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Instructions

Congratulations! You are eligible to apply for the Young Scholars Program.

To move through the application, you can click the link for each page on the left side of the application or, if the page is complete, click *Next* at the bottom of the page. There is also a *Save* button at the bottom of each page - be sure to save often!

You do not have to complete the application in one sitting. You can click *Save* and then click on another section on the left hand navigation. This will allow you to work on sections without completing the previous ones. Save your work before you log out, and you can log back in and resume at any time before submitting.

You will need to upload the following to the student application:

- Report card(s) from 6th grade
- Report card(s) from 7th grade (most recent)
- Score reports from your most recent state standardized test
- Score reports from any other standardized tests you may have taken

Your parent(s)/guardian(s) will need to upload the following to the parent form:

- 2015 Federal Tax Return including W-2s, schedules and attachments
- 2014 Federal Tax Return, 1040 form and W-2s only
- 2013 Federal Tax Return, 1040 form and W-2s only

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Profile Information

Student Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Suffix

Preferred Name

Student Permanent Home Mailing Address

Address

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City

State

Zip Code

Time Zone

SAMPLE

Student Contact Information

E-mail Address

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Primary Phone Number

- Phone Type -

Alternate Phone Number

- Phone Type -

Student Information

Date of Birth

February 19 2002

Gender

Is English your first language?

Yes

No

At what age did you start speaking English?

What is the primary language spoken at home?

Country of Birth

City of Birth

State of Birth

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Parent Information Request

Your biological or adoptive parent(s)/guardian(s) must complete the Parent/Guardian Form(s) as part of your application.

- If your parent(s)/guardian(s) live in the same household, they will complete one Parent/Guardian Form together.
- If you only have one parent/guardian (the second parent/guardian is deceased, missing or unknown), your parent/guardian will complete one Parent/Guardian Form.
- If your parents/guardians live in two separate households, they will each complete a separate Parent/Guardian Form.

Are your parent(s)/guardian(s) in:

- One household (e.g., parents/guardians are married to each other, unmarried and live together, widowed or single)
- Two households (e.g., parents/guardians are divorced, separated, or unmarried and live separately)
- I am an emancipated minor or ward of the state without parents or legal guardians

Important Notes:

Please be aware that many email systems have very strict regulations and the email from our application may be screened as spam. PLEASE ensure that your parent has received the email and, if not, ask him/her to contact [Customer Service](#) as soon as possible.

Your application will not be complete unless the appropriate Parent/Guardian Form(s) are completed and submitted by April 15, 2016. It is your responsibility to ensure that these forms are completed. You can monitor the status of the Parent/Guardian Form(s) from your Dashboard.

Parent/Guardian

Please enter the name and email address for the parent/guardian that will receive and complete the Parent/Guardian Form.

First Name

Last Name

Suffix

E-Mail Address

This CANNOT be the same e-mail address you used for the STUDENT application. Please use a unique e-mail address for each person.

Recommendation Requests

You will need three recommendations for your application to be complete.

Important Notes:

Please be aware that many email systems, especially in schools, have very strict regulations and the email from our application may be screened as spam. PLEASE ensure that each of your recommenders has received the email and, if not, ask him/her to contact [Customer Service](#) promptly. If possible, ask your teachers for a non-school-related email address (such as gmail or yahoo) to ensure that the email will reach them.

Your application will not be complete unless all three recommendation forms are completed by **April 15, 2016**. It is your responsibility to ensure that these forms are completed. You can monitor the status of the Recommendation Forms from your Dashboard.

If you are homeschooled, we strongly encourage you to obtain recommendations from educators, other than parents, who have interacted with you - for example, a teacher from a course you took at a local college, someone who has mentored you in a tutorial, the local librarian with whom you've discussed books over the years, or someone in whose lab you have done research.

English/Language Arts Recommendation

Must be from a 6th or 7th grade English/language arts teacher who is well-acquainted with you and your academic performance.

First Name

Last Name

E-Mail Address

Mathematics Recommendation

Must be from a 6th or 7th grade mathematics teacher who is well-acquainted with you and your academic performance.

First Name

Last Name

E-Mail Address

Personal Recommendation

Must be from an adult who knows you personally (not a parent or relative), such as a teacher (past or present); mentor; coach; music, dance, drama, or art instructor; supervisor; employer; scout leader; pastor or church leader; or camp counselor.

First Name

Last Name

E-Mail Address

Student Academics

School Information

School Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Main Telephone

School Website

School Type

Current Grade Level

Grade Entering in Fall 2016

Grades

Please enter your grades for each core class taken in 6th and 7th grade. Please use the "N/A" option ONLY if you did not take the listed class in that particular year. For example, if you did not take a foreign language class during 6th grade, please mark the grade as N/A.

