

YOUNG SCHOLARS PROFILE FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

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JACK KENT COOKE
FOUNDATION

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 over 1,000 Young Scholars, preparing them to thrive at our nation's best colleges and make significant contributions to the world.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Eagle Scouts
- Gates Scholars
- Georgia Poet Laureate
- Girl Scout Gold Award
- International Public Policy Forum Finalist
- Morehead-Cain Scholar
- National Hispanic Scholar
- QuestBridge Scholars
- Ron Brown Scholar
- U.S. Presidential Scholar Semi-Finalists

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021

CLASS SIZE: 44

NUMBER OF
APPLICANTS:
2,122

2.1%
PROGRAM
ACCEPTANCE
RATE

FEMALE: 52%

PREFER
NOT TO
DESIGNATE:
2%

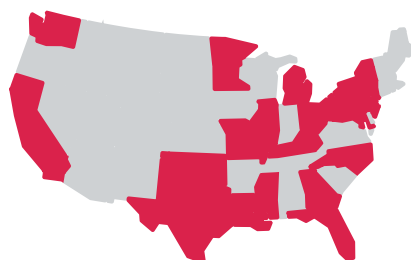
MALE: 45%

GENDER
IDENTITY

FIRST-GENERATION
COLLEGE BOUND: 27%

RACE/ETHNICITY

AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK	9%
AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE	2%
ASIAN/ASIAN AMERICAN	30%
HISPANIC/LATINO/ SPANISH ORIGIN	11%
MULTIRACIAL	11%
WHITE	36%



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19 STATES

PAST 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

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Please note that some percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

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 non-profit 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.

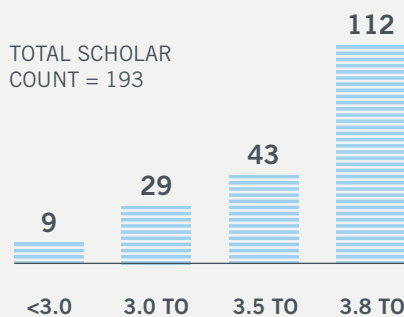
Cooke Young Scholars contribute to the world through significant achievements and everyday actions. We encourage scholars to think big and act in service of their aspirations. What is the mark they will leave on their school? The influence they wish to have in their community? We mentor Young Scholars 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 2018–2020

STANDARDIZED TESTING

	MIDDLE 50%	MEAN
SAT:		
CRITICAL READING	680–760	713
MATH	690–790	727
ACT:		
COMPOSITE	30–34	31

GRADE DISTRIBUTION RANGE (BASED ON CUM.)



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS	25
NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS	9

HIGH SCHOOL TYPE

PUBLIC	53%
PRIVATE (BOARD)	22%
PRIVATE (DAY)	24%
OTHER	1%

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT AND PERFORMANCE 2018–2020

96% OF YOUNG SCHOLARS MATRICULATED TO COLLEGE WITH A COOKE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY	2
BARD COLLEGE AT SIMON'S ROCK	1
BARNARD COLLEGE	1
BELMONT UNIVERSITY	2
BOSTON UNIVERSITY	1
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY	1
BROWN UNIVERSITY	7
CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY	1
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY	1
COLBY COLLEGE	1
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON	1
COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY	2
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY/CITY OF NEW YORK	6
CORNELL UNIVERSITY	1
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE	1
DICKINSON COLLEGE	1
DREXEL UNIVERSITY	1
DUKE UNIVERSITY	2
ECKERD COLLEGE	1
ELON UNIVERSITY	1
EMORY UNIVERSITY-OXFORD COLLEGE	1
FURMAN UNIVERSITY	1
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	2
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY	2
GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	1
GOUCHER COLLEGE	1
GRINNELL COLLEGE	1
HAMILTON COLLEGE	1
HARVARD UNIVERSITY	11
HARVEY MUDD COLLEGE	2
HAVERFORD COLLEGE	1
HOLLINS UNIVERSITY	1
HOWARD UNIVERSITY	2
ITHACA COLLEGE	1
JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	2
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY	1
KENYON COLLEGE	1
KETTERING UNIVERSITY	1
KNOX COLLEGE	1
LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE	1

