

Think Big.  
Work Hard.  
Achieve.





# Cooke College Scholarship Program

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Fall 2019

Program and Application Overview

# Who are Cooke Scholars?

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**93%**

**ATTEND**

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A highly competitive  
college or university

**3.86**

**AVERAGE**

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Unweighted GPA  
during high school

**83%**

**GIVE BACK**

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Through civic or  
community service  
during high school

# Program Experience

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Receive up to \$40,000 per year to attend a four-year college or university

Receive personalized advising about selecting a college, transitioning to college, and maximizing the college experience



# Program Goals

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- Attend the nation's best four-year colleges and universities
- Gain the skills, networks, knowledge, and confidence to excel in college
- Connect with peers and mentors who support academic success and development of expertise
- Get prepared for post-graduate opportunities: career and/or graduate school



# Educational Adviser

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The educational adviser's role includes:

- Conducting regular check-ins and making campus visits.
- Helping navigate campus resources.
- Helping connect to mentors, internships, and fellowship opportunities.
- Creating academic support plans.
- Supporting the graduate school application process.

# Active Scholars Network

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Cooke Scholars attend colleges and universities spanning the country and globe.

Each year, the Foundation hosts a Scholars Weekend event attended by approximately 300 Cooke Scholars.





# Continuing Support

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Eligible to apply for graduate school funding

Exposure to thriving network of Cooke Scholar alumni for college and career guidance



# Eligibility

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- Graduating from a U.S. high school in spring 2020
- Enrolling in a four-year college in fall 2020
- Cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above
- SAT score of 1200+ or ACT score of 26+
- Demonstrate unmet financial need





## The Foundation expects Cooke Scholars to...

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- Maintain a strong academic record through appropriately challenging course load
- Act with honesty and personal integrity
- Demonstrate character and leadership
- Be concerned about and engaged in your community
- Maintain a good disciplinary record

# Common App

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JKCF is a Common App member and will only be using Common App this year for our College Scholarship applications



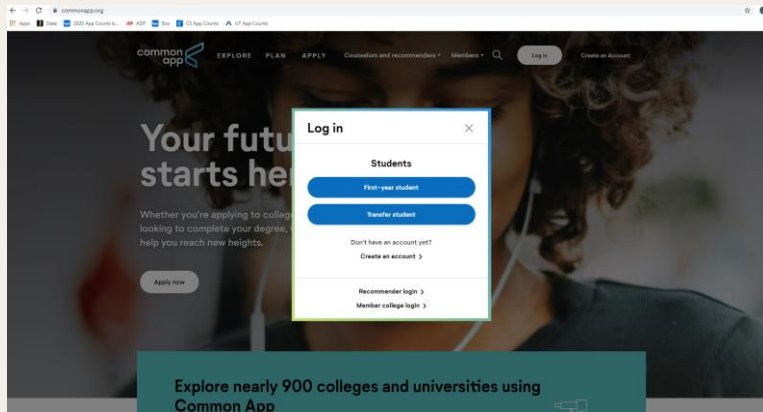
# How to Apply

1. Add Jack Kent Cooke Foundation as one of your colleges in the Common App
2. Complete Cooke Foundation requirements just like colleges that have their requirements including the writing requirements
3. Add your Cooke Foundation Educational Adviser in Community-Based Organizations section of your app

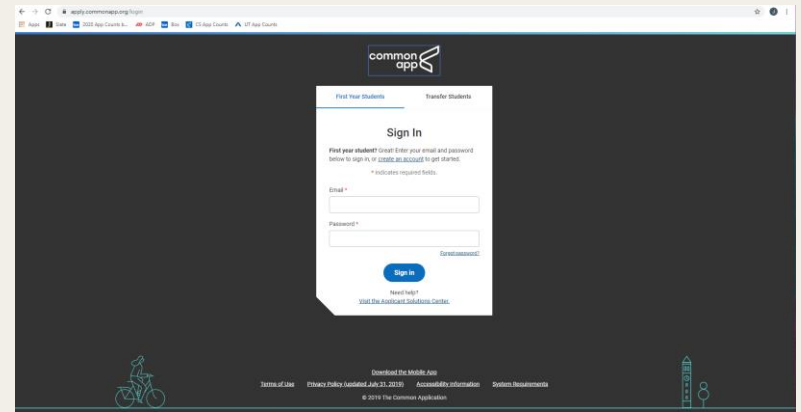


# Start An Application

Home page for sign-in to Common App



Common App sign-in page for first year students



**\*Please make sure that you apply with the same account as you are using for all colleges.**

# Add Jack Kent Cooke Foundation

Search “Jack Kent Cooke Foundation”  
under “College Search”

common app

Welcome, Test!  
CAID 24382087  
jacqueline.oae@common.edu

Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search Financial Aid Resources

College Search

Application Requirements

College or City Name

jack kent cooke foundation

Secure multiple search terms with a comma, e.g., Washington, Boston

More filters

1 result

Sort by: College Name

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation  
Leesville, VA, USA

Instructions and Help

How do I find colleges that are a good fit for me?  
Planning for college doesn't have to be stressful. There are many ways to find the right school for you. [Read more](#)

How do I search for a college?  
The College Search tab allows you to find the right school for you. [Read more](#)

See Programs you've selected to apply to  
under “My Colleges”

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My Colleges

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation

My Colleges

In this tab you will continue your application for each college and you will:

- Complete college-specific questions and supplements
- Invite and manage recommenders
- Submit your application!

For more help in completing this tab, check our [appico tutorials](#). You may also contact our [Application Center](#) at any time to answer your questions.

