WHAT IS THE COOKE YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM?

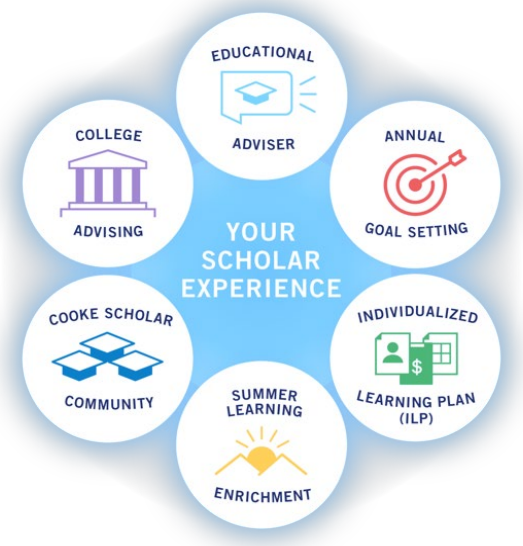
AN OVERVIEW FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

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 $336 million in scholarships to nearly 4,000 students from 8th grade through graduate school, along with comprehensive educational advising, career counseling, and other support services.

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** include:

- 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



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Cooke Young Scholars demonstrate exceptional academic abilities, unique talents, genuine curiosity, and persistence to achieve goals. Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- **Grade level:** Currently in 7th grade and/or entering 8th grade in the fall.
- **Academics:** Since the beginning of the 6th grade, have earned grades of all or mostly As, with no Cs or below in core academic subjects.
- **Financial Need:** Demonstrate unmet financial need. Applicants with a family adjusted gross income (AGI) up to $95,000 are eligible to apply.
- **Location:** Currently attending middle school in the U.S. and planning to attend high school in the U.S.

APPLICATION OVERVIEW

The Young Scholars application opens in early February and closes in late April. Go to www.jkcf.org/ysp for this year's timeline. Key **components of the application** include:

- Applicant and family information
- Academics, activities, and awards
- Three short answer prompts and one long essay
- Two academic recommendations

YOUNG SCHOLAR JOURNEY

Throughout the program, Young Scholars learn to develop talents, contribute to the world, engage and lead purposefully, care for themselves, connect with people, and own their learning.

	8th grade	9th grade	10th grade	11th grade	12th grade
Essential Question	What does it mean to be a Cooke Young Scholar?	Who am I as a student? What skills do I need to develop?	What can I do to deepen my expertise?	How can I set myself up to be a competitive college applicant?	How can I make the most of my remaining time in high school?
Advising Highlight	Develop a plan for a successful start to high school	Create an Individualized Learning Plan and access new opportunities	Expand and develop areas of interest, ability, and identity	Solidify academics, engage in leadership, college exploration & test prep	Comprehensive college advising, apply to Cooke College Scholarship
Experiential Learning	Welcome Weekend: fall of 8th grade	First Summer: summer before 9th grade	Community summer program & optional group college tour	Community summer program & optional group college tour	Senior Summit: summer before 12th grade & optional college visit

GETTING STARTED

Visit our website (www.jkcf.org/ysp) for additional information and answers to frequently asked questions.

1. Click on "Notify Me" for application updates.
2. Watch the recorded webinar and read through resources on the Foundation's website.
3. Send a chat message on the website or contact us at scholarships@jkcf.org with any questions.
4. Begin the application and submit in advance of the deadline.

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