frontier West Region Senior Vice President and General Manager Denise Baumbach, Navajo Nation Scholarship Office Crownpoint Senior Financial Aid Counselor Winona Kay and General Manager for Navajo Nation Operations Joe Hausner.

President Shirley said it hurts when deserving students are unable to get a scholarship to continue their educations after high school. He said he looks to the day when each and every student can have his or her education funded.

Education is the means for students to stand on their own, get out there and become successful, he said.

“Getting an education, getting at knowledge is the means to standing on our own,” he said. “It has done it for me, so I’m talking from experience.”

Denise Baumbach, Frontier West Region Senior Vice President and General Manager, said the company believes in the future of the Navajo Nation and is committed to support the education of its future business and community leaders.

“Our investment in the communities we serve extend far beyond our network investments,” Ms. Baumbach said. “Frontier is your partner in the community. We understand the value of higher education to the residents of the Navajo Nation and are supporting that goal through the Frontier Communications Scholarship Fund.”

“Frontier is in the business of connecting people, and what better way to support the Navajo community than to connect its young people with the financial support they need to continue their education,” she said. “Frontier believes in the future of the Navajo Nation, which is why we are committed to supporting the education of its future business and community leaders.”

Frontier Southwest Area General Manager Lynne Petersen said the company is pleased to make this investment in Navajo students.

“Frontier understands that by investing in the youth of the Navajo Nation, we are helping build the future of the Nation,” she said.

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