COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP 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 $356 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 Foundation has also provided $148 million in grants to organizations that serve such students.

THE PROGRAM EXPERIENCE

As part of their scholarship, recipients may:

- Receive funding that will cover a portion of educational costs, including tuition, room and board, books, and other required fees for the period required to complete the undergraduate degree program. The award, which is last dollar funding after all institutional aid, aims for Scholars to complete their undergraduate education with as little debt as possible. The maximum amount of the Cooke Foundation's scholarship is $55,000 per year.
- Pursue any area of study.
- Have access to one-on-one advising about selecting a college, navigating financial aid, thriving in college, and preparing for a fulfilling career.
- Be eligible for opportunities for internships, conference stipends, and study abroad, and to apply for the Cooke Graduate Scholarship.

WHO WE SELECT

Cooke College Scholarship recipients are selected from a nationwide applicant pool each year. At a minimum, students must:

- **Complete four years of high school in the U.S., a U.S. territory, or on a U.S. military base and plan to graduate in spring 2027.**
- **Intend to enroll full time in an accredited 4-year college in fall 2027.**
- **Earn a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.75 or above in high school.**
- **Submit standardized test score(s) from one of the following: SAT, ACT, AP, or IB exam.** There is no minimum score requirement, however, applicants must have taken at least one of these tests and submit the score.
- **Demonstrate financial need.** We will consider applicants with a maximum annual family gross income of $95,000. Last year's recipients had a median family income of approximately $45,000. During the selection process, a full financial review will take into account all income and assets of the student and the student's parents.

2026 SELECTED COLLEGE SCHOLARS

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ABOUT THE 2026 SCHOLARS

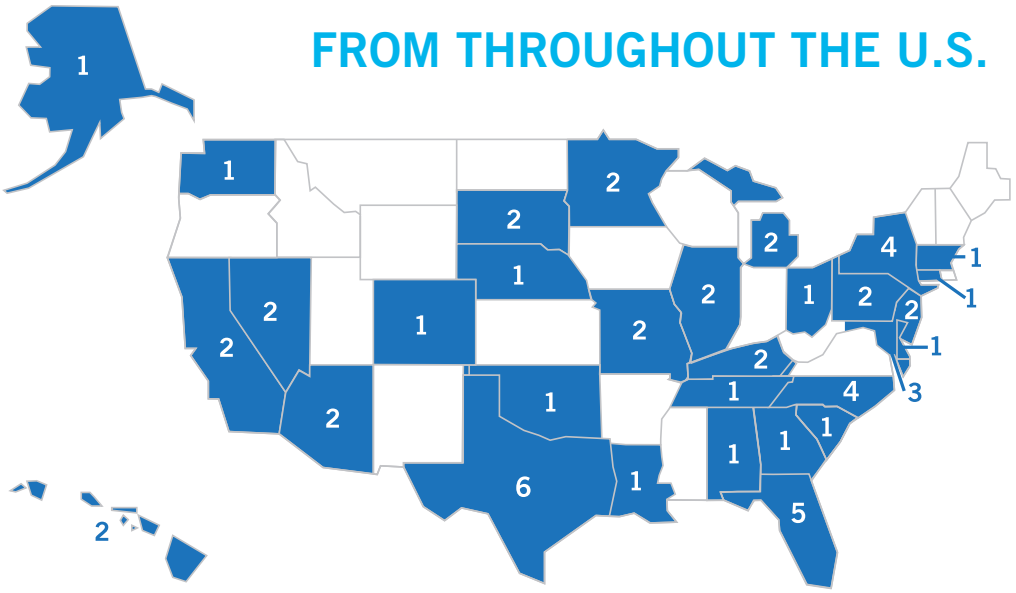
COHORT SIZE

60

64%
FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE GOERS

$42,000
AVERAGE FAMILY ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME

FROM THROUGHOUT THE U.S.



STAND-OUT ACHIEVEMENTS

62%
ENROLLED IN COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL (DUAL ENROLLMENT)

97%
RECEIVED NATIONAL OR STATE LEVEL HONORS AND/OR AWARDS

68%
HELD INTERNSHIPS AND/OR CONDUCTED RESEARCH

95%
HELD A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN A CLUB OR ACTIVITY (PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, FOUNDER)

97%
PARTICIPATED IN CIVIC OR COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

3.99
AVERAGE CUMULATIVE HIGH SCHOOL GPA (UNWEIGHTED)

APPLICATION OPEN
AUGUST 19, 2026 - NOVEMBER 11, 2026

APPLY ONLINE THROUGH THE COMMON APP
JKCF.ORG/COLLEGE

OUR SCHOLARS ATTEND TOP PROGRAMS AT A RANGE OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES INCLUDING PUBLIC, PRIVATE, STATE, LIBERAL ARTS, HBCU, AND IVY LEAGUE INSTITUTIONS.

This data on our 60 College Scholars is compiled from their applications, which they submitted in the fall of their senior year of high school.