

YOUNG SCHOLARS PROFILE FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

JACK KENT COOKE
FOUNDATION

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The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program is a national scholarship for students in grades 8–12 who demonstrate exceptional academic abilities, unique talents, and persistence to achieve high aspirations. Students must also have financial need. The Young Scholars Program provides comprehensive educational advising, financial support, talent development opportunities, and a stimulating peer community. Since 2001, we have served over 1,200 Young Scholars, preparing them to thrive at our nation’s best colleges and make significant contributions to the world.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- City of Chicago Math League First Place
- Girls State Sunshine State Scholar
- HOSA MRC Partnership 1st place International
- Million Girls Flight Crew
- MITES Semester Scholar
- Regeneron International Science & Engineering Fair - 2nd Place Grand Award
- San Antonio Mayor’s Youth Engagement Council for Climate Initiatives
- Scholastic Arts & Writing: National Gold Key, Silver Keys, Honorable Mentions
- Stockholm Junior Water Regional Prize
- U.S. Physics Olympiad Participant
- Yale University Book Award

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2025

CLASS SIZE: 48

NUMBER OF APPLICANTS: 2,066



2.4% PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE RATE



46% FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE GOERS



56% FEMALE

40% MALE

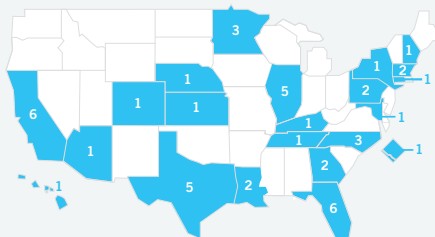
4% OTHER/PREFER NOT TO DESIGNATE

SENIOR SUMMIT RESEARCH PROJECTS:

- Color Science in Photography
- Designing Microfluidic and Light-Scattering Systems for the Synthesis and Study of Polypeptides
- Frame by Frame: A Trio of Animated Tales
- Gender Differences Between the Binge Eating Symptoms of Black/Brown Teenagers Living in Larger Bodies
- Taking Charge of Neglected Diseases: Leptospirosis
- The Implication of Parasitic Genes in Phages
- Understanding NAFLD: The Gene Expression Change in Fatty-Acid Treated Cells
- Using Drones to Deliver Humanitarian Aid Along the Southern US Border
- Visualization of Proteins In Drosophila Ovaries Using Immunostaining

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

21 STATES PLUS WASHINGTON DC



CALIFORNIA: 6

FLORIDA: 6

ILLINOIS: 5

TEXAS: 5

MINNESOTA: 3

NORTH CAROLINA: 3

GEORGIA: 2

LOUISIANA: 2

MASSACHUSETTS: 2

PENNSYLVANIA: 2

ARIZONA: 1

COLORADO: 1

CONNECTICUT: 1

RACE/ETHNICITY

AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK 19%

AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE 2%

ASIAN OR ASIAN AMERICAN 23%

HISPANIC, LATINE OR SPANISH ORIGIN 27%

MIDDLE EASTERN OR NORTH AFRICAN 2%

NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER 2%

WHITE 13%

MULTIRACIAL 13%

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: 1

HAWAII: 1

KANSAS: 1

KENTUCKY: 1

MARYLAND: 1

NEBRASKA: 1

NEW HAMPSHIRE: 1

NEW YORK: 1

TENNESSEE: 1

Please note that some percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.



YOUNG SCHOLAR EXPERIENCE

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Cooke Young Scholars know that being seen as smart is not as valuable as working hard to learn and grow every day. **Scholars own their learning.** They choose challenging courses and build a goal-oriented plan that stretch them outside of their comfort zone. Rising seniors conduct research with university faculty during our campus-based, residential Senior Summit experience, presenting their learning in a final showcase.

Young Scholars **engage and lead purposefully.** Almost a quarter of Scholars have founded an organization in their school or community, while the majority of them serve in distinctive leadership roles. In First Summer, rising ninth-grade Scholars hone their leadership skills to work together on

community-based problems that matter to them.

Coached to craft annual individualized learning plans, Scholars intentionally **develop their talents.** Our financial support enables each Scholar to pursue extracurricular and academic interests to reach their unique goals. We have supported Scholars to develop their talents as a professional yo-yoer, composers, published writers, slam poets, mathematicians, and scientific researchers, among many other emerging experts.