If your school does not use letter grades or pass/fail, please ask a teacher or guidance counselor to help you convert your grades, or convert your grades to the A+ to F scale using [this table](#).

| Subject | 6 th Grade Mid-Year/End of Fall Semester Grades | 6 th Grade End of Year/End of Spring Semester Grades | 7 th Grade Mid-year/End of Fall Semester Grades |
|------------------------|--|---|--|
| English/Language Arts | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Mathematics | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Science | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Social Studies/History | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Foreign Language | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

If applicable, please explain any circumstances that may have lowered or otherwise affected your grades (health, family circumstances, learning difference, etc.)

Attendance

Please ask a parent, teacher or guidance counselor for assistance in completing this section.

How many absences and tardies do you have in the current year to-date?

Excused Absences:

Unexcused Absences:

Tardies:

If applicable, please explain any circumstances that may have affected your 6th or 7th grade attendance (health, family circumstances, learning differences, etc.)


2400 Character Limit

Report Cards


Please upload your 6th and 7th grade report cards.

- If your report card for each grade is more than one page, please combine all pages into one file prior to upload. Accepted file formats are .jpg, .png, .gif, .pdf.
- If your school does not use letter grades or pass/fail and you converted your grades as reported above, please include an explanation of that conversion with your transcripts.
- Please be sure that your report cards have your FULL NAME on them, as well as your School name and the year(s) and grade(s) covered.

6th Grade Report Card

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7th Grade Report Card (through most recent quarter/trimester/semester/etc.)

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If you are selected as a semifinalist, we will request your final, end-of-the-year 7th grade report card and additional information at that time.

State Testing

Please ask a teacher or guidance counselor for assistance in completing this section if you do not have test scores reports. Please report the score results from your most recent state standardized testing.

Have you taken a state standardized test in the last three years?

Yes

No

Grade during which you took this test

State

Test Name


Test Section

Score

State Standardized Test Score Report

Please upload the official score report for the state standardized test you listed above.

- If your score report is more than one page, please combine all pages into one file prior to upload. Accepted file formats are .jpg, .png, .gif, .pdf.
- Please be sure that your score report(s) have your FULL NAME on them, as well as the date you took the test.

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College Entrance Exams

SAT Reasoning Test (SAT) and/or ACT test (ACT) scores are not required to apply for the Young Scholars Program.

Super Scoring

If you have taken the test more than once, then please record your highest score earned for each subject, even if that means reporting scores from different dates (this is Super Scoring). For example, you could have scores from a May test of 600 critical reading (CR) and 700 math (M). You retake the test in September and your September scores are 700 CR and 600 M. Report your scores as 700 CR and 700 M.

Have you taken the SAT and/or ACT?

SAT

SAT Scores

SAT date *most recently* taken:

- Month - - Day - - Year -

SAT Section

Score

Critical Reading Score


Math Score

Writing Score

SAT Score Report

Please upload the official score report for the SAT exam you listed above.

- If your score report is more than one page or you are Super Scoring, please include the score reports from all dates. Please combine all pages into one file prior to upload. Accepted file formats are .jpg, .png, .gif, .pdf.
- Please be sure that your score report(s) have your FULL NAME on them, as well as the date you took the test.

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JKCF edX Challenge 2016

Applicants, who successfully participate in the Cooke edX Challenge (takes an edX course and submits a complete Young Scholars application) will receive special consideration in the selection process of the Young Scholars Program and receive a \$25 Amazon gift card.

If you are participating in the Cooke edX Challenge:

- **Login:** Please use the same login for your edX login and your Young Scholar Program application. Both the Young Scholar application and edX course registration allows for using an email address OR a Facebook/Google sign-in.
- **Progress Bar:** You will need to upload a screenshot of your Progress Bar for the edX course that you choose. The screenshot should include the name of the course, your full name, and the Average Total bar at the far right. You can see a [sample of that here](#), which shows the course name "The Ancient Greek Hero", the student name "marcoatedx" and the Average Total of 65%.
- **Questions:** If you have questions about the edX classes or other edX-related issues, please contact the [edX Help Center](#). For more information visit www.jkcf.org/edx.

Are you participating in the edX Challenge?

Yes

Please select the course you are taking below:

Please upload your edX Progress Bar screenshot:

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Honors and Awards

You may list up to five academic or other awards or honors that you have earned from 6th grade to present.

List the honors or awards in their order of importance to you, from most to least. Spell out any acronyms.

Do you have any honors/awards you'd like to list?

Yes

 Honor/Award 1

Name of Honor/Award

Description of Honor/Award

In what grade did you earn this honor/award?

