



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: APPLYING/ELIGIBILITY

What % of applicants are funded?

Approximately 15% of completed applicants received an award in 2016/2017

Who is eligible to apply for a Cobell Scholarship?

Since we regularly evaluate our processes for potential improvements, full eligibility will always be listed on the homepage of the Cobell Online Application Scholarship Information System (**Cobell-OASIS**), on our website, and available by contacting our office.

What type of information is required to apply?

All application responses are self-reported and no documentation is required unless an applicant is invited to be a finalist in June of each year. This is a three step process: 1. Submit application. 2. Offer to become finalist. 3. Awarded and become a Cobell Scholar.

How can I get an application to apply?

The **Cobell Application Online Scholarship & Information System (OASIS)** is accessible online via CobellScholar.org. Simply select "Apply Now/Check Status."

When should I apply?

Applicants are invited to apply every year by submitting the general application online via **Cobell-OASIS**.

When is application due?

A completed application for the 2017/2018 Academic Year is due March 31st, 2017. Summer is also due March 31st, but may be based on availability of funds.

Why won't my application submit? There are a few reasons in which **Cobell-OASIS** will not accept an application. Please be sure to check the following:

- All questions must be answered. If the question is not applicable to you, please write **N/A**.
- If that does not work, please try another web browser. In certain cases, some browsers have not been compatible with **Cobell-OASIS**. Please inform the Indigenous Education, Inc. staff if this occurs so that the problem can be fixed.
- **Please note:** Indigenous Education, Inc. (IE) recommends first answering all essay questions in a word document, then copy/paste your response(s) into your **Cobell-OASIS** application to avoid losing any work in the event of technological difficulties.

If I apply and meet all the criteria will I be guaranteed a scholarship?



There is no guarantee that everyone who is eligible and completes an application will be offered a scholarship. Select applicants will be provided offers to become finalists. Select finalists will become awarded scholars.

If I am not selected can I apply again?

Yes, you may reapply as long as you are eligible.

What are some of the reasons I was not selected?

Students are not selected for one or more of the following reasons:

- submitting a late or incomplete application,
- failure to upload required documents,
- uploaded documents are unable to be opened or are the incorrect documents,
- attending a for-profit institution,
- are not an enrolled tribal member,
- or fall below the GPA cutoff for selection.

Is there an appeals process if I am not selected?

The Director of Scholarships will address all concerns; however, should you wish to elevate your appeal, the Executive Director will provide a list of necessary information to appeal. The IE Board does not review appeals. All decisions by the Executive Director are final.

Is there a waitlist?

IE will maintain a waitlist and applicants may be offered a scholarship should funding become available. Students will be notified if they are placed on a waitlist. No status information will be provided to applicants on the waitlist and there is no projected date for which IE will review the waitlist.