Think Big.
Work Hard.
Achieve.
Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

Fall 2019

Program and Application Overview
Who are Cooke Scholars?

69% ATTEND
A highly competitive college or university

3.84 AVERAGE
Community college GPA

93% GIVE BACK
Through civic or community service during community college
Program Experience

**Personalized Advising**
- College Transition
- Educational Adviser

**Financial Support**
- Up to $40,000 per year

**Scholar Community**
- Hangouts and Webinars
- Scholars Weekend
- Cooke Alumni

**Cooke Graduate Scholarship**
- Eligible to apply for up to $75,000
Program Goals

- 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

- Navigating campus resources
- Connecting to mentors, internships, and fellowship opportunities
- Creating academic support plans
- Supporting career planning and/or graduate school application process
Active Scholars Network

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

Eligible to apply for graduate school funding

Exposure to thriving network of Cooke Scholar alumni for college and career guidance
Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Eligibility

• **Sophomore Status** – Be a current student at an accredited U.S. community college or two-year institution with sophomore status by January 1, 2020, or a recent graduate (since spring 2015).

• **Fall College Enrollment** – Plan to enroll full-time in a baccalaureate program at an accredited college or university in fall 2020.

• **GPA** – Have a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.50 or better on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent).

• **Financial Need** – Demonstrate unmet financial need. We will consider applicants with family income up to $95,000. Last year’s cohort of new transfer scholarship recipients had a median family income of approximately $32,000.

• **No previous enrollment or attendance at a four-year institution** – Students who have attended a four-year institution in the past are not eligible for this scholarship.
  • If you started at a four-year institution, but did not complete a semester of full-time study, then you may be eligible. Please contact us to verify your eligibility.
  • Students who have already transferred to a four-year institution or plan to transfer to start during the spring 2020 semester are also not eligible for this scholarship.
Selection Criteria

Academic Achievement
Persistence
Leadership
Service to Others
The Foundation expects Cooke Scholars to...

- 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 for Transfer

JKCF is a Common App member and will only be using Common App for Transfer this year for our Transfer Scholarship applications.
How to Apply

1. Sign in to your Common App for Transfer account.


3. Complete Cooke Foundation supplements, just like other colleges that have additional requirements, including the writing section.
Start An Application

Home page for sign-in to Common App

Common App sign-in page for transfer 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”

See Programs you’ve selected to apply to under “My Colleges”
Add Jack Kent Cooke Foundation

Search “Jack Kent Cooke Foundation” under “Add Program”

See Programs you’ve selected to apply to under “Program Materials”
Application Requirements

Cooke Foundation Questions

- Eligibility
- Academics
- Activities
- Experiences and Achievements
- Writing
- College Plans
- Household and Finances
- Family, Contacts
- Waivers & Conditions
Writing Requirements

Long Essay (3000 characters)

Narrative Autobiography
This statement should provide information not elicited elsewhere in the application, such as leadership roles, family, educational, philosophical, or other life experiences that have influenced your achievements and career decision. Also include professional and civic activities that you consider important. The narrative should be concise, emphasizing those areas most important to your intellectual development.

Cooke Foundation short essay questions (600 characters)

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. Tell us about an academic pursuit that you’ve listed on your resume or in your application, such as an internship or research. How were you selected for the opportunity and what did you hope to learn from the experience?
Additional Writing Requirements

• Résumé Circumstances
  Tell us about any special circumstances you would like the committee to consider when reviewing your résumé. Also explain any periods on your resume where you were neither employed nor a student.

• Please explain how you selected the four-year colleges/universities listed above. (3 total)

• Discuss your reasons for pursuing the major(s) and minor(s) you selected above.

• What are your future career plans? If you are undecided, please explore one of your interests.
Additional Tips

- Some materials in the Documents section will appear as available for students to upload (example: HS transcript). We do not require materials from the student other than an unofficial transcript and a resume.

- There will be a payment screen upon submission of the application. The cost for our application is zero, but students will still need to "submit a payment" for $0 in order to successfully submit.
Key Dates

Application Opened:
Thursday, August 1, 2019

Application Closes:
Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Semifinalists announced:
January 2020

Recipients announced:
April 2020
Additional Help

Questions about the Common App for Transfer

https://help.liaisonedu.com/The_Common_App_Help_Center
thecommonapplication@liaisoncas.com

Response time: 1-2 business days, 3 days during busiest times

Questions about the Program and Eligibility

www.jkcf.org/transfer
scholarships@jkcf.org

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Questions?
Thank you!

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