



Young Scholars Program

Application Period
February 4, 2027-April 28, 2027

Apply Online
<https://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/jack-kent-cooke-foundation-scholarships>

The Program Experience

The Cooke Young Scholars Program is a selective five-year, pre-college scholarship for high-performing 7th grade students with financial need. Educational advisers help Cooke Young Scholars maximize the high school experience and prepare to thrive at the nation's top colleges. Our programming and support includes:

- Identifying an appropriately rigorous high school.
- Engaging in four-year planning and goal-setting.
- Funding for academic and extracurricular opportunities, such as music and art lessons; supplemental academic classes; and technology.
- Annual summer programs, including two required Cooke Young Scholar events.
- Year-round interaction and networking with a community of high-achieving peers.

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

Who We Select

Young Scholars are selected from a nationwide applicant pool each year. Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- **Grade level** – Currently in seventh grade during the 2026-2027 academic year.
- **Academics** – Since the beginning of 6th grade, earned grades of all or mostly A's in school, with no C's or below in core academic subjects.
- **Financial Need** – Demonstrate unmet financial need. **We will consider applicants with maximum annual family gross income up to \$95,000.** The 2025 cohort of Cooke Young Scholars had a median family income of approximately \$49,000. During the selection process, the Foundation will conduct a full financial review which will take into account all income and assets of the student and the student's parents.
- **Location** – Currently attending middle school in the U.S. and planning to attend high school in the U.S.

Cooke Scholars come from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds and from rural, suburban, and urban communities. Many Scholars are the first in their families to pursue higher education.



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.

617 Dartmouth Place, Evanston, IL 60208
847/491-3782
ctd@northwestern.edu

FOLLOW US



JACK KENT COOKE
FOUNDATION

Northwestern | CTD

CTD/JKC Overview

- Wednesday, January 27, 2027, 6:00 pm (Central). This session will be an overview of the CTD programs and the JKC Young Scholars program. It is not an application workshop.

Application Workshops \$ã

- Saturday, February 6, 2027, 10:00am ((Central)
- Tuesday, February 23, 2027, 6:00pm (Central)
- Saturday, March 6, 2027, 10:00am (Central)
- Tuesday, March 16, 2027, 6:00pm (Central) w/Spanish Interpreter.
- Wednesday, April 7, 2027, 6:00pm (Central)
- Thursday, April 22, 2027, 6:00pm (Central)

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