

Identifying Candidates for Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarships

The Cooke Foundation offers the largest scholarships available to exceptionally high achieving, low-income students. Scholars receive up to \$40,000 a year to cover tuition, living expenses, books and other fees. Cooke Scholars come from every state with no restriction on background, race, ethnicity, religion, gender, political affiliation or citizenship status.

There is no formal nomination process, although each of the scholarships has rigorous eligibility criteria, including minimum GPAs and, in some cases, minimum standardized test scores. Financial eligibility for all of our scholarship programs require a student's family income generally not exceed \$95,000 per year. The average family income of Cooke Scholars is \$35,000 a year and many Cooke Scholars are eligible to receive Pell Grants.

In addition to assisting in covering tuition and expenses, Cooke Scholars receive:

- Academic advising
- Access to internship stipends
- Opportunities to study abroad
- Networking with alumni and community of scholars

Cooke College Scholarship

The Cooke College Scholarship is an undergraduate scholarship for high-achieving high school seniors with financial need that can be used at any accredited state or private four-year college and university. This scholarship is available to 12th graders who have earned a cumulative unweighted GPA of at least 3.5 and minimum SAT combined critical reading and math scores of at least 1200 or minimum ACT composite score of 26. Applications are due by **November 3, 2015**.

Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

The Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship makes it possible for the nation's top community college students to complete their bachelor's degrees by transferring to a four-year college or university. The scholarship is available to community college students who have earned a GPA of 3.5 or

above on a 4.0 scale. Applications are due by **December 15, 2015**. Educators are obviously in the best position to help us get the word out about these scholarships. However, organizations that routinely have access to schools, school leaders, political officials and business leaders can help. Please visit www.jkcf.org/outreach to find more information about the scholarships. The Cooke Foundation encourages school systems in particular to share information about the scholarship with their students and families. Feel free to contact the foundation's Manager of Outreach Nara Lee by phone ([571-209-1792](tel:571-209-1792)) or email (nlee@jkcf.org) for further guidance about identifying candidates. Students and families can learn more by visiting www.jkcf.org/scholarships.