Instructions and Help

Need help?  
If you need assistance answering questions on any page, [read more](#)

# Application Requirements

## Cooke Foundation Requirements

- Eligibility
- Finances
- Recommendations
- Contacts
- Family
- Activities and Honors
- College Plans
- Writing
- Waivers & Conditions

The screenshot displays the Common App interface for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. The top navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid Resources'. The user is logged in as 'Test1' with CAID 24382087 and email jacqueline.ose@uconn.edu. The main content area is titled 'Jack Kent Cooke Foundation' and includes sections for 'Contact Info', 'Application Deadlines', 'Other Deadline Information', and 'Application Fees'. A sidebar on the left lists navigation options like 'College Information', 'Application', 'Questions', and 'Review and Submit - Common App'. A right sidebar contains 'Instructions and Help' with various FAQ links.

**common app**

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**Dashboard** **My Colleges** **Common App** **College Search** **Financial Aid Resources**

**My Colleges**

**Jack Kent Cooke Foundation**

College Information

Application

Questions

Recommenders and FERPA

Review and Submit - Common App

**Jack Kent Cooke Foundation**

**Contact Info**

Phone: (800) 941-3300  
Email: [scholarships@kjcf.org](mailto:scholarships@kjcf.org)  
Address: 44325 Woodridge Parkway  
Lansdowne, VA 20176  
USA

Links: [College Website](#)

**Application Deadlines**

Fall 2020  
First Year  
Regular Decision - 11/13/2019

**Other Deadline Information**

The deadline for the Cooke College Scholarship is November 13, 2019. All student forms, required Teacher recommendations, and Counselor recommendation MUST BE COMPLETED by the deadline for the application to be considered.

**Application Information**

**Application Fees:**  
First Year Domestic Fee - \$0  
First Year International Fee - \$0

**Standardized Test Policy:**  
Flexible

**Instructions and Help**

Can a college see the list of colleges on the My Colleges list?  
A school cannot view any other schools on your My Colleges list.  
[Read more](#)

Where are the application requirements for a specific school listed?  
Please check the requirements for each college's Writing Supplement.  
[Read more](#)

How can I view a college's Writing Supplement, if they have one?  
There are two ways you can access a college's Writing Supplement.  
[Read more](#)

What is the min/max word count for the essays on the Questions page or Writing Supplement?  
Each school has different requirements/word counts.  
[Read more](#)

# Writing Requirements

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## Cooke Foundation short essay questions (100 words)

1. The Cooke Scholar community is a thriving group of talented individuals from around the country. [Click here](#) to listen to some of our Scholars and alumni describe what the community means to them. What excites you about becoming part of this community? What do you think you will contribute to this community?
2. Our unofficial motto of the Cooke Foundation is “Think Big, Work Hard, Achieve.” Tell us how you demonstrate any of these characteristics in your life.
3. Select any extracurricular activity that you listed in your Common Application and describe a goal you set for yourself with this activity. What steps are you taking/have you taken toward reaching this goal?



# Additional Writing Requirements

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- Financial Circumstances  
Tell us about any special circumstances you would like the committee to consider when reviewing your Estimated Annual Income (e.g., business losses, extraordinary family medical expenses, expenses for disabled children).
- Please explain how you selected the four-year colleges/universities listed above. (3 total)
- Tell us about how you came to choose the major(s) and minor(s) listed above.
- What are your future career plans? If you are undecided, please explore one of your interests.



# General Common App Resources

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- [How to Apply](#)
- [Common App FAQs](#)
- [Expert Tip Videos](#)
- [Top Tips](#)
- [Common App Essay Prompts](#)





# Key Dates

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**Application Opened:**

Thursday, August 1, 2019

**Application Closes:**

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

**Semifinalists announced:**

January 2020

**Recipients announced:**

April 2020



# Additional Help and Info

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Questions about the Common App  
[appsupport.commonapp.org](https://appsupport.commonapp.org)

Questions about the Program and Eligibility  
[www.jkcf.org/college](http://www.jkcf.org/college)  
[scholarships@jkcf.org](mailto:scholarships@jkcf.org)

# Frequently Asked Questions

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## **Do I need to submit official transcripts?**

Yes, your high school counselor will submit official transcripts through Common App on your behalf.

## **Do I need to take both the SAT and the ACT to be eligible to apply?**

No, you only need one or the other. A superscore of 1200 or higher on the SAT or a composite score of 26 or higher on the ACT.

## **Who can write a letter of recommendation for me?**

We require one letter of recommendation from a teacher you had in an 11<sup>th</sup> grade core academic subject (English/language arts, mathematics, social studies/history, science, or foreign language). We require another letter from another academic you've worked closely with.

## **What if none of the colleges I'm applying to use Common App?**

The Cooke College Scholarship can only be submitted through Common App. If you are applying to other colleges and universities through other application portals, you will still need to create an account and submit the application through Common App.

# Frequently Asked Questions cont.

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## **What if my annual family income is above \$95,000 due to unusual circumstances?**

Under the Questions section, you'll report your Estimated Annual Income for 2018, 2017, and 2016. You may explain any financial special circumstances in the text box.

## **What if my family didn't file U.S. taxes for 2018, 2017, or 2016?**

In the Finances section of the application, type in your estimated family income and then provide a brief explanation in the text box.

## **Do I need to be a U.S. citizen to apply?**

No, you do not need to be a U.S. citizen to apply. We do not consider citizenship status in any of our scholarship applications.

# Thank you!

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