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Job fairs scheduled to hire temporary workers and summer students to assist with the second phase of the CARES Act Hardship Program

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Navajo Nation Office of the Controller will host three job fairs this week to seek applicants to serve as office specialists, office assistants, and interns to implement the final phase of the CARES Act Hardship Program at the following locations and times:

- Shiprock Chapter House — Tuesday, July 13th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (MDT)
- Chinle Chapter House — Wednesday, July 14th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (MDT)
- St. Michaels Chapter House — Thursday, July 15th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (MDT)

To apply, please complete the Navajo Nation Employment Application on-site or you may download the application online at http://www.dpm.navajo-nsn.gov/ and bring the completed form to one of the job fairs along with a valid state driver's license and Certificate of Indian Blood.

For intern positions, recent high school graduate will need to provide a copy of Letter of Acceptance/Admission and class schedule; current continuing students will need a copy of transcripts for most recent semester completed and class schedule for upcoming semester.

The Navajo Nation Department of Personnel Management will be on-site to assess the applications for immediate determination of qualifications to fill the open positions. The applicants will be notified on-site if hired. Hired applicants will need to provide a copy of his/her Social Security Card. If you have questions, please contact Ella Howard at ellahoward@nnooc.org or Laura Johnson at laurajohnson@nnooc.org. Officials will also be on-site to answer questions at the job fair events.

"This is a great opportunity for our Navajo people, including students who are home for the summer, to gain work experience and build their professional skills. This is a different approach from the first round of the Hardship Assistance Program that will help to provide employment and income for our own people. Please take advantage of this opportunity and come prepared to the job fair events with the required documents, driver's license, and CIB," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

On July 2, President Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer signed Resolution CJN-35-21 into law, approving the final phase of the CARES Act Hardship Program to allow remaining applicants to receive the direct relief funding, and to reopen the application process for enrolled members who did not apply for the relief funds last year.

The Office of the Controller will reopen the CARES Act Hardship Program application process on Aug. 1, 2021, for the 92,000 enrolled Navajo Nation members who did not apply for the relief funds last year. The Office of the Controller is currently in the process of contacting the 1,865 individuals who submitted an application prior to last November's deadline, but were missing supporting documents – these applicants will have until the end of July to complete their application.

"The Office of the Controller is doing their best to make this entire process as beneficial as possible, from hiring our Navajo people to operate the program to help provide direct relief to families. This approach helps to create jobs and boost our own economy on the Navajo Nation. We appreciate the patience of our Navajo people and encourage those who have not applied for the Hardship Program to apply beginning in August," said Vice President Lizer.

During the first phase of the Hardship Program last year, over $319 million in CARES Act funds was issued to approximately 308,000 enrolled members. $41,979,377 remains unspent and will be used for the final phase of the Hardship Program. The resolution for the final phase of the program included language stating that the 1,865 individuals currently on the waiting list will receive direct financial relief comparable to the $1,350 per adult and $450 per minor amounts that was distributed last year.

For those who did not apply during the first phase, there will be a 60-day time period beginning Aug. 1, 2021, to allow those enrolled members to submit applications and based on the number of applicants received, the remaining funds will be distributed. Details about the application process will be provided by the Office of the Controller.

The Nez-Lizer Administration, in coordination with the Office of the Controller, will host an online town hall on Monday, July 12th at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) on the Nez-Lizer Facebook page and YouTube channel to provide more information, which will air on local radio stations later in the week.

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