

# UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PROFILE

JACK KENT COOKE  
FOUNDATION

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is dedicated to advancing the education of exceptionally promising students who have financial need. Since 2000, the Foundation has awarded almost \$282 million in scholarships to more than 3,300 students from 8th grade through graduate school, along with comprehensive academic advising, career pathway counseling and other support services. The Foundation has also provided \$133 million in grants to organizations that serve such students.

## THE PROGRAM EXPERIENCE

The Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is a highly selective scholarship for the nation's top community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees at four-year colleges or universities. Each Cooke Scholar has access to generous financial support for two to three years, ongoing academic coaching and advising, graduate school and career advising, and access to a thriving network of Cooke Scholars and Alumni. As part of their scholarship, recipients may:

- Receive a scholarship that will fund a portion of educational costs, including tuition, room and board, books, and other required fees for the period required to complete the undergraduate degree program. The award, which is last dollar funding after all institutional aid, aims for Scholars to complete their undergraduate education with as little debt as possible. The maximum amount of the Cooke Foundation's scholarship is \$55,000 per year.
- Pursue any area of study.
- Have access to personal advising about selecting a college, navigating financial aid, and maximizing their experience at their new institution.
- Be eligible for opportunities for internships, conference stipends, and study abroad, and to apply for the Cooke Graduate Scholarship.

## WHO WE SELECT

Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship recipients are selected from a nationwide applicant pool each year. As minimum criteria, students must:

- Be a current student at an accredited U.S. community college or two-year institution with sophomore status, or a recent graduate (within the last five years).
- Intend to enroll full time in an accredited four-year college or university in fall 2024.
- Earn a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above in community college.
- Demonstrate financial need. We will consider applicants with a maximum annual family gross income of \$95,000. 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.

APPLICATION OPEN  
OCTOBER 5, 2023 - JANUARY 11, 2024

APPLY ONLINE THROUGH THE COMMON APP  
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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.

# 2023 SELECTED UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER SCHOLARS

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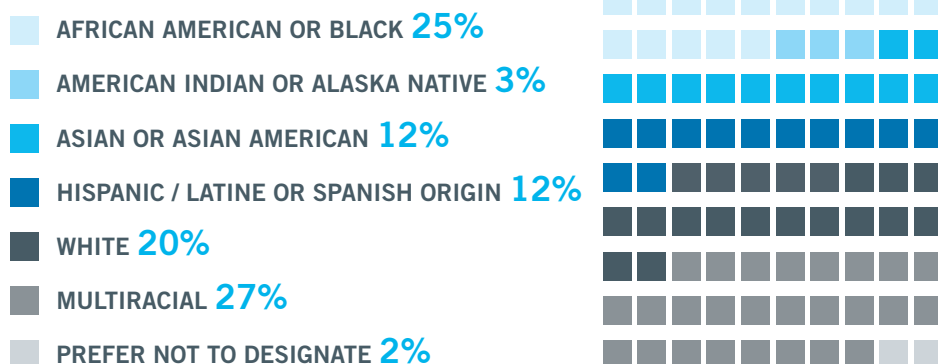
## ABOUT THE 2023 SCHOLARS

COHORT SIZE **60** | COMMUNITY TYPE **19%** RURAL **44%** SUBURBAN **37%** URBAN

CITIZENSHIP INFORMATION **67%** U.S. CITIZEN **33%** NON-U.S. CITIZEN | AVERAGE AGE **24**



### RACE/ETHNICITY



## STAND-OUT ACHIEVEMENTS

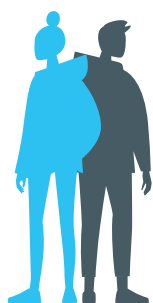
**67%**  
HAD AN INTERNSHIP OR RESEARCH POSITION

**78%**  
HELD A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN A CLUB OR ACTIVITY

**88%**  
WERE A MEMBER OF PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY

**79%**  
RECEIVED AN HONORS DEGREE OR PURSUED HONORS COURSEWORK

**3.94**  
AVERAGE CUMULATIVE COMMUNITY COLLEGE GPA



**62%**  
FEMALE

**38%**  
MALE



**82%**  
FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE GOERS



**\$33,000**  
MEDIAN STUDENT ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME



OUR SCHOLARS ATTEND TOP PROGRAMS AT A RANGE OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES INCLUDING PUBLIC, PRIVATE, STATE, LIBERAL ARTS, HBCU, AND IVY LEAGUE INSTITUTIONS.

This data on our 60 Undergraduate Transfer Scholars is compiled from their applications, which they submit the year before they plan to enroll at a four-year university.

Some percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.