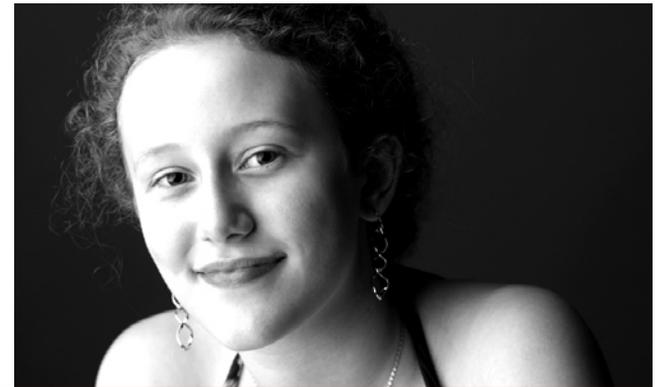




## Once-in-a-Lifetime Scholarships for the Nation's Best Students

JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION  
YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM



### What We Provide

The Young Scholars Program is a unique opportunity for exceptionally promising, high-achieving students with financial need from across the United States. Each Young Scholar receives comprehensive support during high school, including educational advising, participation in a community of similarly talented students, and financial aid for a variety of educational pursuits. Examples of services include:

- Help with selecting a high school and, if necessary, applying to a private or magnet school.
- Advice about and financial assistance for summer and out-of-school academic and enrichment programs.
- Access to computers, software, or other learning technology.
- Music, art, or other talent lessons.
- Mentoring or leadership programs.
- College admission advising.

### Who We Select

Each year, the Foundation chooses approximately 75 Young Scholars from among more than 1,000 seventh-grade applicants based on:

- High academic ability and achievement.
- Financial need.\*
- Motivation and the will to succeed.
- Leadership and public service.
- Accomplishments in music, the arts, or other extracurricular activities.

Young Scholars come from all racial and ethnic backgrounds and from rural, suburban, and urban communities throughout the United States. We encourage students with learning differences to apply.

*\* While there is no formal financial cut-off, more than 90 percent of Young Scholars have come from families with incomes below \$60,000. The average family income of entering Young Scholars is approximately \$25,000. In assessing financial need, the Foundation considers factors such as family income and assets, the number of siblings in college, exceptional family medical expenses, and geographic differences in the cost of living.*

### How to Apply

Visit our Web site from January through April to obtain an application. All applications are due the last Monday in April.

[www.jkcf.org/scholarships/young-scholars-program](http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/young-scholars-program)

To learn more about the Young Scholars Program, please visit our Web site or use the information below to contact the talent center in your region.

- East and West coast states and U.S. territories: Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth: 410.735.6270 or [jkc@jhu.edu](mailto:jkc@jhu.edu)
- Southern states: Duke University Talent Identification Program 919.668.9100 or [jkcf@tip.duke.edu](mailto:jkcf@tip.duke.edu)
- Midwestern states: Northwestern University Center for Talent Development: 847.491.3782 or [ctd@northwestern.edu](mailto:ctd@northwestern.edu)
- Rocky Mountain states: University of Denver Center for Innovative and Talented Youth: 303.871.3408 or [city@du.edu](mailto:city@du.edu)