

Help them prepare. Let them lead.

A Cobell Scholarship quick-reference guide

Practical ways to support a student before, during, and after the application process.

Let the student own the account

The student must use their own personal email and complete and submit every part of the application. A parent email or parent-completed application can create eligibility problems.

Coach the process - not the answers

Talk through goals, help build a timeline, and proofread for clarity. Final written responses should reflect the applicant's own ideas, experiences, and authentic voice.

Track deadlines and messages

Add opening, closing, and reference dates to a shared calendar. Encourage the student to check OASIS, email, and spam folders regularly and respond promptly.

Gather information early

Help locate tribal enrollment contacts, school information, prior academic records, and financial aid contacts. Most verification documents are requested after Finalist selection.

Keep every record consistent

Names, email addresses, Tribal or Alaska Native Corporation information, school, and degree details should match across OASIS and supporting records. Update changes quickly.

Be ready for the next steps

A Finalist must accept the offer and complete Post-Acceptance. Verification may include Tribal citizenship, school attendance, course registration, and financial aid information.

WORDS WORTH KNOWING

Understand the steps your student will see.

The profile and eligibility form open the door; the matched opportunity application is what must be submitted.

OASIS

The Online Application and Scholarship Information System. Students create an account, receive messages, submit materials, and check status here.

Applicant Profile

The student's contact and demographic information. It can be updated as needed, so the email, school, and other details should stay current.

Eligibility Form

A separate form used to match the student with open opportunities based on self-reported Tribal or ANC, school, degree, and enrollment information.

Opportunity Application

The actual scholarship application. Completing only the Profile and Eligibility Form does not count as applying for a scholarship opportunity.

Finalist

An applicant who advances after review. Finalist status is not yet an official award; the student must complete verification and all required next steps.

Applicant privacy

Cobell staff can discuss a file only with the applicant. There is no parent permission form, so families should support the student without requesting account access.

THE BEST KIND OF HELP

Encourage. Proofread. Step back.

The student must own the application, but steady family support can make the process less stressful. Help them start early, stay organized, and tell their own story.

OASIS + FAQs

SCHOLARSHIP DATES

SCAN FOR OFFICIAL FAQs



SUPPORT WITHOUT TAKING OVER