PROGRAM BENEFITS
The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program is one of the most competitive and personalized scholarship and educational support programs in the nation. The Foundation assigns each Young Scholar an on-staff educational adviser who works closely with the student and his or her family to guide the student and oversee the educational opportunities the Foundation provides throughout high school. Support for each student is tailored to his or her unique goals, strengths, and interests and may include:

- Assistance identifying a challenging high school and a suitable academic course load
- Summer academic and enrichment programs
- College and career counseling
- Lessons to develop music, art, or other talents
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- Supplemental academic classes
- A computer and software
- Access to a high-achieving peer community

PROGRAM SELECTION
The Foundation receives over 1,000 applications per year and selects up to 65 Young Scholars. Admission criteria focus on academic ability and achievement, financial need, drive and persistence, leadership, and a desire to help others. A rigorous application review includes analysis of grades, test scores, student and parent essays, letters of recommendation, and family finances.

APPLICATION TIMELINE & PROCEDURE
Application period is open from January–March each year. Finalists are notified in early fall. To learn more about the Young Scholars Program and to complete an application, visit www.jkcf.org.

ABOUT THE JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION
The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, the largest scholarship foundation in the country, is dedicated to advancing the education of exceptionally promising students who have financial need. Because we believe that high-potential, low-income students will excel educationally when given the resources to develop their talents, the Foundation supports exceptional students from elementary school to graduate school through scholarships, grants, direct service, and knowledge creation and dissemination. Founded in 2000 by the estate of Jack Kent Cooke, the Foundation has awarded $125 million in scholarships to 1,800 students, and $79 million in grants to organizations that support our mission.
WHAT WE PROVIDE

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WHO WE SELECT

Each year, the Foundation chooses up to 65 Young Scholars from over 1,000 7th-grade applicants based on:

- High academic ability and achievement
- Demonstrated financial need
- Drive and persistence
- Leadership
- Desire to help others

Young Scholars come from all racial and ethnic backgrounds and from rural, suburban, and urban communities throughout the United States. Many Young Scholars are the first in their family to pursue college education.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS AT WWW.JKCF.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS OR CALL 855-509-5253.
The Foundation’s Young Scholars Program nurtures exceptional students across the country who have demonstrated they have the potential to excel.

Each year, more than 1,000 high-achieving 7th graders nationwide apply for approximately 60 spaces. Those selected demonstrate academic excellence, determination, leadership, community engagement, and financial need. Approximately 40% of our active Young Scholars are at or below the poverty level.

Scholars receive mentoring from an Educational Adviser who collaboratively works with the student and family to construct a tailored educational program. Scholars receive financial support for a variety of opportunities and resources such as summer programs, distance learning courses, technology, tutoring, and enrichment opportunities throughout high school.

### Scholar Demographics

- **Male**: 37%
- **Female**: 63%
- **First Generation**: 45%
- **Median AGI**: $31,958

Date indicates year scholars were accepted into program; scholars completed program in 2014.

### Scholars Accepted Per Year

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### Achievements and Awards

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### Standardized Testing Results

**SAT: Middle 50%**
- Math: 620-750
- Critical Reading: 640-740
- Writing: 620-750

**ACT: Middle 50%**
- Composite: 29-34
- Math: 27-34
- Reading: 30-34
- English: 29-35
- Science: 27-35

### 4-Year College Acceptance

- Enroll in a 4-Year College or University: 98%
  - Most Competitive: 77%
  - Highly Competitive: 10%
  - Very Competitive: 4%
  - Competitive: 8%

*Barron’s Profile of American Colleges*

Some percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.
GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

WEST 16%
MIDWEST 14%
SOUTH 49%
NORTHEAST 20%

HIGH SCHOOL TYPE

PUBLIC ................. 35%
PRIVATE (DAY) ........ 24%
PRIVATE (BOARD) .... 22%
MAGNET ................. 8%
CHARTER ............... 6%
PAROCHIAL ............ 4%

RACE/ETHNICITY

- ASIAN
- WHITE
- BLACK
- MULTIRACIAL
- HISPANIC

HOME COMMUNITY

- RURAL
- SUBURBAN
- URBAN

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YOUNG SCHOLARS COLLEGE MATRICULATION (SINCE 2007)

Adelphi University  
American University (2)  
Amherst College (6)  
Arizona State University (2)  
Bard College  
Barnard College (5)  
Bates College (5)  
Baylor University  
Beloit College (2)  
Bennington College  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston College  
Boston University (2)  
Bowling Green State University  
Brandeis University (2)  
Brown University (3)  
Bryn Mawr College  
Bucknell University (2)  
Butler University (2)  
California Institute of Technology  
Calvin College  
Carleton College  
Carnegie Mellon University (2)  
Catholic University  
Centre College  
City College of New York  
Claremont McKenna College (2)  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross (2)  
College of William & Mary (3)  
Columbia University (5)  
Connecticut College (2)  
Cornell University (3)  
Curtis Institute of Music  
Dartmouth College (4)  
Davidson College  
Drexel University (2)  
Duke University (5)  
Eckerd College  
Elon University  
Emory University (4)  
Escuela Superior de Musica  
Florida A&M University  
Fordham University  
Franklin and Marshall College  
Furman University  
George Mason University  
George Washington University (2)  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology (3)  
Goucher College (2)  
Harvard University (25)  
Haverford College  
Hilldale College  
Howard University (2)  
John Hopkins University (4)  
The Juilliard School (2)  
Kansas State University  
Knox College  
Lehigh University (2)  
Lewis and Clark College  
Macalester College (2)  
Marlboro College  
Marist College  
Marquette University  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (4)  
Mercer University  
Middlebury College  
Montana State University  
Morehouse College  
Mount Holyoke College (2)  
New England Conservatory of Music  
New York University (8)  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University (4)  
Occidental College  
Oxford University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Piedmont College  
Princeton University (12)  
Reed College  
Rhodes College  
Rice University (2)  
Roosevelt University  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Saint John’s College  
San Francisco Conservatory of Music  
San Francisco State University  
Savanna College of Art and Design  
Sarah Lawrence College (2)  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Seattle University  
Sewanee, The University of the South  
Skidmore College  
Smith College  
Southern Methodist University  
Stanford University (12)  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University (2)  
The New School  
Tufts University (5)  
Tulane University (2)  
Union College (NY)  
University of Alabama  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, San Diego  
University of Chicago (3)  
University of Evansville  
University of Florida  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (4)  
University of Maryland  
University of Missouri, Columbia  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2)  
University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
University of Nebraska at Omaha  
University of North Texas  
University of Notre Dame (5)  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania (5)  
University of Rochester  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
University of Southern California (7)  
University of Tampa (2)  
University of Texas at Dallas  
University of Vermont (2)  
University of Washington  
Vanderbilt University (4)  
Vassar College  
Villanova University  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (2)  
Virginia Wesleyan College  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Webster University  
Wellesley College (3)  
Wesleyan University (3)  
Westmont College  
Wheaton College in Illinois  
Williams College  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Yale University (24)