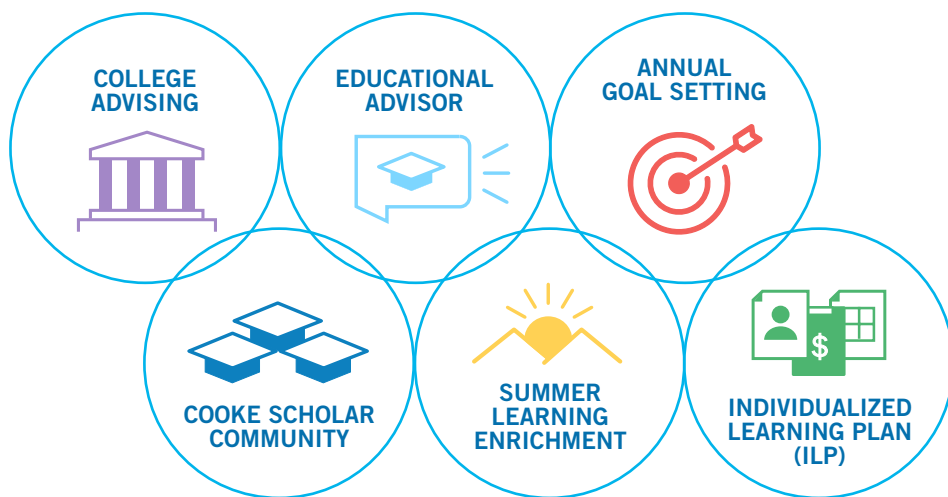


# YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM PROFILE

JACK KENT COOKE  
FOUNDATION

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 \$332 million in scholarships to nearly 3,900 students from 8th grade through graduate school, along with comprehensive educational advising, career counseling, and other support services. The Foundation has also provided \$144 million in grants to organizations that serve such students.

## THE PROGRAM EXPERIENCE



The Cooke Young Scholars Program is a selective five-year, pre-college scholarship for high-performing 7th grade students with financial need. Cooke Educational Advisers help Young Scholars maximize the high school experience and prepare to thrive at the nation's top colleges. Our programming and support includes:

- » Identifying an appropriately rigorous high school.
- » Engaging in four-year planning and goal-setting.
- » Funding for academic and extracurricular opportunities, such as music and art lessons; supplemental academic classes; and technology.
- » Annual summer programs, plus two required Cooke Young Scholar events.
- » Year-round interaction and networking with a community of high-achieving peers.

## WHO WE SELECT

Young Scholars are selected from a nationwide applicant pool each year.

**Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:**

- » **Grade level**—Currently in seventh grade during the 2025–2026 academic year.
- » **Academics**—Since the beginning of 6th grade, earned grades of all or mostly A's in school, with no C's or below in core academic subjects.
- » **Financial Need**—Demonstrate unmet financial need. We will consider applicants with maximum annual family gross income up to \$95,000. The 2025 cohort of Cooke Young Scholars had a median family income of approximately \$49,000. During the selection process, the Foundation will conduct a full financial review which will take into account all income and assets of the student and the student's parents.
- » **Location**—Currently attending middle school in the U.S. and planning to attend high school in the U.S.

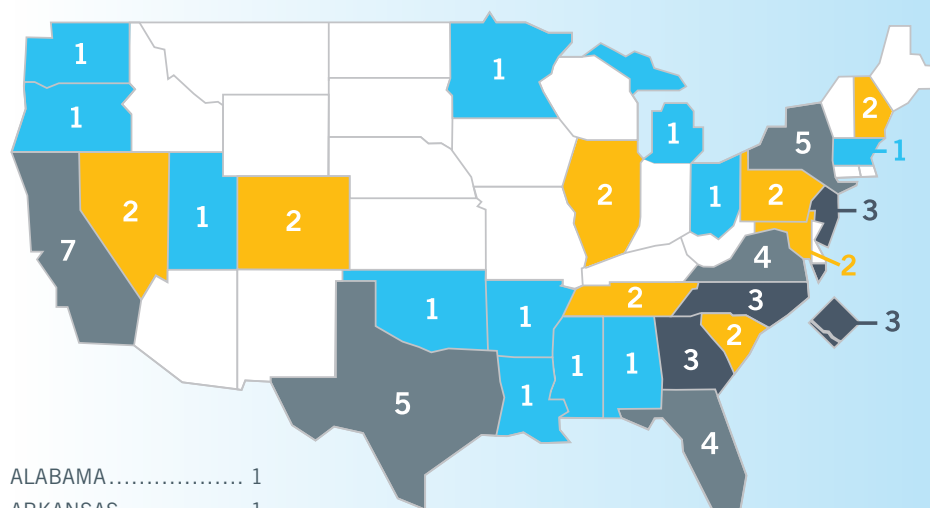
# 2025 SELECTED YOUNG SCHOLARS

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## ABOUT THE 2025 SCHOLARS

### GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

28 STATES + DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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| ALABAMA .....              | 1 |
| ARKANSAS .....             | 1 |
| CALIFORNIA .....           | 7 |
| COLORADO .....             | 2 |
| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ..... | 3 |
| FLORIDA .....              | 4 |
| GEORGIA.....               | 3 |
| ILLINOIS.....              | 2 |
| LOUISIANA.....             | 1 |
| MARYLAND.....              | 2 |
| MASSACHUSETTS .....        | 1 |

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| MICHIGAN .....       | 1 |
| MINNESOTA .....      | 1 |
| MISSISSIPPI .....    | 1 |
| NEVADA.....          | 2 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE .....  | 2 |
| NEW JERSEY.....      | 3 |
| NEW YORK .....       | 5 |
| NORTH CAROLINA ..... | 3 |
| OHIO.....            | 1 |

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| OKLAHOMA.....       | 1 |
| OREGON .....        | 1 |
| PENNSYLVANIA .....  | 2 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA..... | 2 |
| TENNESSEE.....      | 2 |
| TEXAS .....         | 5 |
| UTAH .....          | 1 |
| VIRGINIA .....      | 4 |
| WASHINGTON .....    | 1 |

COHORT SIZE

65



\$49,000

MEDIAN FAMILY ADJUSTED  
GROSS INCOME

OUR SCHOLARS  
REPRESENT A WIDE  
ARRAY OF INTERESTS  
AND TALENTS AND HAVE  
ATTAINED IMPRESSIVE  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
DURING MIDDLE  
SCHOOL. THEY ARE  
ALREADY TAKING  
ACCELERATED COURSES  
IN STEM, HUMANITIES,  
AND LANGUAGES.

APPLICATION OPEN  
FEBRUARY 5, 2026 - APRIL 29, 2026

APPLY ONLINE THROUGH THE COMMON APP  
JKCF.ORG/YSP

This data on our 65 Young Scholars is compiled from their applications, which they submit in the spring before enrolling in eighth grade.