Type of Honor/Award

Did you receive this honor/award individually or as part of a team?

Activities

Please list up to five activities in which you spend a significant amount of time in or out of school. These can be any kind of pursuit, including clubs, extracurricular activities (such as arts or sports), hobbies, academic activities, paid or volunteer activities, or taking care of family members.

List your activities in their order of importance to you, from most important to least important. Spell out any acronyms.

Do you have any activities you'd like to list?

Yes

Activity 1

Name of Activity

Describe this activity, and its importance to you:

Briefly describe why this activity is important to you

200 Character Limit

Approximate Time Spent

Hours per week:

Weeks per year:

Time of year:

Years involved:

What level of achievement did you reach in this activity?

Is this an in-school or out-of-school activity?

Which of the following best characterizes this activity?

Will you continue this activity next year?

Short Answers and Essays

Short Answers

Please answer the following questions regarding your academic and personal experiences. Take the time to compose thoughtful responses. Each answer must be 200 words (1200 characters) or less. You are limited to the maximum number of characters listed for each answer.

1. If you could choose one subject or area (academic or extracurricular) in which to have unlimited knowledge or talent, what would it be and why? (Limit 1200 characters)

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2. Tell us how your neighborhood has shaped you. (Limit 1200 characters)

SAMPLE

3. Using a piece of wire, an egg carton, a bumper sticker, and any inexpensive hardware store item, create something that would solve a problem, big or small. Tell us about your creation and the problem you are hoping to solve. (Limit 1200 characters)

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4. Tell us about a time when you persisted through a challenge, and what encouraged or motivated you to carry on. (Limit 1200 characters)

5. The 2016 U.S. Presidential candidates are debating many issues. Pick a topic that you care about (for example: immigration, climate change, education) and tell us what advice you would give to the next president. (Limit 1200 characters)

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Long Essay

Please choose one of the topics below and submit a response. Your submission should help the scholarship selection committee get to know you better. You should use this section to reveal more about your character, leadership abilities, interests, creativity, goals, and other traits that make you a unique person.

- Include your full name and which essay topic you have chosen at the top of your page.
- Do not submit anything prepared for school or other purposes.
- Essay responses should be typed, double-spaced, and 500 words or less.

Topics (choose only one):

1. The world is full of rules, theories, and laws like the Golden Rule; $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$; the Law of Diminishing Returns; "Three strikes and you're out;" or "I before 'E' except after 'C.'" Pick any rule, theory, or law and explain its significance to you.
2. If you were given financial support to make a difference in your community, what would you do? Whom would you involve? What would you hope to achieve?
3. Imagine you are asked to do a one-year research project in either your history/social studies or science class. What kind of research project would you design, and what would you hope to learn?
4. Choose a topic or activity about which you are passionate, and help us understand why it matters to you. In addition to your essay, you may also include your own creative work to supplement your writing, for example: poetry, illustrations, photographs you've taken, or pictures or a project you've completed.

Please limit this submission to no more than three total pages.

Essay Upload

Please combine all pages into one file prior to upload. Accepted file formats are .jpg, .png, .gif, .pdf, .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx.

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Survey

For statistical purposes only - Information entered on this page will not be seen by the scholarship selection committee at any stage of the deliberations.

Other Family Members and the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation

If you have a sibling or other close family member that has been accepted into any of the Foundation's scholarship programs (Young Scholars, College Scholars, Undergraduate Transfer, or Graduate Programs), please provide the name of the person, the program, and his/her status in the program.

How many family members (*not including yourself*) have applied to and/or received a scholarship from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation?

Race and Ethnicity

Although we do not require the information below to consider your application, we ask all applicants to complete the race and ethnicity information so that we can assess our efforts to encourage students of all backgrounds to apply to the Young Scholars Program.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, physical or mental disabilities, sexual orientation, or national origin. We encourage applications from all qualified candidates.

Please choose the race(s)/ethnicity(ies) that best describes you: (check all that apply)

- African American or Black
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian or Asian American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- Middle Eastern or North African
- White
- Some other race or origin
- Prefer not to respond

Outreach

Please indicate how you first learned about the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program.

Is there someone we can thank for helping you find out about this scholarship in particular and/or supporting you in the application process?

Have you participated in any of these programs? (check all that apply)

- A Better Chance
- Breakthrough Collaborative
- Center for Bright Kids (CBK)
- Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP)
- From the Top - Performer
- From the Top - Young Artist Award
- Higher Achievement Program
- Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY)
- Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP) Schools
- Northwestern University Center for Talent Development (CTD)
- Prep for Prep
- Uncommon Schools Charter School Network
- YES Prep

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