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AIGC Now Accepting Cobell Scholarship Applications

Cobell Scholarship Application deadline is June 1, 2015 for the Fall 2015 term.

Albuquerque, NM – April 20, 2015 – The American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) announced today that it is now accepting Cobell Scholarship applications through June 1, 2015, for the Fall 2015 term. Interested applicants can access the application and scholarship criteria at www.aigcs.org.

“We at AIGC are eager to fund applicants for the Cobell Scholars Program beginning with the Fall 2015 term. The provision of a scholarship program in conjunction with the Cobell Settlement was an inspired idea, and we are pleased to have been selected to administer the program,” said Sam Deloria, Director of the American Indian Graduate Center.

Established as a result of the Cobell v. Salazar litigation, the Cobell Scholars Program fund is intended to provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships to American Indian and Alaska Native students to defray the cost of attendance at both post-secondary vocational schools and institutions of higher education. The Cobell Board of Trustees, a Nonprofit created to manage the fund and oversee implementation of the scholarship program, is responsible for establishing the Cobell Scholars’ qualifications and award amounts.

The Department of Interior announced in early April a \$12 million transfer to the Cobell Education Scholarship Fund. The Department makes quarterly transfers to the Scholarship Fund, which is expected to total \$60 million.

Cobell Scholars will be awarded to U.S. Federally-recognized American Indian and Alaska Native students who are vocational certificate-seeking or a degree-seeking students in full-time accredited non-profit institutions in the United States; and who are able to demonstrate financial need.

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Preference will be given to original Cobell Settlement Class members or Direct descendants. All applicants are required to submit a Tribal Eligibility Certificate and Financial Needs Form available at <http://www.aigcs.org/scholarships/online-application-instructions/>.

About the American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC)

AIGC is a national organization, based in Albuquerque, NM, providing educational support through scholarships since 1969. AIGC is a national provider of scholarships for American Indian and Alaska Native graduate and undergraduate students and has awarded more than \$52 million in scholarships since its inception over 45 years ago.

To build, promote and honor self-sustaining American Indian and Alaska Native communities through education and leadership.

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