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## Applications for SY 2021-2022 Navajo School Clothing and Supplies Available October 4, 2021

**Window Rock, Ariz.** – The Navajo Family Assistance Services (NFAS) provides financial assistance for eligible school age Navajo children to purchase clothing and supplies, of their choice, in an effort to promote school attendance, encourage academic performance, and support self-confidence.

The NFAS will accept applications for Navajo School Clothing and Supplies (NSCS) for School Year 2021-2022, beginning Monday, October 4, 2021.

Families who were approved for the School Year 2020 – 2021 and did not receive their funds may call (928) 871-6847 to speak with Sophina Yazzie, NFAS Office Specialist.

“Navajo children enrolled in child care, Head Start, Pre-Kindergarten, Pre-school, and grades K through 12 for the 2021-2022 school year are eligible to apply. Previously, Navajo children were required to live and attend school on the Navajo reservation. The criteria have changed. Now, Navajo children residing off Navajo reservation may apply and they are not required to attend a school on the Navajo Nation,” stated Roselyn Begay, Delegated NFAS Manager.

The applicant must submit the following required documents with an application to NFAS:

1. The child’s Certificate of Indian Blood;
2. The child’s valid social security card;
3. A document on official school letterhead verifying the child is enrolled for the current academic year, or appropriate documentation verifying the child is home school or virtual learning such as, but not limited to, a document issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Education, contract school, parochial school, or state operated school; and
4. Completed W-9 Form that is signed by the applicant.

“The Navajo School Clothing operations continues to improve its services. All funds are 100% pass-through meaning all the funds awarded to the NSCS program go to Navajo children rather than being used to hire personnel, pay storage fees, pay shipping costs, or to set up service contracts. All those costs have been eliminated by providing direct payment to families so that children can choose their own clothing style, or choose to use their funds for school supplies,” stated Deannah Neswood-Gishey, Division of Social Services Executive Director.

For more information, call NFAS at (928) 871 – 6851, 6847 or 7635.

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*The Navajo Division of Social Services (NDSS) is under the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation's three-branch government. Under the leadership of the NDSS Executive Director, NDSS programs and Departments provide social services and human services, consistent with professional social work ethics and values, and human services in accordance with Navajo cultural values to help reduce and alleviate hardship.*

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# SCHOOL CLOTHING & SUPPLIES

The Navajo Family Assistance Services (NFAS) was established on January 8, 2020, under the Division of Social Services, to provide the Navajo School Clothing and Supplies (NSCS) program, formerly known as the Navajo School Clothing Program.

## Applications Available Oct 4, 2021

**Navajo Division of Social Services**  
**(928) 871 - 6851**

**Navajo Family Assistance Services**  
**(928) 871 - 6847 or 7635**

**Application period: October 4, 2021**  
**until funds are depleted.**

Visit [www.nndss.navajo-nsn.gov](http://www.nndss.navajo-nsn.gov)

\* Click on Application Portal to apply instantly.  
Be prepared to upload required documents.

\* Click on download application to print.

Call your nearest office location to  
request for an application:

Chinle, AZ	928/674-2039
Crownpoint, NM	505/786-2236
Dilkon, AZ	928/657-8171
Gallup, NM	505/726-2480
Pinon, AZ	928/725-3470
Shiprock, NM	505/368-1572
Tuba City, AZ	928/283-3278
Window Rock, AZ	928/871-4664

### Eligibility:

The following requirements must be met for determination of eligibility:

1. The child must be between 3 to 18 years of age on the date the applicant submits an application.
2. The child must be enrolled member of the Navajo Nation.
3. The child must be enrolled in school, including home, or virtual learning.
4. The child must be enrolled in child care, Head Start, Pre-Kindergarten, Pre-school, and grade K through 12 for the current academic school year.

*An applicant is only eligible to receive financial assistance from one of the following Navajo Division of Social Services programs:*

1. NFAS' Navajo School Clothing and Supplies; or
2. Navajo Department for Self Reliance's TANF school clothing benefits.

### Required documents:

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