

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



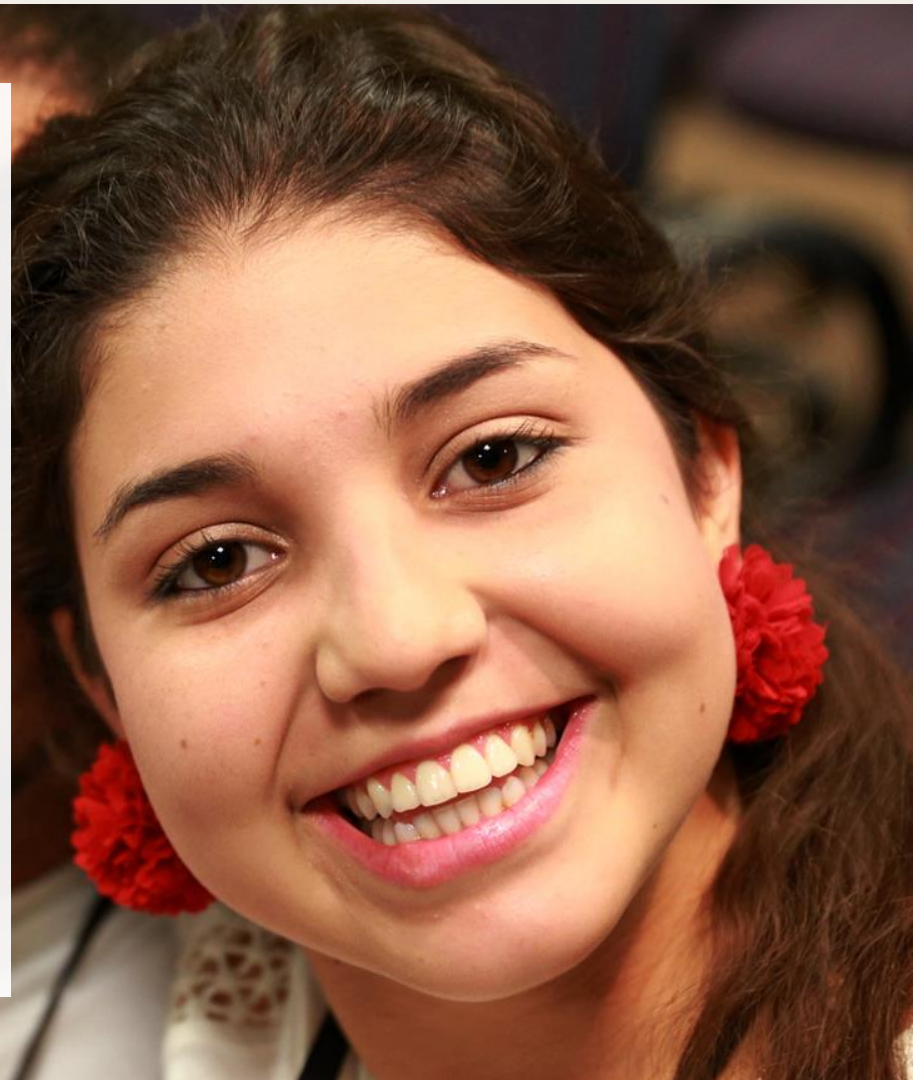
Educational Adviser

- 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



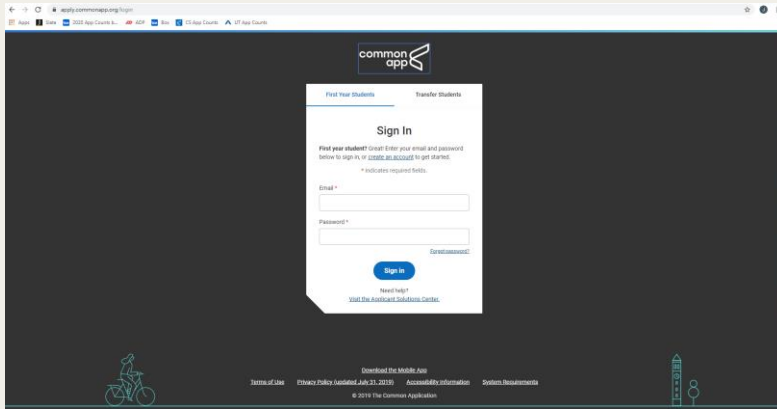
How to Apply

1. Sign in to your Common App for Transfer account.
2. Add Jack Kent Cooke Foundation in the “Add Program” tab of Common App for Transfer.
3. Complete Cooke Foundation supplements, just like other colleges that have additional requirements, including the writing section.

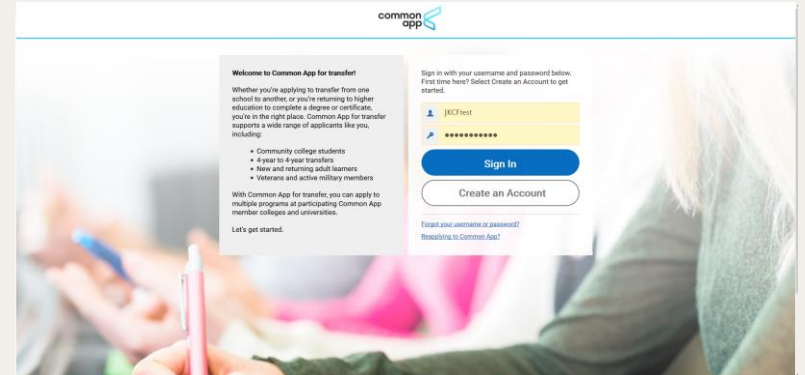


Start An Application

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”

common app

Welcome, Test!
CAID 24382087
jeanine.oe@common.edu

Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search Financial Aid Resources

Application Requirements

College Search

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!

