

Special Club News Alert!

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Member Selected as Scholarship Semifinalist!

By Joan Drummond, SRV 4-H Club Leader

Anyone that knows Ashley Porter would describe her as a hard-working student who aspires to help those around her. Recently, Ashley was recognized for those efforts in a major way.

I am proud to announce that Ashley is a semifinalist for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. This is one of the most competitive scholarships nationwide for transfer students, so this is quite an achievement.

For those of us that have known Ashley for the long haul, we know how quiet she used to be, but this all changed when she found her spark of public speaking through our great 4-H program. This has now inspired her to be a 4-H leader at the local, state, and national levels by serving many people.

We know that Ashley will continue to pave the way as a leader when she transfers to her 4-year campus, and she will serve as an inspiring mentor for her students when she is someday a professor in the college classroom.

At this time, we would like to thank the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation for giving Ashley this incredible opportunity. We are immensely proud of this young lady, and we appreciate JKCF for seeing the potential in our girl! If you would like to learn more about this scholarship and the foundation, please read the press release attached below.



Ashley first joined 4-H when she was just 8 years old



11 years later, she's now a true leader whom we are very proud of!



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<< ASHLEY PORTER >> Announced as a Semifinalist For the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Transformative Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

LANSDOWNE, VA (March 6, 2025) - The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation announced today that Ashley Porter of Oxnard College is among the semifinalists for its highly competitive [Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship](#). There are 467 semifinalists for the program in total. This scholarship aims to help community college students who have demonstrated exceptional academic ability, leadership, and service transfer to top four-year institutions and avoid student debt. The award, which is last dollar funding after all institutional aid, can provide as much as \$55,000 per year for two to three years to complete a bachelor's degree at any accredited four-year undergraduate institution in the U.S.

"Our Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship represents a lifeline for exceptional community college students to actualize their academic dreams," said Giuseppe "Seppy" Basili, Executive Director of the Cooke Foundation. "This year's semifinalists exemplify the extraordinary talent found within community colleges across America, and we're excited to congratulate this group as we celebrate a quarter century of work as a Foundation."

The 467 semifinalists were chosen from a pool of more than 1,600 applicants and attend 212 community colleges in 43 states. The rigorous selection process assesses candidates on their exceptional academic ability and achievement, demonstrated financial need, perseverance, and leadership.

The Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship provides comprehensive support that extends far beyond financial assistance, recognizing that admission and enrollment are only the beginning. This scholarship is designed to help students not only reach college but successfully navigate and complete their journey. Selected Cooke Transfer Scholars receive personalized educational advising from the Foundation's Deans of Scholar Support, who guide them through the transition to a four-year institution and help prepare them for future careers. Scholars also gain access to transformative opportunities including internships, study abroad experiences, and graduate school funding, as well as inclusion in a thriving community of more than 3,400 fellow Cooke Scholars and Alumni who provide mentorship and networking connections throughout their academic and professional lives.

A list of this year's Cooke Transfer Scholar semifinalists and their respective community colleges is linked [here](#). The Foundation will announce the 2025 Undergraduate Transfer Scholars in May. To learn more about the Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, visit the website [here](#).

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