

YOUNG SCHOLARS PROFILE FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

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The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program is a national scholarship for students in grades 8-12 who demonstrate exceptional academic abilities, unique talents, and persistence to achieve high aspirations. Students must also have financial need. The Young Scholars Program provides comprehensive educational advising, financial support, talent development opportunities, and a stimulating peer community. Since 2001, we have served nearly 1,000 Young Scholars preparing them to thrive at our nation's best colleges and make significant contributions to the world.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Girl Scout Gold Award
- Yale Bassett Award for Community Engagement Semi-finalist
- Presidential Volunteer Service Award
- Microsoft Excel Kentucky State Champion and National Qualifier
- Academic All-American in Debate
- Gold Key in Scholastic Arts and Writing Competition
- PROMYS participant
- Science Olympiad State—2nd place
- Participants in NSLI-Y's fully funded abroad summer program
- AIME qualifier
- George Washington Book Award

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020

PROGRAM
ACCEPTANCE RATE
3.6%

CLASS SIZE: 69

RACE/ETHNICITY

AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK	23%
ASIAN/ASIAN AMERICAN	29%
HISPANIC/LATINO/ SPANISH ORIGIN	17%
WHITE	23%
MULTIRACIAL	6%
SOME OTHER RACE OR ORIGIN	1

SELECT SENIOR SUMMIT RESEARCH TOPICS

- Continued Fractions and q-Eulerian Polynomials
- Biodegradable Solar Cell Coating
- Exploring Deep Sea Coral Genomes
- Memory Formation and the Hippocampus
- Race is a Verb—Racism, Rights, and Rebellion: The Social Relationships of Slavery Jim Crow, and Civil Rights

32%
FIRST-GENERATION
COLLEGE BOUND

STUDIED ABROAD
41%



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COOKE SCHOLAR MOTTO

**THINK BIG.
WORK HARD.
ACHIEVE.**

YOUNG SCHOLAR EXPERIENCE

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Cooke Young Scholars know that **being seen as smart is not as valuable as working hard to learn and grow every day.** We ask scholars to own their learning: to pursue knowledge through challenging courses and a goal-oriented plan that stretches them outside of their comfort zone. Rising seniors conduct research with university faculty during our campus-based, residential Senior Summit experience, presenting their learning in a final showcase.

Young Scholars engage and lead purposefully. Almost a quarter of scholars have founded an organization in their school or community, while the majority of them serve in distinctive leadership roles. In First Summer, rising ninth-grade scholars live and work together for three weeks creating

nonprofit organizations to solve community-based problems that matter to them.

Coached to craft annual individualized goals, scholars intentionally develop their expertise. Our financial support enables each scholar to pursue extracurricular and academic interests to reach their unique goals. We have supported scholars to develop their talents as a professional yo-yoer, composers, published writers, slam poets, mathematicians, and scientific researchers, among many other emerging experts.

We believe that the real magic in learning comes when scholars connect with people. Young Scholars and their families build strong relationships with their Cooke educational advisers over

the five years. Through in-person and online activities, advisers foster a peer community where scholars give and get meaningful support. In grades 10–11, scholars work with faculty on a college campus or study abroad through Cooke Community Summer Programs.

Cooke Young Scholars contribute to the world through significant achievements and everyday actions. We encourage scholars to think big and act in service of their aspirations. What is the mark they will leave on their school? The influence they wish to have in their community? We mentor Young Scholars to use their efforts and talents to benefit others, solve challenges, and creatively produce. Our legacy is our scholars' legacies.

ABOUT THE GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2017–2019

STANDARDIZED TESTING

	MIDDLE 50%	MEAN
SAT:		
CRITICAL READING	680–750	712
MATH	680–780	726
ACT:		
COMPOSITE	30–34	31

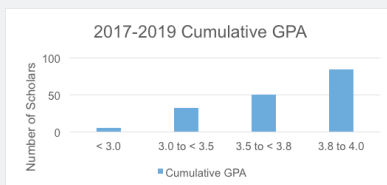
NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS: 20
NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS: 11

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

XX SCHOLARS TOOK XX AP EXAMS
IN XX SUBJECTS
% SCORED 4 OR 5

GRADE DISTRIBUTION RANGE



GRADE DISTRIBUTION RANGE (BASED ON CUM.)

Grade Range	N
TOTAL SCHOLAR COUNT	173
3.8 TO 4.0	85
3.5 TO < 3.8	51
3.0 TO < 3.5	32
< 3.0	5

HIGH SCHOOL TYPE

PUBLIC	51%
PRIVATE (BOARD)	25%
PRIVATE (DAY)	23%
OTHER	1%

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AND ENROLLMENT 2017–2019

95% OF YOUNG SCHOLARS MATRICULATED TO COLLEGE WITH A COOKE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY	1	LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO	1	UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND	1
BARNARD COLLEGE	2	MACALESTER COLLEGE	1	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI	1
BELMONT UNIVERSITY	2	MANHATTAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC	1	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN/ANN ARBOR	2
BOSTON UNIVERSITY	1	MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	4	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT LINCOLN	1
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON	1	MERCER UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL	2
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY	1	MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME	2
BROWN UNIVERSITY	6	NEW YORK UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT PITTSBURGH	2
CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY	1	NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	1
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY	1	NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	2
CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE	1	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	3	UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA	2
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY	1	OBERLIN COLLEGE	2	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN	2
COLBY COLLEGE	1	OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE	1	UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON	1
COLLEGE OF THE ATLANTIC	1	PARSONS THE NEW SCHOOL FOR DESIGN	1	VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY	2
COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY	2	PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY	1	WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY	1
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY/ CITY OF NEW YORK	4	POMONA COLLEGE	3	WELLESLEY COLLEGE	2
CORNELL UNIVERSITY	2	PRINCETON UNIVERSITY	10	WILLIAMS COLLEGE	2
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE	1	RICE UNIVERSITY	1	YALE UNIVERSITY	4
DICKINSON COLLEGE	1	SMITH COLLEGE	3		
DUKE UNIVERSITY	2	SPELMAN COLLEGE	1	TOTAL	165
ELON UNIVERSITY	1	STANFORD UNIVERSITY	5		
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY	1	STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	1		
FURMAN UNIVERSITY	1	SWARTHMORE COLLEGE	6		
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	2	TEMPLE UNIVERSITY	1		
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY	2	TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	1		
GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	1	TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY	1		
GOUCHER COLLEGE	1	TRINITY COLLEGE	1		
GRINNELL COLLEGE	1	TRINITY UNIVERSITY	1		
HAMILTON COLLEGE	1	TUFTS UNIVERSITY	3		
HARVARD UNIVERSITY/HARVARD COLLEGE	9	UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY	1		
HARVEY MUDD COLLEGE	1	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY	1		
HAVERFORD COLLEGE	1	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES	2		
HOLLINS UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT RIVERSIDE	1		
HOWARD UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO	1		
ITHACA COLLEGE	1	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT	1		
JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	2	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN	1		
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS	1		
KETTERING UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS	1		
KNOX COLLEGE	1				
LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE	1				

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