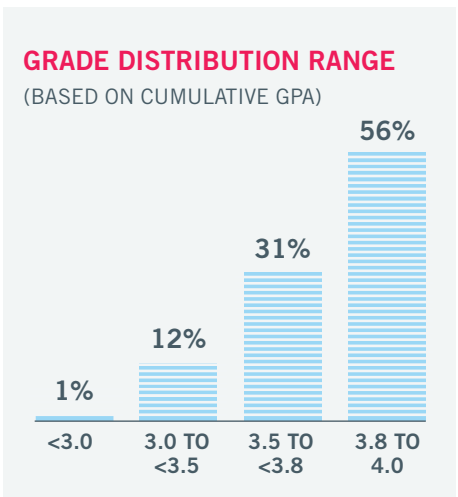
We believe that the real magic in learning comes when Scholars **connect with others and care for themselves.** Young Scholars and their families build strong relationships with their

Cooke Educational Advisers over the five years. Through in-person and virtual activities, advisers foster a peer community grounded in a commitment to wellbeing where Scholars give and get meaningful support. In grades 10–11, Scholars participate together in Cooke Community Summer Programs on college campuses or study abroad.

Cooke Young Scholars **contribute to the world through significant achievements and everyday actions.** We encourage Scholars to think big and act in service of their aspirations. What is the mark they will leave on their school? The influence they wish to have in their community? We mentor Young Scholars to use their efforts and talents to benefit others, solve challenges, and creatively produce. Our legacy is our Scholars' legacies.

ABOUT THE GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2022–2024

TOTAL SCHOLAR COUNT: 154



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS	11
NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS	24

HIGH SCHOOL TYPE

HOMESCHOOL	3%
PRIVATE	41%
PUBLIC	56%

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COLLEGE ENROLLMENT AND PERFORMANCE

98% OF YOUNG SCHOLARS MATRICULATED TO COLLEGE WITH A COOKE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP IN THE PAST THREE YEARS

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY	1	RICE UNIVERSITY	3	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	2
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY	1	ROLLINS COLLEGE	1	UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT KNOXVILLE	1
AUBURN UNIVERSITY	1	SMITH COLLEGE	1	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN	1
BARNARD COLLEGE	1	ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE-ANNAPOLIS	1	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO	1
BENNINGTON COLLEGE	1	STANFORD UNIVERSITY	6	UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	2
BOSTON COLLEGE	4	STEPHENS COLLEGE	1	VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY	1
BOWDOIN COLLEGE	1	STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	1	VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY	1
BROWN UNIVERSITY	5	SWARTHMORE COLLEGE	1	WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY	2
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY	2	TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY	1	WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY	2
CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY	1	TRINITY UNIVERSITY	2	WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS	1
COLBURN SCHOOL	1	TUFTS UNIVERSITY	2	WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY	2
COLORADO COLLEGE	1	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY	1	WILLIAMS COLLEGE	2
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	3	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES	1	WOODBURY UNIVERSITY	1
DEPAUW UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SAN DIEGO	1	YALE UNIVERSITY	8
DUKE UNIVERSITY	6	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA BARBARA	1		
EMORY UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA CRUZ	1	TOTAL	151
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO	5		
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER	1		
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT	1		
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	1		
GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	1	UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA	1		
HAMPTON UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON	1		
HARVARD UNIVERSITY	8	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN	1		
JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE	1		
LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY	2	UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON	1		
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	7	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	2		
MOREHOUSE COLLEGE	1	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL	5		
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA	1		
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	2	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	4		
NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO	2		
PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY	1	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AT COLUMBIA	1		
POMONA COLLEGE	2				
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY	2				
PURDUE UNIVERSITY	3				
QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST	1				
RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN	1				
RHODES COLLEGE	1				



SEE MORE DATA ABOUT OUR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AND UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM [HERE.](#)

*GPA reported is for graduating classes of 2021-2024.



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 almost \$304 million in scholarships to more than 3,400 students from 8th grade through graduate school, along with comprehensive educational advising and other support services. The Foundation has also provided \$136 million in grants to organizations that serve such students.

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