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## **NTUA GRANTS \$190,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

**FORT DEFIANCE, AZ** – The Navajo Tribal Utility Authority is proud to announce \$190,000 awarded in postsecondary scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic school year. Since 2008, NTUA has awarded \$1.6 million in scholarship awards since 2008.

Each year NTUA offers Navajo students an opportunity to apply for scholarships for fields of study related to the multi-service utility industry. This includes; engineering, business, management, accounting, environmental studies, or information technology. In this latest applicant group, NTUA awarded 67 students. The award is \$2,000 and will be evenly distributed over two semesters.

“We hope that these educational awards will provide positive relief for the students and their families, especially during these challenging times,” said NTUA General Manager Walter Haase, explaining that scholarship program is one way for NTUA to give back to regional communities.

NTUA is also pleased that Choice NTUA Wireless and Atlantic Tele-Network Inc., pledged a generous \$57,000 to increase the overall awards \$190,000.

“ATN and Choice are proud to continue our support for the NTUA scholarship program and our partners at NTUA,” said Michael Prior, Chairman and CEO of ATN Inc. “Programs like these are critical to creating new opportunities for families, and we are hopeful that the skills and knowledge learned will in turn lead to the creation of other opportunities across the Navajo Nation.”

Four students from Kayenta will also receive scholarships, following NTUA’s promise to award students from the Kayenta region as a result of the Kayenta Solar I and II Project. The awardees primarily attend state universities in Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado as well as Navajo Technical University and Dine’ College.

“We give the scholarship recipients our sincerest congratulations,” said Haase. “We wish them a successful school year and the best of luck with their educational endeavors as they continue their journey as the future of the Navajo Nation.”

The selection criteria was completed in three phases. The first phase reviewed and eliminated incomplete application packets, ineligible programs (Certificates), and late submissions. The second phase included consideration of students who were awarded previous years which is a demonstration of support to help them complete their degrees. The final phase selected students pursuing degrees related directly to the multi-service utility industry, as justified in letter of interest.