

Center for Talent Development

The Cooke Young Scholars Program

Upcoming Scholarship Application Workshops

The Cooke Young Scholars Program is a selective, five-year, precollege scholarship for high-performing 7th graders with financial need. Join Tammie Stewart, program outreach manager, for this free workshop, which will provide specifics about the program and help you begin your application.

The workshop will answer specific questions about the scholarship, review the application sections (parent section, student section, recommendations required, essay), and how to start the application process. The goal of the workshop is to help families prepare to complete and submit an on-time application.

To learn more information about the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation or the Young Scholars Program, please contact Tammie Stewart at Tammie-stewart@northwestern.edu.

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Tips on Preparing for JKC YS Application

- Wednesday, November 12, 6:00 pm (Central)
- Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 6:00 pm (Central)

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- Monday, February 9, 2026, 6:00 p.m.(Central)
- Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 5:00 p.m.(Central)
- Thursday, March 12, 2026, 6:00 p.m.(Central)
- Saturday, March 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m. (Central)
- Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Central)
- Saturday, April 18, 2026, 10:00 a.m. Central)

All workshops will be held online over Zoom and registration is required. Please visit our website for more information.

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Workshop Details

What is the scholarship?

The **Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholars** program provides academic and college advising as well as financial and academic support for enrichment opportunities throughout high school. Beginning at the end of 8th grade, Cooke Young Scholars:

- Participate in high-quality academic and extracurricular opportunities in their local community, on college campuses, and around the globe.
- Develop their knowledge, talents, and leadership skills to be significant contributors.
- Set and reach academic and talent goals that will prepare them to be competitive, well-informed applicants for our nation's best colleges and universities.

Who qualifies for this scholarship?

To be considered for the Young Scholars Program, the applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- **Grade level:** Currently in 7th grade and/or entering 8th grade in the fall of 2025.
- **Academics:** Earned all As and Bs in core academic subjects since beginning of 6th grade.
- **Income:** Demonstrate unmet financial need with a maximum adjusted gross income of \$95,000.
- **Location:** Permanently reside in the United States and plan to attend high school in the U.S.

Why come to the workshop?

The workshop will answer specific questions about the scholarship, review the application sections (parent, student, recommendations, essay) and the entire application process. The goal is to help families prepare to complete and submit an on-time application.