



Young Scholars Program

Application Open
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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-performing 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.

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.

Who We Select

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

- **Grade level** – Entering 8th grade in the fall of 2020.
- **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.
- **Testing** – We require the official score report from the applicant's state standardized testing and if available, SAT or ACT score reports.
- **Income** – Demonstrate unmet financial need. We will consider applicants with family income up to \$95,000. Last year's cohort of new Young Scholars had a median family income of approximately \$39,000.
- **Location** – Reside in the U.S. or a U.S. territory and plan to attend high school in the U.S. or a U.S. territory