JACK KENT COOKE
FOUNDATION

Apply at: https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/
Deadline: November 16, 2023

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 3,200 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 $55,000 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 Requirements:

- **Senior standing** – Plan to graduate from a U.S. high school in spring 2024.
- **Fall College Enrollment** – Intend to enroll in an accredited four-year college beginning in fall 2024.
- **GPA** – Earn a minimum, cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above.
- **Demonstrate Unmet Financial Need** – We will consider applicants with a maximum annual gross income of $95,000. Last year's cohort of new College Scholarship recipients had a median family income of approximately $40,000. 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.

Selection Criteria:

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation reviews each College Scholarship Program application individually with the assistance of a committee of educational professionals from across the nation. The criteria used in the selection process are:

- **Academic ability and achievement:** Maintains a strong academic record and receives outstanding recommendations from teachers, shows a desire to be challenged, and demonstrates enthusiasm for learning. Eligible applicants must have a minimum, cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5.
- **Leadership:** Motivates others, takes initiative, and contributes positively to the community.
- **Persistence:** Exhibits determination when faced with obstacles, goal-oriented, and confronts challenges with an ability to adapt to change.
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