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Naabik'íyáti' Committee supports donations to ONNSFA for student scholarships



Naabik'íyáti' Committee unanimously approved legislation accepting over \$10,000 in private scholarship donations to the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On June 12, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee unanimously approved legislation accepting over \$10,000 in private scholarship donations to the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance (ONNSFA), furthering the Nation's investment in Diné students and their educational aspirations.

Legislation No. 0089-25, sponsored and finalized by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, affirms the Navajo Nation President's acceptance of multiple contributions to the Diné Scholarship Annual Fund. The measure formalizes the legal and budgetary steps required to deposit the funds into accounts managed by the Office of the Controller and ONNSFA.

Dr. Andy Nez, sponsor of the legislation, stated, "The support of NABI is a declaration that we believe in the future of our students. Every dollar donated represents hope for a young relative striving to complete their education, strengthen their identity, and give back to their communities. We are deeply grateful to the donors who continue to support Navajo education." He later added, "This legislation is also a reminder that we must continue to fight for higher education funds, now that this US administration plans to cut the Higher Education Grant, which provides millions in Navajo scholarships each year."

The total amount of \$10,130.46 includes contributions from Barrow Hanley Mewhinney & Strauss, LLC (\$5,000), Teachers College Press (\$1,880.46), Irene R. Spelling (\$2,000), and Elizabeth Prendergast (\$1,250). All donations were reviewed and deemed legally sufficient by ONNSFA through the Executive Official Review process. The funds will be deposited into designated business unit accounts and used to support Navajo students pursuing postsecondary education and vocational training.

“This Council continues to prioritize education and economic opportunity,” said Speaker Crystalyne Curley. “We are ensuring that even the smallest donations are treated with integrity and used to uplift our people through learning.”

The resolution passed unanimously with a vote of 19 in favor and none opposed, with the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee serving as the final authority.

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