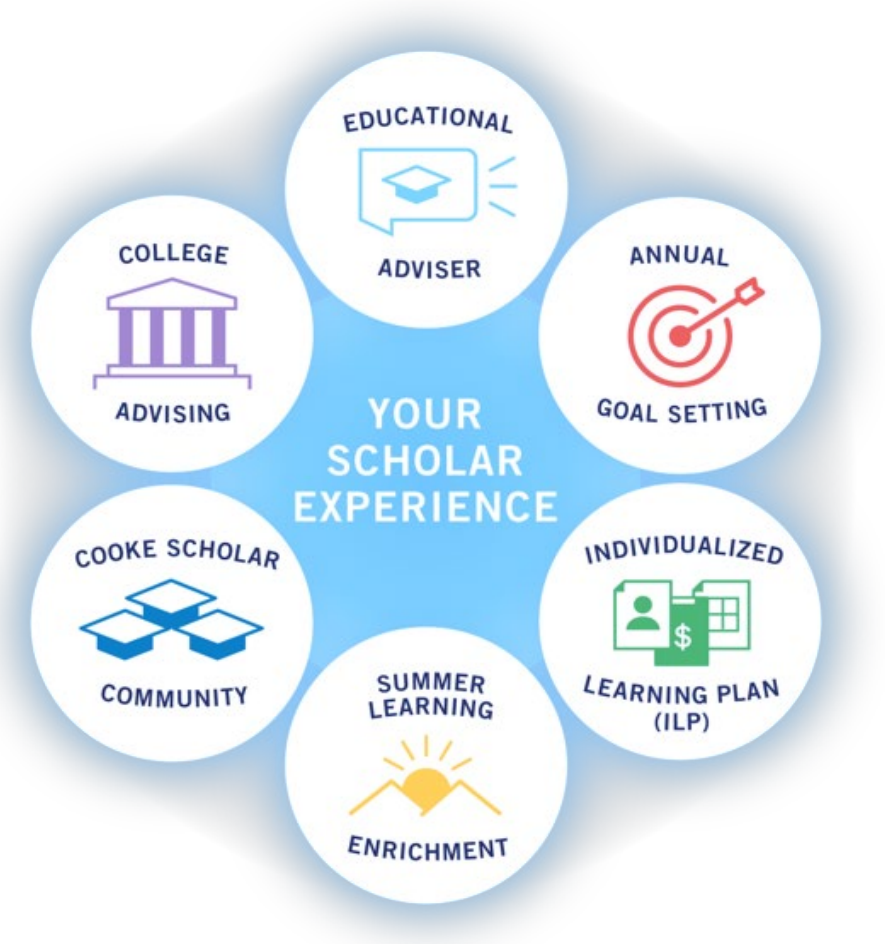
WHAT IS THE COOKE YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM?

AN INTRODUCTION FOR STUDENT RECOMMENDERS

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.

COOKE YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAMMING AND SUPPORT

The **Cooke Young Scholars Program** is a selective five-year, pre-college scholarship for high-performing 7th grade students with financial need. Cooke Young Scholars demonstrate exceptional academic abilities, unique talents, genuine curiosity, and persistence to achieve goals. Cooke Educational Advisers help Young Scholars maximize the high school experience and prepare to thrive at the nation's top colleges.



APPLICANT CHARACTERISTICS AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A Cooke Young Scholar is community minded, innovative, driven, compassionate, empathetic, and, above all, curious. The students that thrive in the Young Scholars program are curious about themselves, others, and the world around them. Yes, they are exceptionally talented academically, but they have multiple interests and are always looking to learn more.

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.

NEXT STEPS FOR RECOMMENDERS

Young Scholar applicants must submit TWO **academic recommendations**. One must come from a core academic teacher from the past two years and the other recommendation may come from a different core subject teacher or a non-core subject teacher. To complete the recommendation form:

1. Provide your preferred email address to the student.
2. Check your email for a message from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation with a link to the recommendation form.
3. Complete the recommendation form by the due date provided.
4. Visit our website (www.jkcf.org/ysp) for additional information and answers to frequently asked questions.
5. Use the chatbot feature on our website or contact us at scholarships@jkcf.org with any questions.

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