

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT regarding the 2020/2021 Academic Year Cobell Scholarship Program**

2020/2021 Academic Year Cobell Scholarship – Undergraduate and Graduate level applications

### **Regarding the STUDENT portion of the applications**

#### **Priority Deadline is March 31, 2020**

- This means that applicants who complete the application process by March 31, will be given priority in funding decisions. This is most important for those Graduate/Professional level students who must make early decisions.
- This also means, that after May 1, 2020, all Cobell Scholarship offers will be rolling out weekly until mid-July, for this year only.

#### **Final Deadline *Extended* to May 15, 2020**

- This means that all students who submit a completed application, including references, through May 15, 2020, will be reviewed, rated, ranked, and either be given an offer of funding or placed on a priority waitlist.

### **Regarding References:**

For both scholarship applications, the submission date for all related references will be seven days following the deadline – **April 7 for Priority consideration** and **May 22 for extended consideration**.

We recognize that in this time of uncertainty and constant change in academic calendars for both secondary (high school) and post-secondary (college) faculty and staff, many individuals are going to be taxed with more than their regular duties. For this reason, we will work with all recommenders, at both levels, as necessary and will be as lenient as possible with submissions.

*Students* - please continue to complete applications as early as possible to be sensitive to the recommender who may be juggling multiple changes during this time of uncertainty. Review the instructions and help text for the tips on helping the recommender to submit.

### **Regarding the Application Review Process**

Due to this extension, **Priority Graduate** level scholarship applications will be reviewed from April 15, 2020 to June 21, 2020; therefore, scholarship offers for the 2020/2021 Academic Year will be made from May 1 to May 15 for applications received by March 31, 2020 and after July 1, 2020 for applications received between April 1 and May 15, 2020.

### **Regarding the Vocational and Summer 2020 Scholarship Applications:**

Applications for the Vocational Scholarship will remain unchanged. Students whose program term starts before May 31, will apply to the currently open opportunity. Students whose program term starts after July 1, will apply after June 1, when the new opportunity is posted.

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The applications for all Summer programs will remain unchanged; however, if for any reason, an applicant cannot provide a completed transcript, an accommodation may be made on a case-by-case basis.

***\*Note:** These extensions should not affect the timing of scholarship distributions as most institutions do not provide the financial aid information to us until after July 1 each year.*