



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**Applications for Navajo School Clothing
and School Supplies to be closed on March 10, 2023 at 5:00 PM.**

Window Rock, Ariz. – The Navajo Family Assistance Services (NFAS) program, under the Navajo Nation Division of Social Services (DSS), administers the Navajo School Clothing and School Supplies (NSCSS) program. A Navajo Nation General Funds program for eligible school aged (3-18 years old) Navajo children to purchase clothing and supplies, of their choice, to promote school attendance, encourage academic performance, and to support self-confidence.

Due to funds availability, the NFAS program must close the NSCSS applications for the School Year (SY) 2022-2023 on Friday, March 10, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

"NFAS regrets to inform the public that the NSCSS funds have been expended. The NSCSS program is a Navajo Nation General Funded program. If the NSCSS program is awarded additional funding for SY 2022-2023, the applications will be reopened," stated NFAS Manager, Raeann Metteba.

NSCSS Applications and Guidelines have been available on the DSS website, www.nndss.navajo-nsn.gov, since Monday, January 9, 2023.

All applicants must submit the following required documentation for each student with the NSCSS application:

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.

To download the application and guideline visit, www.nndss.navajo-nsn.gov. You may also contact your local NFAS field office to request an application and guideline emailed or faxed to you.

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM, Friday, March 10, 2023.

"Please note, the Department for Self Reliance Benefit Group Members, or current TANF recipients, are not eligible for NSCSS with NFAS. If your student is currently receiving TANF, they cannot receive additional school clothing benefits through NFAS. When submitting your application please list all students on one application. Submitting separate applications for the same household will cause major delays." stated Metteba.

For more information, please contact your nearest NFAS Field Office: **Chinle, AZ**, (928) 674-2040/ 2047/ 2042; **Window Rock, AZ**, (928) 871-4664/ 4665/ 4667/ 4668; **Gallup, NM**, (505) 726-2699; **Shiprock, NM**, (505) 368-1572/ 1522/ 1488; **Crownpoint, NM** (505)786-2236; **Tuba City, AZ** (928) 283-3278.

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Navajo Family Assistance Services (NFAS) provides the following financial assistance to eligible individuals and households: Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), General Assistance (GA), Burial Assistance (BA), Community Services Block Grant (CSGB), and Navajo School Clothing and School Supplies (NSCSS)

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