

YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

APPLICATION PERIOD
FEBRUARY - APRIL



WHAT WE PROVIDE

The Young Scholars Program, a selective 5-year pre-college scholarship for high-performing middle school students with financial need, is the largest scholarship of its kind in the nation. It provides individualized academic and college advising as well as financial support for school, summer programs, internships, and other enrichment opportunities. The Cooke Foundation assigns each Young Scholar an on-staff educational adviser who works closely with the student and his or her family to guide them and oversee the educational opportunities the Cooke Foundation provides throughout high school. Support for each student is tailored to his or her unique goals, strengths, and interests and may include:

- Assistance identifying a challenging high school and a suitable academic course load
- Tuition for high school, summer enrichment programs, and supplemental academic classes
- Lessons to develop music, art, or other talents
- Study abroad and community service opportunities

- A computer and software
- Networking opportunities with a high-achieving peer community
- Special consideration for the foundation's \$40,000 per year College Scholarship

WHO WE SELECT

Each year, the Cooke Foundation selects Young Scholars from a nationwide applicant pool 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 scholars are the first in their family to pursue college education.

HOW TO APPLY: VISIT [HTTP://WWW.JKCF.ORG/CTD](http://www.jkcf.org/ctd) OR EMAIL TAMMIE-STEWART@NORTHWESTERN.EDU