

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

PROGRAM BENEFITS

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program is an undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend the nation's best 4-year colleges and universities.

Students selected as Jack Kent Cooke Scholars have access to funding for up to 4 years, college planning support, ongoing advising, and the opportunity to network with the larger JKCF Scholar community. As part of their scholarship, recipients may:

- Receive up to \$40,000 per year to attend a 4-year accredited undergraduate institution to pay for tuition, living expenses, books, and other required fees
- Pursue any area of study
- Have access to one-on-one advising about selecting a college and navigating financial aid as well as multifaceted advising about how to transition to college and maximize the college student experience

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

As minimum criteria, students must:

- Plan to graduate from a U.S. high school in spring 2015
- Intend to enroll full time in an accredited 4-year college beginning in fall 2015
- Earn a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above in high school
- Receive standardized test scores in the top 15%: SAT combined critical reading and math score of 1200 or above (must test by October 11, 2014) or ACT composite score of 26 or above (must test by September 13, 2014)
- Demonstrate financial need (will consider applicants with family income up to \$95,000, however, anticipate that a majority of scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive a Pell grant)

PROGRAM SELECTION

The Foundation will select up to 40 College Scholarship recipients. Selection criteria focus on exceptional academic ability and achievements, financial need, persistence, leadership, and a desire to help others. A rigorous application review includes consideration of grades, standardized test scores, participation in available advanced courses, student essays, letters of recommendation, and family finances.

APPLICATION TIMELINE & PROCEDURE

The application period opens in September 2014 and closes in November 2014. Scholarship recipients will be notified in late March 2015. To learn more about the College Scholarship Program and to complete an application, visit www.jkcf.org.

ABOUT THE JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, the largest scholarship foundation in the country, is dedicated to advancing the education of exceptionally promising students who have financial need. Because we believe that high-potential, low-income students will excel educationally when given the resources to develop their talents, the Foundation supports exceptional students from elementary school to graduate school through scholarships, grants, direct service, and knowledge creation and dissemination. Founded in 2000 by the estate of Jack Kent Cooke, the Foundation has awarded \$125 million in scholarships to 1,800 students, and \$79 million in grants to organizations that support our mission.