

PRESS RELEASE



Pueblo de San Ildefonso Doubles Tribal Scholarship Amounts

Pueblo de San Ildefonso, NM, January, 4, 2021—On December 29, 2021, the Pueblo de San Ildefonso Tribal Council approved a budget modification request from Governor Moquino’s administration, increasing the tribal scholarship fund to effectively double the scholarship awards available to enrolled Pueblo members interested in pursuing their post-secondary studies (either university, college, vocational, technical, or trade school), and adding an additional award level for graduate school students. With the approved increase to the tribal scholarship fund, students will now be eligible to receive from the tribe up to \$3,600 each academic year to support their undergraduate studies or \$4,000 per year to support their graduate studies.

While the Pueblo’s tribal scholarships are intended to be partial awards and not the primary source of funding for students, this step marks the first increase in award amounts in the scholarship’s 30-year history, during which time the costs to attend a four-year public college in New Mexico has nearly tripled. Governor Moquino, in recognizing this shared accomplishment, noted, “Through collaboration, evaluation and understanding the needs of our students, the Governor, Council and Education program felt it was necessary to begin addressing this shortfall within the Pueblo’s funding.” The Governor also asserted that “this small step taken will need to be continually adjusted in the coming months and years to allow opportunity for academic success, and affirmed his administration’s commitment “to promote and look at ways of funding the Pueblo’s scholarship program through education endowments, donations and fund raising to assist in supplementing this fund.” These changes will go into effect immediately, with students in spring 2022 being the first recipients of the increased scholarship award amounts, providing greater financial resources to these students and more flexibility in making decisions on how to best finance their studies.