

YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

APPLICATION PERIOD
JANUARY - MARCH



THE PROGRAM EXPERIENCE

The Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program is a selective 5-year pre-college scholarship for high-performing 7th grade students with financial need. It provides comprehensive academic and college advising, as well as financial support for school, Cooke-sponsored summer programs, internships, and other learning enrichment opportunities. Each Young Scholar is assigned an on-staff educational adviser who works closely with the student and his or her family, individually and as part of a scholar community. Educational advisers support Young Scholars to maximize high school experiences and go on to thrive at the nation's top-performing colleges. Our programming and support may include:

- Identifying an appropriately rigorous high school
- Engaging in four-year planning and goal-setting
- Funding for academic and extracurricular opportunities, such as music and art lessons, supplemental academic classes, and technology
- Annual summer programs, including two required Young Scholar summer programs

- Year-round Young Scholar community programming
- Networking opportunities with a high-achieving peer community
- A pathway to the Cooke College Scholarship, which offers up to \$40,000 per year

WHO WE SELECT

Each year, the Cooke Foundation selects Young Scholars from a nationwide applicant pool based on:

- High academic ability and achievement
- Demonstrated financial need
- Drive and persistence
- Leadership
- Service to others

Young Scholars come from all racial and ethnic backgrounds and from rural, suburban, and urban communities throughout the United States. Many scholars are the first in their family to pursue college education.

HOW TO APPLY: VISIT WWW.JKCF.ORG/YSP OR EMAIL SCHOLARSHIPS@JKCF.ORG