

ABOUT THE JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION

THE FOUNDATION

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation bases its work on the conviction that high-performing, low-income students will excel educationally when given the resources to develop their talents. This is why the Foundation supports exceptionally promising students from elementary school to graduate school through scholarships, grants, and direct services. Cooke Scholars are selected from a national pool using such factors as exemplary academic achievement, financial need, grit, determination and social commitment.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation scholarships are awarded annually to approximately 235 students who have financial need. Awards may be as much as \$40,000 per year and are available to any student living in United States at the time of application. In determining financial need, the Foundation considers the high cost of living in some areas, extraordinary medical expenses for the student or other family members, and the number of dependents in college. Though the Foundation accepts applications from students with an adjusted family gross income of less than \$95,000, the average family income of our selected high school students is approximately \$30,000, and the majority of our undergraduate students to date have been Pell grant eligible.

Scholarship recipients come from all racial and ethnic backgrounds and from rural, suburban, and urban communities throughout the United States. Many are the first in their family to pursue a college education. Cooke Scholars have come from almost every state, and their ethnic composition reflects the national population.

The Foundation today offers three national scholarship programs:

YOUNG SCHOLARS

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program provides the most personalized, generous scholarship and educational support in the nation for exceptionally high-

performing students from families with financial need. Young Scholars, who apply in the 7th grade, receive comprehensive educational advising and financial support through high school to enable them to excel.

The Foundation annually receives well in excess of 1,000 applications for this program. In 2014 it selected 65 of these applicants as Young Scholars. The Foundation conducts a rigorous application review, which includes analysis of grades, test scores, student and parent essays, letters of recommendation, and family financial information. The average GPA of the Young Scholars on graduating from high school in 2014 was 3.8. In this year's graduating class, 91% enrolled in highly competitive colleges and universities.

The Young Scholars Program application period is open January-March each year. For more information about how to apply, visit www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/young-scholars/

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program is an undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need. College Scholars receive up to \$40,000 per year for up to four years as well as college planning support, continuous advising throughout their college years, the possibility to receive internship stipends, and the opportunity to network with the larger Jack Kent Cooke Foundation scholar community.

This is one of the most competitive scholarships in the nation. In the last application cycle the Foundation received over 10,000 preliminary inquiries and 2,476 full applications for 40 scholarships. The 2014 College Scholars had an average high school GPA of 3.88, and 94% are attending the nation's most competitive colleges and universities.

The College Scholarship Program application period is open September-November each year. For more information about how to apply, visit www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/college-scholarship/

UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is a scholarship for the nation's best community college students, who seek to complete their bachelor's degrees at four-year colleges or universities. The Foundation provides up to \$40,000 per year for a maximum of three years, making it the country's largest private scholarship for community college transfer students.

In 2014, the Foundation received 3,705 applications, representing 737 community colleges, for 85 scholarships. The average GPA of the Undergraduate Transfer Scholars was 3.98 at community college. Undergraduate Transfer Scholars perform on par with the highest performing students at the nation's top colleges.

Applications for the Foundation's undergraduate scholarships are reviewed by distinguished panels of faculty and admissions officers from across the country.

The Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship application period is open October-December each year. For more information about how to apply, visit www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/undergraduate-transfer/

CONTINUING SCHOLAR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Jack Kent Cooke undergraduate scholarship recipients are eligible to compete for continuing support for graduate studies. In 2015, the Foundation will award up to \$50,000 per year for up to four years of graduate studies in any accredited degree program in the U.S. or abroad. Graduate Scholars have demonstrated high academic achievement, engagement, and leadership coupled with drive and persistence to contribute significantly in their professional pursuits. With our support, Graduate Scholars are earning doctorates in developmental genetics and population health economics, have studied directing at the American Film Institute Conservatory, trained for medical degrees at Yale, Johns Hopkins, and Harvard, and conducted research around the globe from Kuala Lumpur to Lima, Peru, to England at Cambridge and Oxford universities.

GRANTS

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation invests a portion of its funding annually in strategic grant initiatives to expand cutting-edge, creative educational opportunities for high-achieving, low-income students throughout the United States. The Foundation partners with educational leaders and organizations to develop students' academic and artistic talents

through enrichment programs, advise them on applying to top colleges, and support their successful completion of college. Notable longstanding initiatives include the College Advising Corps, a program that is transforming the college selection process nationally by recruiting and training recent college grads to provide college counseling in under-financed high schools, From the Top Jack Kent Cooke Young Artists Award, which awards scholarships to and broadcasts performances of outstanding young musicians who have financial need, and the Community College Transfer Initiative designed to expand pathways for community college students to highly selective four-year institutions. A typical grant is \$250,000.

For more information about the Foundation's grant initiatives, visit www.jkcf.org/grants/

JACK KENT COOKE SCHOLAR ALUMNI

Jack Kent Cooke Scholar Alumni frequently are awarded other competitive scholarships and fellowships, including Fulbright Fellowships, Truman Scholarships, Marshall Scholarships, National Science Foundation awards, Soros Fellowships for New Americans, and Rhodes Scholarships. Because of their academic achievement, demonstrated persistence in the face of financial need and ability to overcome obstacles, they have attained positions of leadership in many fields, including in business, social action organizations, philanthropy, and academia.

PROGRESS AND LEADERSHIP

During the last 15 years, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation has awarded \$125 million in scholarships to 1,800 students along with \$79 million in grants to organizations that support its mission. Its endowment has grown to more than \$700 million. The Foundation, a 509(a) private independent foundation organized under the laws of Virginia, is governed by seven trustees appointed for life, in accordance with the will of Mr. Cooke. The Foundation has had three executive directors, Dr. Matthew Quinn, previously the president of Carroll College, which is located in Helena, Montana, Dr. Lawrence Kutner, co-founder and previously co-director of the Center for Mental Health and Media at Massachusetts General Hospital, and, currently, Harold Levy. Mr. Levy formerly held posts in business and education, having served as the New York City schools chancellor, director of global compliance of Citigroup, and executive vice president of Kaplan, Inc., then a subsidiary of The Washington Post Company. He is a graduate of Cornell University's New York State School of Industrial & Labor Relations and Law School and of Lincoln College, Oxford.