



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: *ELIGIBILITY*

Q: What is the Cobell Scholarship and who is eligible to apply?

A: The Cobell Scholarship is the result of the Cobell vs. Salazar settlement. It is competitive, merit and need based, non-renewable, and available to any post-secondary (after high school) student who is; an enrolled member of a US Federally-Recognized Tribe, enrolled in full-time study and is degree seeking. Applicants must plan to attend or be attending any nationally, regionally and industry accredited non-profit, public and private, institution. Applicants must be pursuing a vocational certificate or diploma, associate's, bachelors, masters, doctoral or professional degree, or certificate.

The most updated information will be available on the Cobell Scholar homepage and Online Application Student Information System (OASIS), additional FAQs, or by contacting IEI.

Q: Do I need to be a Cobell Settlement Class Member to receive a scholarship?

A: No. Cobell Settlement Class membership or descendency is not required, nor does it guarantee Finalist selection. However, this information is collected for research purposes and may be used as a Finalist selection tiebreaker if needed.

Q: Who determines the eligibility and amounts for the scholarship?

A: The Cobell Board of Trustees was established to oversee the funds. Each year they work with Indigenous Education, Inc. to evaluate the prior year's processes to determine eligibility and how to make positive changes, if necessary. This includes an assessment of the impact the scholarship award made on each student's financial aid package. Award amounts are conveyed to the selected Finalists in an email offer letter.

Q: How do I know if my tribe is federally recognized?

A: All eligible tribes are listed in the drop down list in the General Application Profile. If your tribe is not listed, contact IEI. *This list is compiled from the US Congressional Record.*

Q: Do you fund descendants of tribal members?

A: IEI does not make offers to descendants at this time; however, selected Finalists proving ¼ or more descent from multiple tribes will be considered by submitting the appropriate documentation.

Q: How do I know if I am attending an eligible institution?

A: Without exception, Indigenous Education, Inc.'s scholarship opportunities will only be available to students who attend public or private non-profit institutions. Institutions must be industry and nationally/regionally accredited. Contact the institution directly to inquire if they are a non-profit, visit their website or contact IEI.

A: Does IEI fund students who are attending school part-time?

Q: No, applicants must intend to enroll full-time (determined by your institution), must be degree seeking and making progress toward graduation. Selected Finalists will be requested to submit a course registration to verify full-time enrollment when completing the Post-Acceptance process.



Q: If I apply and meet all eligibility criteria, will I be guaranteed a scholarship?

A: There is no guarantee that everyone who is eligible and completes a General Application Profile or scholarship opportunity will be offered or awarded a scholarship. Applicants who are selected as Finalists will be awarded after successfully completing the Post-Acceptance process and all other eligibility requirements are verified.