

# The Cobell Scholarship Program

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- ▶ Enrolled member of a US Federally-Recognized Tribe
  - ▶ Descendants not eligible
  - ▶ Preference not given to settlement class membership
  - ▶ State-recognized tribes not eligible at this time
  - ▶ Canadian First Nations not eligible, even if US citizens
- ▶ Degree-seeking
  - ▶ Vocational Certificate/Degree
  - ▶ Associate's Degree
  - ▶ Bachelor's Degree
  - ▶ Graduate and Professional degrees
  - ▶ Graduate Summer Research Fellowship
- ▶ GPA (minimum will vary by level)
  - ▶ Will be determined by IEI and the Cobell Board of Trustees based on applicant pool
  - ▶ Competitive scholarship – higher GPA is always better



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- ▶ Enrolled in a non-profit public or private institution
  - ▶ For-profit/proprietary institutions not eligible – no exceptions
  - ▶ When in doubt, ask your institution
  - ▶ If your school is not listed in our drop-down, it is most likely not eligible. Please ask us.
  - ▶ Online programs through public and private non-profit institutions are eligible so long as other criteria are met.
- ▶ Must be a full-time student as determined by your school.
- ▶ FAFSA required - Pell-eligibility not required
- ▶ Unmet need
  - ▶  $\text{Unmet need} = \text{Cost of attendance} - \text{resources (loans not included)}$
  - ▶ Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is a contributing factor
  - ▶ Information provided by student in collaboration with the office of financial aid



# Application Tips

- ▶ Begin to apply early when the opportunity opens
  - ▶ Don't wait for the deadline
- ▶ Complete the general application – profile
- ▶ Opportunity match: available scholarships
- ▶ Ask questions early for best help
  - ▶ [scholarships@cobellscholar.org](mailto:scholarships@cobellscholar.org)
  - ▶ Live chat at [cobellscholar.org](https://cobellscholar.org)
  - ▶ 505-313-0032



# Also Available in OASIS

- ▶ AISES opportunities
- ▶ DREAM WARRIORS opportunity



# WRITING TIPS: copy all question prompts into a Word document

- ▶ Carefully read the prompts, consider the reviewer and answer the question.
  - ▶ Write drafts in a word document first then paste into application.
  - ▶ Provide additional, relevant, compelling information.
  - ▶ Be clear, concise and organize your thoughts.
- ▶ Grammar counts
- ▶ Edits can be made until the deadline
- ▶ Oasis supplies help text, and frequently asked questions
- ▶ IEI webinars and videos are linked on the website and at the bottom of the oasis screen



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND ADVICE

- SUBMITTING REFERENCES: referrals receive a link, get their email address
  - undergraduate references submit via the online questionnaire
  - Graduate references upload a letter into oasis
  - Vocational references are not required
- STUDENT APPLICATION – complete all sections
- Uploading files
  - OASIS UPLOADS: PDFS AND JPEGS (not links)
  - File names –jsmithtranscript.pdf, jsmithpic.jpg, jsmithclassschedule.pdf
    - (No punctuation in the file name)
  - SYSTEM COMMUNICATION – only sources of communication
- USE AN EMAIL THAT YOU CAN CHECK OFTEN – not your parents, not your school issued email as you may transfer and we cannot track you



# DO'S AND DON'TS

- ▶ Do ask questions
- ▶ Don't wait to apply
- ▶ Do read all instructions
- ▶ Do check status and emails often
- ▶ Do respond to reminders
  - ▶ Missing documents
  - ▶ Incomplete application or responses
  - ▶ Renewal for spring term
- ▶ Do contact IEI if there are any changes (update profile often)
- ▶ Do make additional comments if needed
- ▶ Don't ask if you can fax requested documents





# Engage with us!

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