

Cobell Scholarships Overview

Who each opportunity is for, annual application windows, recent award guides, and references.

GENERAL FIT

Cobell Scholarship Opportunities are designed to support enrolled members of U.S. Federally-recognized Tribes or Alaska Native Corporations who attend an eligible nonprofit institution and meet the requirements of the selected opportunity.

01 Undergraduate

DEC 15 - MAR 31

BEST FOR

Associate of Arts or first bachelor's degree students.

AWARD SNAPSHOT

Recent guide: \$5,000 new awardees; up to \$8,000 returning awardees.

Reference required

02 Graduate & Professional

DEC 15 - MAR 31

BEST FOR

Master's, doctoral, professional, post-baccalaureate, or eligible professional certification study.

AWARD SNAPSHOT

Recent guide: up to \$12,500.

Letter of reference required

03 Vocational / Trade School

JUN 1 - MAY 15

BEST FOR

Diploma, certificate, occupational license, AAS, or trade-focused AA programs.

AWARD SNAPSHOT

Recent guide: up to \$7,500 per calendar year.

No reference required; rolling while funds remain

04 Summer Scholarship

FEB 15 - MAY 4

BEST FOR

Eligible degree or vocational students taking summer courses, with priority for timely completion needs.

AWARD SNAPSHOT

Amount varies by available funds, unmet need, and cost of attendance.

No reference required

05 Graduate Summer Research Fellowship

SEP 1 - JAN 10

BEST FOR

Graduate students conducting degree-relevant thesis or dissertation research during summer.

AWARD SNAPSHOT

\$5,000 research fellowship.

Academic reference required

06 Dissertation Writing-Year Fellowship

SEP 1 - JAN 10

BEST FOR

Full-time doctoral candidates within about 12 months of completing and defending a qualifying dissertation.

AWARD SNAPSHOT

Up to \$30,000 over 12 months.

Dissertation chair reference required

Academic scholarship amounts are recent 2025-2026 examples and may change. Final awards depend on available funds, degree level, verified unmet need, cost of attendance, and institutional financial-aid rules.



Full details