

YOUNG SCHOLARS PROFILE FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

JACK KENT COOKE
FOUNDATION

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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 over 1,100 Young Scholars, preparing them to thrive at our nation’s best colleges and make significant contributions to the world.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- All-Midwest Academic Athlete Award: Rowing
- AP Scholars with Distinction
- B.E.S.T. Robotics Design Contest Participant
- Coca-Cola Scholar
- Gates Scholars
- Georgia Governor’s Honor Program Attendee
- Honorable Mention in Young Arts for Novel Writing
- National Science Bowl Participant
- President’s Awards for Educational Excellence & President’s National Service Awards
- Questbridge Finalists & Scholars
- Ron Brown Scholar
- Scholastic Arts & Writing Contest: National Silver Medalist & Honorable Mentions

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023

CLASS SIZE: 45

NUMBER OF APPLICANTS: 2,653



PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE RATE
1.7%



56% FEMALE

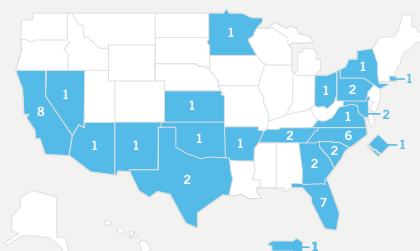
44% MALE



38% FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE GOERS

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

19 STATES + PUERTO RICO AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



CALIFORNIA: 8
FLORIDA: 7
NORTH CAROLINA: 6
GEORGIA: 2
MARYLAND: 2
PENNSYLVANIA: 2

TEXAS: 2
ARKANSAS: 1
KANSAS: 1
MINNESOTA: 1
NEW MEXICO: 1
NEW YORK: 1

OHIO: 1
OKLAHOMA: 1
RHODE ISLAND: 1
SOUTH CAROLINA: 2
TENNESSEE: 2
UTAH: 1

VIRGINIA: 1
PUERTO RICO: 1
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: 1

RACE/ETHNICITY

AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK	13%
AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE	2%
ASIAN OR ASIAN AMERICAN	13%
HISPANIC/LATINX OR SPANISH ORIGIN	16%
WHITE	36%
SOME OTHER RACE OR ORIGIN	2%
MULTIRACIAL	16%
PREFER NOT TO DESIGNATE	2%

2022 RESEARCH TOPICS:

- Anti-racism in Action: Recognizing, Reflecting on, and Responding to Bullying and Discrimination
- Creating Through Imaginative Writing
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation: An Exploration into Emerging Technologies and Analytics
- Language Learning: Let’s Talk About It
- Ovulation and Contraceptive Research with the Help of Fruit Flies
- Sustainable Approach to Carbon Dioxide Reduction

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.

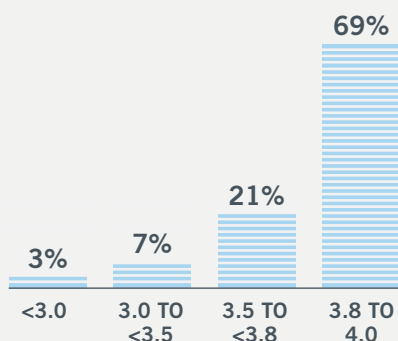
Cooke Young Scholars contribute to the world through significant achievements and everyday actions. We encourage Scholars to think big and act in service of their aspirations. What is the mark they will leave on their school? The influence they wish to have in their community? We mentor Young Scholars 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 2020–2022

TOTAL SCHOLAR COUNT: 162

GRADE DISTRIBUTION RANGE

(BASED ON CUMULATIVE)



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS 13
 NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS 27

HIGH SCHOOL TYPE

CHARTER..... 2%
 MAGNET..... 5%
 PRIVATE (BOARD)..... 23%
 PRIVATE (DAY)..... 22%
 PUBLIC..... 48%

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COLLEGE ENROLLMENT AND PERFORMANCE 2020–2022

99% OF YOUNG SCHOLARS MATRICULATED TO COLLEGE WITH A COOKE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY.....	3	MOREHOUSE COLLEGE	1	UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE ...	1
AMHERST COLLEGE.....	2	MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE.....	1	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI.....	1
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY.....	1	NEW YORK UNIVERSITY.....	3	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN/ANN ARBOR.....	1
BARD COLLEGE AT SIMON'S ROCK.....	1	NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY.....	3	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL.....	3
BARNARD COLLEGE.....	1	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA.....	1
BOSTON COLLEGE.....	2	PENN STATE UNIVERSITY/ UNIVERSITY PARK.....	1	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	4
BOWDOIN COLLEGE.....	1	PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO.....	1
BROWN UNIVERSITY	5	POMONA COLLEGE.....	3	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.....	2
CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY	1	PRINCETON UNIVERSITY.....	3	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN.....	1
COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO.....	1	QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST.....	1	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY.....	1
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.....	3	RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.....	1	VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.....	1
DEPAUW UNIVERSITY	1	RICE UNIVERSITY	3	WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS.....	1
DREXEL UNIVERSITY.....	1	ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.....	1	WEBB INSTITUTE	1
DUKE UNIVERSITY	1	SMITH COLLEGE.....	3	WELLESLEY COLLEGE.....	2
ECKERD COLLEGE.....	2	SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY.....	1	WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.....	1
ELON UNIVERSITY	1	ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE-ANNAPOLIS	1	WHEATON COLLEGE.....	1
EMORY UNIVERSITY.....	1	STANFORD UNIVERSITY.....	4	WILLIAMS COLLEGE.....	2
EMORY UNIVERSITY-OXFORD COLLEGE.....	1	STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.....	1	WOODBURY UNIVERSITY.....	1
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY.....	1	SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.....	2	YALE UNIVERSITY.....	11
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY	2	TRINITY UNIVERSITY.....	2	TOTAL	160
FRANKLIN W. OLIN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING	1	TUFTS UNIVERSITY	3		
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.....	2	UNION UNIVERSITY.....	1		
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY.....	1	UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.....	1		
GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.....	1	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT TUSCALOOSA.....	1		
HARVARD UNIVERSITY.....	14	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SAN DIEGO.....	1		
HARVEY MUDD COLLEGE.....	1	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA CRUZ.....	1		
HOWARD UNIVERSITY.....	1	UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.....	1		
JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	4	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.....	1		
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.....	1		
LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY.....	1	UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.....	2		
MACALESTER COLLEGE.....	1	UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD.....	1		
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.....	7	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA- CHAMPAIGN.....	3		
MCGILL UNIVERSITY.....	1				
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.....	1				

3.6
AVERAGE
CUMULATIVE
COLLEGE
GPA

SEE MORE DATA ABOUT OUR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AND UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM [HERE.](#)



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 \$250 million in scholarships to nearly 3,200 students from 8th grade through graduate school, along with comprehensive educational advising and other support services. The Foundation has also provided \$125 million in grants to organizations that serve such students.

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