



Navajo Family Assistance Services
Navajo Education Incentive (NEI) Guidelines

Section One: Purpose

- A. The purpose of the Navajo Education Incentive (NEI) is provide financial assistance to eligible school age Navajo children to purchase clothing or school supplies in an effort to promote school attendance, support academic performance and support confidence.
- B. The Navajo Family Assistance Services within the Department for Self Reliance (DSR) is the lead agency to provide the NEI for the Navajo Nation utilizing federal and Navajo Nation funding. This document is to serve as a Guideline for an Applicant of a Child (Applicant). The Applicant must be a parent or legal guardian of the child(ren).

Section Two: Eligibility

- A. In order to determine eligibility for NEI, the following requirements must be met:
 - 1. The Child must be between the ages of 3 to 17 years of age on the date the Applicant submits an application.
 - 2. The Child is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation
 - 3. The Child is enrolled in a school located on the Navajo Nation.
 - 4. The Child must be attending Head-Start, Pre-Kindergarten, Preschool and grades K through 12 for the 2020-2021 Academic school year.
- B. An Applicant is only eligible to receive assistance from the one of the following:
 - 1. NEI; or
 - 2. DSR (TANF) School Clothing benefits.
- C. The Applicant cannot simultaneously apply or receive funding from the funding sources provided in subsection (B) of this section.
- D. By submitting the application and receiving assistance, the Applicant self attests that the NEI funding will be used for the purposes outlined within this Guideline and that the information submitted is true and accurate.



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Section Three: Required Documents

- A. The Applicant must submit the following required documents to the NFAS:
1. The Child's Certificate of Indian Blood;
 2. The Child's valid Social Security Card; and
 3. A document on official school letterhead that verifies the child is enrolled in that school for the 2020-2021 Academic school year; and
 4. W-9 signed by Applicant

Section Four: NEI maximum amount:

The NEI funding assistance shall not exceed \$250.00 per eligible child for each Academic school year.

Section Five: Appeal Process

1. If application is denied, a written appeal for reconsideration must be submitted to the NFAS Senior Program and Project Specialist (SPPS) within fifteen (15) working days of the receipt of the denial letter. The written appeal shall outline the reason(s) why the Applicant is disputing the denial of an application and should include supporting document(s), if any. The NFAS SPPS decision will be final.