



Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council



Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council (NNYAC) 2024-2025

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Legislations

1. Executive Order No. June 2016
2. Three Branch Agreement: August 21, 2016
3. Legislation CAP-26-17, Resolution: February 21, 2017

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1. Vision: Hozho'o Keh'go Ahil na'anish: Build Connect Reunite
2. Mission: The Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council (NNYAC) seeks to advocate and improve essential life skill development by increasing involvement within communities to ensure the success of future generations.

Executive Branch Focus Area

1. Recruitment of Navajo Youth to re-establish 12 members of NNYAC

Progress: In the Office of Miss Navajo Nation and Miss Navajo Nation 2024-2025, Ranisha Begay continues to promote NNYAC to youth ages 14 to 24 years through public relations activities, radio station segments, and visitations to schools. On January 14, 2025, our team disseminated 55 NNYAC member applications at the 2nd Annual President State of the Nation Address in Tuba City, Arizona.

2. Government Operations – Classification of two (2) employment position

Progress: The Office of Miss Navajo Nation (“OMNN”) is waiting for the final result of the two (2) Position Classification Questionnaires (“PCQ”), which were submitted to the Department of Personnel Management (“DPM”) for Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Coordinator and Chaperone positions. The Budgeting portion to establish these 2 employment positions has been completed at 80 hours by the fiscal year 2024 Budget Manual. Our office is waiting for DPM to create the 2 new positions within the Navajo Nation Government.

3. Government Operations – Develop NNYAC’s website and email address for 12 NNYAC members usage.

Progress: The new website for NNYAC is www.nnyac.navajo-nsn.gov.
The new email address for NNYAC is nnyac@navajo-nsn.gov.

4. Government Operations – Office space/building/location for 12 NNYAC members to host meetings, events, and leadership training sessions.



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Progress: OMNN and Miss Navajo Nation continue to explore potential office spaces within Window Rock, St. Michaels, Tse Bonito, and Fort Defiance areas as ideal office spaces.

5. Government Operations – Fiscal Year 2025 NNYAC Program Budget

Progress: OMNN submitted an Unmet Needs Budget for \$196,445.00, and we're waiting for final approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 Comprehensive Budget. When the Unmet Needs Budget is approved for \$196,445.00, OMNN will more leverage as buying power to procure computer laptops, and mobile phones, including WIFI monthly services. OMNN will procure NNYAC promotional items.

6. Government Operations –The NNYAC members' advisory status with the Department of Personnel Management, hinders the reimbursement payments for the former 12 members of NNYAC.

Progress: OMNN had several meetings to resolve the Personnel Action Form (PAF) that impacts NNYAC's 12 members stipend payments. The DPM's Human Resources Director has directed the DPM's Classification Section to develop the code for the NNYAC members in the Human Resources Information System (HRIS). Projecting development phase, test phase, and re-assessment phase before implementation.

7. NNYAC Proposed Plan of Operation

Progress: OMNN plans to schedule a work session that consists of the Navajo Department of Justice, Department of Personnel Management, Judicial Branch advisors, and Legislative advisors, which will be accomplished within the 2nd Quarter of FY 2025.

8. Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council Application

Progress: NNYAC's application has been revised and posted on NNYAC's website and OMNN's website including the Navajo Nation Government announcement.

Community Outreach for NNYAC

1. The Office of Miss Navajo Nation and Miss Navajo Nation 2024-2025, Ranisha Begay continues to promote youth from the ages of 14 to 24 years through radio station segments, visitations to schools/chapters, and offering presentations to Summer Youth Employees.
2. The Office of Miss Navajo Nation and Miss Navajo Nation 2024-2025, Ranisha Begay continues to promote the value of NNYAC by presenting on youth opportunities that will be available once deemed a NNYAC member by producing community service projects, addressing youth-related issues/concerns, establishing mentorship programs, and producing scholarship opportunities.
3. The Office of Miss Navajo Nation and Miss Navajo Nation 2024-2025, Ranisha Begay is attending the Mid-year National UNITY Conference in Phoenix, Arizona to maintain a working relationship with the National UNITY organizers.

Conclusion

The Office of Miss Navajo Nation and Miss Navajo Nation 2024-2025, Ranisha Begay has encountered several setbacks; however, we continue to identify solutions and eliminate the hindrances. OMNN strongly believes that the NNYAC needs to remain with the Executive Branch, where OMNN will provide better services and ensure the stability of NNYAC's operations and functions in meeting the FY2025 Goals and Objectives.