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• Summer academic and enrichment programs
• Supplemental academic classes
• A computer and software
• Lessons to develop music, art, or other talents
• Study abroad and community service opportunities
• College and career counseling
• Access to a high-achieving peer community

Each year, the Foundation chooses up to 65 Young Scholars from over 1,000 7th-grade applicants based on:

• High academic ability and achievement
• Demonstrated financial need
• Drive and persistence
• Leadership
• Desire to help others

Young Scholars come from all racial and ethnic backgrounds and from rural, suburban, and urban communities throughout the United States. Many Young Scholars are the first in their family to pursue college education.

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APPLICATION TIMELINE & PROCEDURE
Application period is open from January–March each year. Finalists are notified in early fall. To learn more about the Young Scholars Program and to complete an application, visit www.jkcf.org.

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The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, the largest scholarship foundation in the country, is dedicated to advancing the education of exceptionally promising students who have financial need. Because we believe that high-potential, low-income students will excel educationally when given the resources to develop their talents, the Foundation supports exceptional students from elementary school to graduate school through scholarships, grants, direct service, and knowledge creation and dissemination. Founded in 2000 by the estate of Jack Kent Cooke, the Foundation has awarded $125 million in scholarships to 1,800 students, and $79 million in grants to organizations that support our mission.