

Application Requirements:

Both the Practitioner and Apprentice must submit the following documents:

- Interview for Practitioner & Apprentice
- Navajo Nation Employment Application
- W-9 Form
- Valid Driver's License
- Social Security Card
- NTAP Agreement Form
- Orientation
- Monthly report on ceremony (Required 48 hours) practitioner teaching apprentice.

SUBMIT TO:

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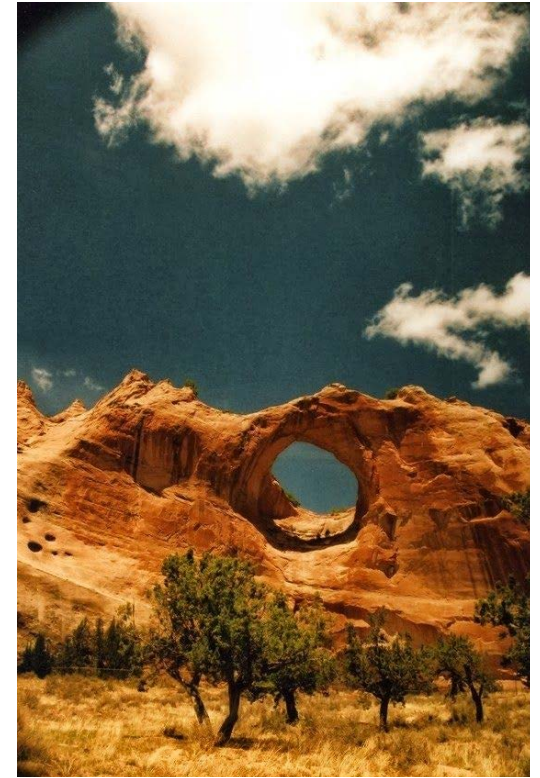
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History

The Navajo Health Authority conducted a 1979 Navajo survey revealing a few ceremonies were still going strong and there were ample numbers of singers.

In 1994 a survey revealed a dramatic decrease in the number of singers and ceremonies still in practice.

After an allocation of financial assistance was issued on September 1, 1998, the first practitioner and apprentice from Tuba City began participating in the Navajo Traditional Apprenticeship Program.

Navajo Traditional Apprentice and Practitioner Assist

Office of Standards, Curriculum, and Assessment Development to perpetuate and maintenance Diné language, culture, history, character, and government in early childhood programs such as:

- Elementary Schools
- Secondary Schools
- Post-Secondary Schools

Including:

Tribal Organizations & communities

“It is important that the Diné people continue to practice these ceremonies”

The demands for traditional Navajo practitioners and ceremonies may not be sufficient without the establishment and use of the Navajo Traditional Apprenticeship Project



GOAL

The Navajo Apprenticeship Program is designed to train participants on Navajo traditional healing ceremonies, particularly those Navajo ceremonies most in danger of being lost.

The program is intended to serve eligible apprentices to complete their Navajo healing ceremony training and become a Navajo traditional healing practitioner.

Navajo Traditional Ceremonial practitioners carry general knowledge of traditional stories, songs, prayers, and other procedures as related to each specific ceremony.

These ceremonies are closely guarded, and the knowledge is handed down through immediate family and clan members.