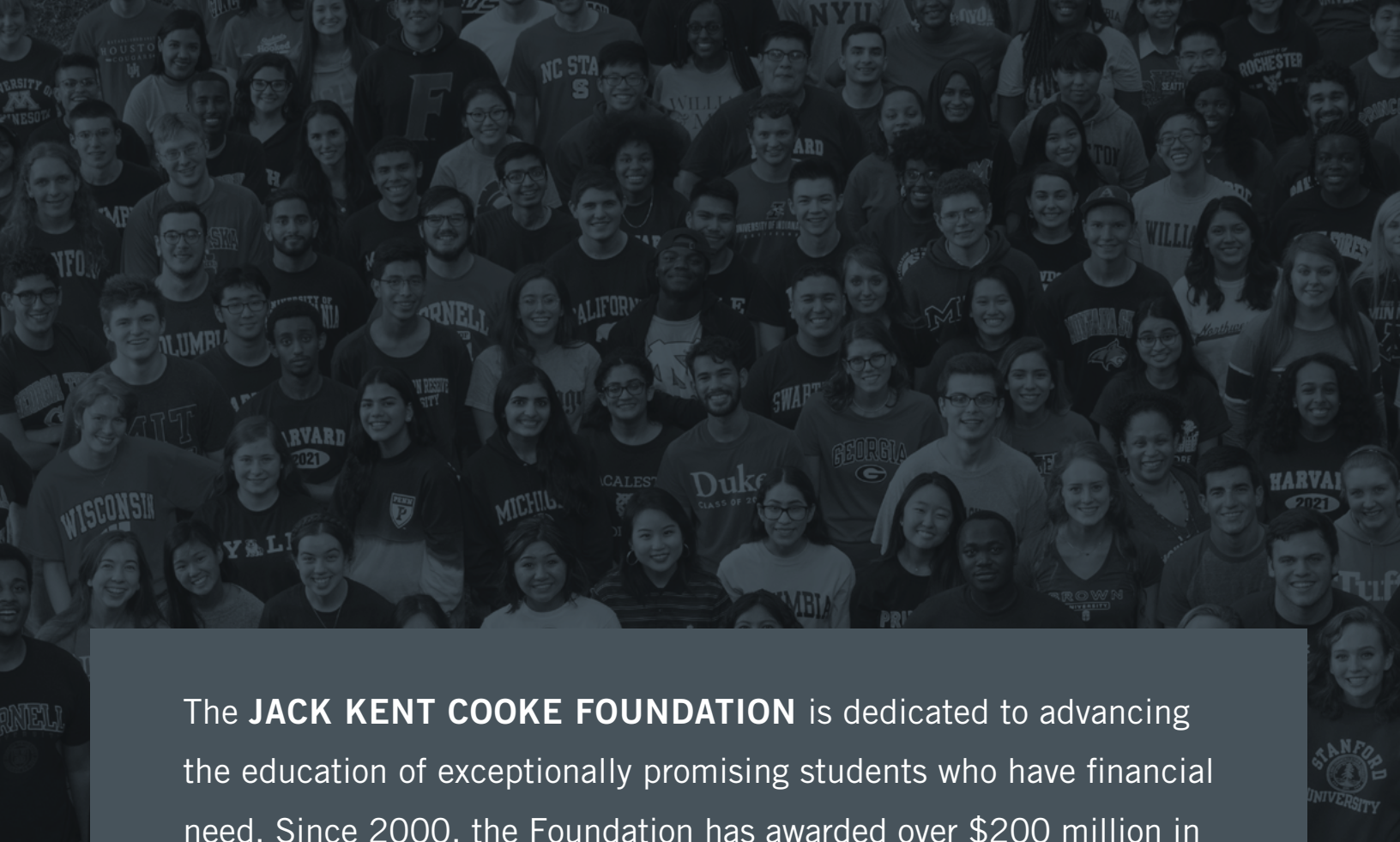
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY	1
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO	1
MACALESTER COLLEGE	2
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	5
MCGILL UNIVERSITY	1
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE	1
MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE	1
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY	2
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY	1
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY	1
OBERLIN COLLEGE	2
OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE	1
PARSONS THE NEW SCHOOL FOR DESIGN	1
PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY	2
POMONA COLLEGE	5
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY	8
RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE	1
RICE UNIVERSITY	2
ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	1
SMITH COLLEGE	5
SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY	1
SPELMAN COLLEGE	1
STANFORD UNIVERSITY	5
STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	1
SWARTHMORE COLLEGE	3
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	1
TRINITY COLLEGE	1
TUFTS UNIVERSITY	4
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY	1
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY	1
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT TUSCALOOSA ..	1
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY ..	1
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES	1
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT RIVERSIDE ..	1
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO	1
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT	2
UNIVERSITY OF DENVER	1
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	2
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA	1

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON	1
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN	3
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS	1
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI	2
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL	3
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME	2
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	1
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH	1
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA	1
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	2
UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA	2
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN	3
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON	1
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY	3
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY	1
WELLESLEY COLLEGE	4
WHEATON COLLEGE	1
WILLIAMS COLLEGE	1
XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA	1
YALE UNIVERSITY	8
TOTAL	186

3.5
AVERAGE
CUMULATIVE
COLLEGE
GPA

COOKE SCHOLAR MOTTO

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



The **JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION** is dedicated to advancing the education of exceptionally promising students who have financial need. Since 2000, the Foundation has awarded over \$200 million in scholarships to over 2,800 students from 8th grade through graduate school, along with comprehensive educational advising and other support services. The Foundation has also provided \$110 million in grants to organizations that serve such students.

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