

# Jack Kent Cooke Foundation

The mission of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation (a private, independent foundation established by Jack Kent Cooke) is to help young people of exceptional promise reach their full potential through education.

Mr. Cooke was a businessman, sportsman, and philanthropist. His business interests included ownership of professional sports teams, such as the Toronto Maple Leaf baseball club, the Los Angeles Lakers basketball team, the Los Angeles Kings hockey team, and the Washington Redskins football team. Mr. Cooke also owned a thoroughbred racing farm in Lexington, Kentucky. Numbered among his other businesses were newspapers, magazines, radio stations, cable television, and real estate holdings, including the Chrysler Building in New York City. He was also a musician and a member of ASCAP. Mr. Cooke died April 16, 1997, and left most of his fortune to establish the Foundation.

## ***Purpose:***

In seeking to fulfill its mission, the Foundation intends to identify young people who have shown unique overall excellence, both in academic endeavors and in extracurricular activities. The purpose of the Foundation is to reward young men and women for unusual intelligence, application, deportment, and character.

## ***Award:***

The **Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Program** will provide awards of up to \$50,000 per year for tuition, room and board, books, and other required fees for the length of the graduate degree program, up to six years. The amount and duration of awards vary by student, based on the cost of attendance and the length of the program as well as other scholarships or grants received.

## ***Eligibility:***

- **Be nominated** by your undergraduate university or college for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship Program (the Foundation does not accept applications directly from students)
- Be able to **answer yes to all three** of the following questions:
  - (1) Are you a college senior or have you graduated from college?
  - (2) Have you been accepted into a full-time graduate degree program at an accredited university to begin studies in the fall of next year? Or will you be accepted into such a program by the application deadline in April?
  - (3) Is your cumulative undergraduate grade point average 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent)?
- U.S. citizenship is not required, however, applicants must have or be able to obtain the appropriate visa
- Must demonstrate unmet financial need
- There are no age restrictions or limitations as long as the applicants meet all the eligibility requirements.

## ***Selection Criteria:***

- Academic ability and achievement
- Unmet financial need
- Will to succeed
- Leadership and public service
- Critical-thinking ability
- Appreciation for or participation in the arts and humanities

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