



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 27, 2021

Navajo School Clothing and Supplies Applications Accepted Sooner Than Announced

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.

In a prior release, the NFAS office announced that they will accept applications for Navajo School Clothing and Supplies (NSCS) for School Year 2021-2022, beginning Monday, October 4, 2021.

The NFAS office would like to announce that a recent budget modification will allow for the NFAS office to accept applications for Navajo School Clothing and Supplies sooner. Applications will be available on Friday, August 27, 2021.

The applicant must submit the following required documents with an application to Navajo Division of Social Services, Office of the Executive Director:

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 schooled or virtual learning.
4. Completed W-9 Form that is signed by the applicant.

Complete, signed applications with copies of required documentation may be submitted via postal mail, in-person, fax, email, or online as follows:

1. By postal mail: Division of Social Services, ATTN: NFAS - NSCS, P.O. Box 4590, Window Rock, Arizona 86515.
2. By fax at (928) 871-7372.
3. By email: sophina.yazzie@navajo-nsn.gov.
4. Online Application Portal: www.nndss.navajo-nsn.gov, click on the Application Portal button.
5. In-person: Delivered to Navajo Division of Social Services, Office of the Executive Director, Tribal Building 2, Window Rock, Arizona. Call (928) 871 – 6851.

Applicants should be aware, all required documents must have matching names. If the required documents are not submitted, the application will be held until documentation is provided.

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.

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

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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.

www.nndss.navajo-nsn.gov | nndss.info@navajo-nsn.gov | (928) 871-6851

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.

**NEW
APPLICATION
DATE!**

**Applications NOW
Available
August 27, 2021**

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

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

**Application period: August 27, 2021
until funds are depleted.**

Visit www.nndss.navajo-nsn.gov

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

Call your nearest office location to
request for an application:

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| 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:

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.



NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES NAVAJO FAMILY ASSISTANCE SERVICES

(928) 871 - 6851, 6847 or 7635 | www.nndss.navajo-nsn.gov | nndss.info@navajo-nsn.gov
P.O. Box 704 Window Rock, AZ 86515



Navajo Division of Social Services
Navajo Family Assistance Services
Effective: July 15, 2021

Navajo School Clothing and Supplies Guidelines

Section One: Purpose

- A. 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 confidence.
- B. The NFAS is the lead agency to provide school clothing and supplies assistance for the Navajo Nation utilizing Navajo Nation and federal funding. These Guidelines will advise the applicant on how to apply for financial assistance. The applicant is a parent or legal guardian of the child(ren).

Section Two: Eligibility

- A. 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.
- B. An applicant is only eligible to receive financial assistance from one of the following:
 - 1. NFAS' Navajo School Clothing and Supplies; or
 - 2. Navajo Department for Self Reliance's TANF school clothing benefits.
- C. The applicant cannot simultaneously apply or receive funding from the funding sources provided in paragraph (B) of this section.
- D. By submitting an application and receiving financial assistance, the applicant self attests that the NFAS funding will be used for the purposes outlined within these Guidelines and that the information submitted is true and accurate.

Section Three: Required Documents

The applicant must submit the following required documents 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.

Section Four: Financial Assistance

The financial assistance for Navajo School Clothing and Supplies shall not exceed \$250.00 per eligible child for the current academic year.

Section Five: Appeal

If an application is denied, a written appeal for reconsideration must be submitted to the NFAS Senior Programs and Projects Specialist (SPPS) within ten (10) working days of receipt of a denial letter. The written appeal shall outline the reason(s) for which the applicant is disputing the denial of an application and should include supporting document(s), if any. The NFAS SPPS' decision will be final.



Navajo Family Assistance Services
P.O. Box 704; Window Rock, AZ 86515
Tel: (928) 871-6847 or 4664
Navajo School Clothing & Supplies Application
2021/2022 Academic Year



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| Name: | SSN: | CIF#: | Date: |
| Mailing Address: | City: | State: | Zip: |
| Phone: | E-mail: | | |

| Child's Name: | CIF#: | DOB: | SSN: | CIB Number |
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| ACKNOWLEDGEMENT | |
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| Initial | I understand that this financial assistance is to be used only for purchasing school clothing and school supplies for the child(ren) listed above. |
| Initial | By submitting the application and receiving assistance, I self-attest that the funding will be used for the purposes outlined in the Navajo School Clothing and Supplies Guidelines and that the information I have submitted is true and accurate. |
| <hr/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Parent Guardian Signature Date: </div> | |

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| Approved <input type="checkbox"/> | The applicant meets the eligibility criteria to be approved. |
| Denied <input type="checkbox"/> | The applicant does not meet the eligibility criteria to be approved. |
| Employee Name: | Date: |
| Position Title: | Office: |