

Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Program

The Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program is the largest undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. In addition to the monetary award, Cooke Scholars receive comprehensive educational advising, significant cohort-based programming, and graduate school funding, as well as a thriving network of nearly 2,500 fellow Cooke Scholars and alumni.

Each award is intended to cover a significant share of the student's educational expenses – including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees. Awards vary by individual, based on the cost of tuition as well as other grants or scholarships he or she may receive.

This highly competitive scholarship includes:

- Up to \$40,000 per year to attend a four-year accredited undergraduate school
- Ability to pursue any area of study
- Personal advising about selecting a college and navigating financial aid
- Multifaceted advising about how to transition to college and maximize the college student experience

Eligibility/Selection Criteria

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation reviews each College Scholarship Program application individually with the assistance of a panel of national education experts. Among the criteria used in the selection process are:

- **Exceptional academic ability and achievement:** Strong academic record, academic awards and honors, and substantive assessments by educators providing confidential recommendations. In addition to GPA and college entrance exam scores, we consider participation in available advanced courses, commitment to learning, and intellectual curiosity.
- **Unmet financial need:** Demonstrate unmet financial need. We will consider applicants with family income up to \$95,000. Last year's cohort of new college scholarship recipients had a median family income of approximately \$26,000.
- **Persistence:** Determination and perseverance in the face of challenges, ability to set and remain focused on goals and to put in the effort needed to meet those goals in the face of obstacles.
- **Leadership:** Ability to organize and positively influence others in and out of school (family, religious community, sports, arts, etc.).
- **Service to Others:** Purposeful and meaningful commitment to others which may be evidenced by participation in volunteer/community service activities.

Exceptionally promising high school seniors with financial need can apply exclusively through The Common Application. All scholarship application materials must be submitted before the deadline on **November 20, 2018** at 11:59 p.m. in your local time zone.

Go to <https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/> for more information and to apply online.