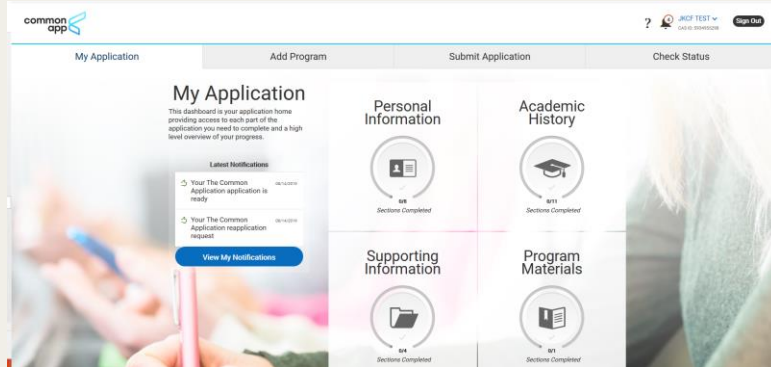
For more help in completing this tab, check our [appico tutorials](#). You may also contact our [Application Support Center](#) at any time to answer your questions.

Instructions and Help

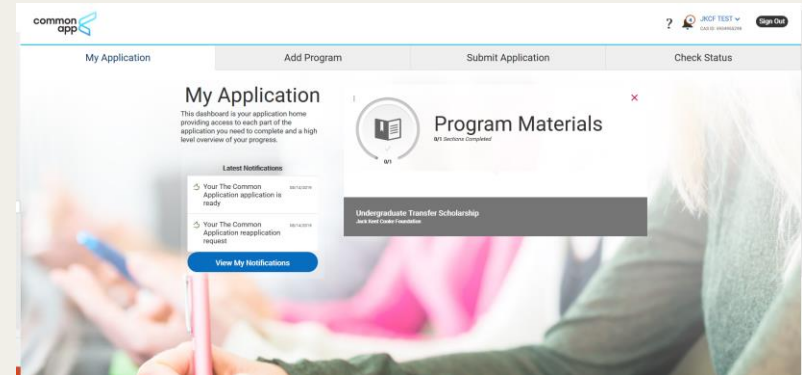
Need help?
If you need assistance answering questions on any field, [read more](#).

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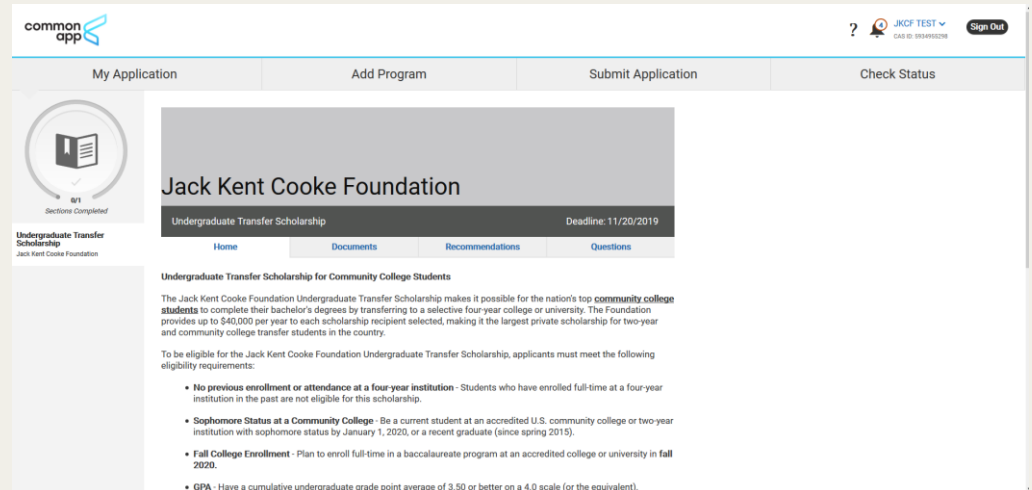
See Programs you've selected to apply to
under “Program Materials”



Application Requirements

Cooke Foundation Questions

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



The screenshot shows the application portal for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The page is part of the Common App interface, with a navigation bar at the top containing 'My Application', 'Add Program', 'Submit Application', and 'Check Status'. A user profile is visible in the top right corner, showing 'JKCF TEST' and 'CAS ID: 984993216'. A progress indicator on the left shows 'Sections Completed' with a circular arrow icon and '4/1' below it. The main content area features the 'Jack Kent Cooke Foundation' logo and the scholarship title 'Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship' with a 'Deadline: 11/20/2019'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Home', 'Documents', 'Recommendations', and 'Questions'. The 'Home' tab is active, displaying the following text:

Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship for Community College Students

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship makes it possible for the nation's top **community college students** to complete their bachelor's degrees by transferring to a selective four-year college or university. The Foundation provides up to \$40,000 per year to each scholarship recipient selected, making it the largest private scholarship for two-year and community college transfer students in the country.

To be eligible for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- **No previous enrollment or attendance at a four-year institution** - Students who have enrolled full-time at a four-year institution in the past are not eligible for this scholarship.
- **Sophomore Status at a Community College** - 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).

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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