

School Report

▪ **The application receipt deadline is April 26, 2010**

Think Big. Work Hard. Achieve.

Applicant name Last _____ First _____

► **TO THE APPLICANT:**

If you are currently being home-schooled, this form is not required.

Please give this form to a principal, head of school, or guidance counselor and request that he/she return the completed form to you in a sealed, signed envelope so that you may submit it with your complete application packet (unless he/she would prefer to mail the recommendation directly to the address below). We accept only one School Report per applicant.

► **TO THE PRINCIPAL/HEAD OF SCHOOL/GUIDANCE COUNSELOR:**

The Foundation's Young Scholars Program is designed to nurture exceptional students who have demonstrated, through academic excellence and extracurricular activities, that they have the potential to excel. A Foundation educational adviser works closely with Scholars and their families to construct a tailored educational program that includes, but is not limited to, support for high school selection, summer programs, distance learning courses, and music and art instruction. Each year, the Foundation receives more than 1,000 applications from 7th graders nationwide and selects approximately 50 Young Scholars using the criteria below. While all these criteria are important, the Foundation pays particular attention to the first two.

- **Academic ability and high achievement:** Strong academic record, academic awards and honors, and substantive assessments by educators providing confidential letters of recommendation. We consider grades (typically a GPA above 3.65, or mostly 'As'), achievement test scores, commitment to learning, and work ethic. Exceptions for GPA may be considered for applicants with unique talents or learning differences.
- **Unmet financial need:** Limited family income and insufficient funds to cover most or all education-related expenses.
- **Will to succeed:** Determination and perseverance in the face of challenges, and success in other pursuits.
- **Leadership and public service:** Initiative on behalf of others, such as participation in volunteer, community, and school-related activities.
- **Critical-thinking ability**
- **Appreciation for or participation in the arts and humanities**

We appreciate your cooperation in completing this form. Your observations are an important part of the student's application. Your recommendation will be read only by the Foundation's selection committee and will not be shared with the student or his/her parent(s)/guardian(s).

Please complete this recommendation form and return it, along with the standardized test scores and report cards, to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature written across the seal. Please allow sufficient time for the applicant to submit it with the completed application package by the April 26, 2010 receipt deadline. If you would prefer to mail your recommendation directly, please mail all forms to:

**Jack Kent Cooke Foundation
Young Scholars Program
301 ACT Drive, PO Box 4030
Iowa City, IA 52243
1-800-498-6478 (for use on overnight delivery forms)**

Name	Last	First
Position/Title	Email address	
School name	School is New Leaders for New Schools (NLNS) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
School address		
Work phone ()		
School type	<input type="checkbox"/> Charter <input type="checkbox"/> Magnet <input type="checkbox"/> Parochial <input type="checkbox"/> Private/Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Public	

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How well do you know the student academically? Very well Somewhat Little or not at all

As a person? Very well Somewhat Little or not at all

Please include these materials with this recommendation form:

- Most recent standardized test score reports (5th, 6th, or 7th grade)
- Report cards, 6th grade to April 1, 2010

The student's most recent standardized test scores place them in the top 10% of the school. Yes No

The student's most recent standardized test scores place them in the top 10% of the state. Yes No

What percent of your students make the honor roll? _____ %

Where does this student rank in his/her grade level? (Please estimate if your school does not rank.)

- Top 1% Top 5% Top 10% Top 25% Other

How many students are in the entire 7th grade?

Are students placed in classes/subjects according to ability? Yes No

If "yes," please tell us in which level the applicant is placed for each subject.

If the student is not, or has not been, in good academic standing, please explain.

Has the student ever been dismissed, suspended, placed on probation, or received other serious disciplinary action?

- Yes No

If "yes," please attach a separate note of explanation.

Has the student ever withdrawn from school voluntarily for an extended period of time for reasons other than health?

- Yes No

If "yes," please attach a separate note of explanation.

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What are the first three words that come to mind to describe this student?

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

Please describe this student's character, citizenship, and contributions to your school community.

Please describe the parent(s)/guardian(s)' relationship with and their expectations of the school.

Knowing that the Foundation receives more than 1,000 applications from 7th graders nationwide, why should this student be one of the approximately 50 Young Scholars we select?

Please share any additional information that will give us a more complete picture of the student.

I certify that all information provided on this School Report is accurate.

Signature (required)

Date