

# COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## PROGRAM BENEFITS

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program is the largest 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 Cooke Scholars have access to funding for up to 4 years, college planning support, ongoing advising, and the opportunity to network with the larger Cooke 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
- Have a pathway to Cooke Foundation's up to \$50,000 per year Graduate Scholarship

## PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

As minimum criteria, students must:

- Plan to graduate from a U.S. high school in the spring
- Intend to enroll full time in an accredited 4-year college beginning in the following fall
- Earn a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above in high school
- SAT combined critical reading and math score of 1200 or above or ACT composite score of 26 or above
- 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

Cooke College Scholarship recipients are selected from a nationwide applicant pool. Selection criteria focus on exceptional academic ability and achievements, financial need, persistence, leadership, and service to help others. A rigorous application review includes consideration of grades, standardized test scores, participation in available advanced courses, student essays, recommendations, and family finances.

## APPLICATION TIMELINE & PROCEDURE

Students may apply directly to the Foundation for consideration. The application period opens in September and closes in November. Scholarship recipients are notified in late March. To learn more about the College Scholarship Program and to complete an application, visit [www.jkcf.org/csp](http://www.jkcf.org/csp).

## ABOUT THE JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is dedicated to advancing the education of exceptionally promising students who have financial need. By offering the largest scholarships in the country, in-depth academic counseling and other direct services, the Foundation seeks to help high-performing, low-income students to develop their talents and excel educationally. In addition to providing students both counseling and financial support from middle school to graduate school, the Foundation also provides grants for noteworthy and innovative initiatives that support high performing, low-income students. Founded in 2000, the Foundation has awarded nearly \$150 million in scholarships to over 2,000 students and nearly \$90 million in grants.