College Scholarship Program

The Cooke College Scholarship Program is one of the largest undergraduate scholarship programs available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend the nation’s best four-year colleges and universities. Each Cooke Scholar has access to generous financial support for up to four years, college planning support, ongoing advising, and the opportunity to connect with the thriving community of fellow scholars. As part of their scholarship, recipients may:

- Receive up to $40,000 per year to use toward tuition, books, and other fees and expenses at any accredited four-year institution.
- Pursue any area of study.
- Have access to one-on-one advising about selecting a college, navigating financial aid, transitioning to college, and maximizing the college experience.
- Be eligible to apply for the Cooke Graduate Scholarship.

Cooke College Scholarship recipients are selected from a nationwide applicant pool each year. As minimum criteria, students must:

- Plan to graduate from a U.S. high school in spring 2021.
- Intend to enroll full time in an accredited 4-year college in fall 2021.
- Earn a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above in high school.
- Demonstrate financial need. We will consider applicants with family income up to $95,000. Last year’s cohort of new College Scholarship recipients had a median family income of approximately $35,000.

Cooke Scholars come from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds and from rural, suburban, and urban communities. Many scholars are the first in their families to pursue higher education.

Application Open
AUGUST 1, 2020
OCTOBER 30, 2020
Apply Online through the Common App
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