

Education Information

Institution you currently attend or recently graduated from

1. In the order in which they appear below, select the state, then the city, and then the name for your undergraduate institution. If you have a problem using the drop-down tools, please call the customer service center at 1-800-498-6478 or email jkc-g@act.org.

1a. Institution state

1b. Institution city

1c. Institution name

Because you must be nominated by your faculty representative, please locate that person by selecting the state of your current institution on the provided list of [faculty representatives](#).

2. Faculty representative name

3. Date you received or expect to receive your baccalaureate degree (mm/yyyy)

4. I understand that I must be nominated by my undergraduate institution to be eligible for consideration (please initial).

Include all undergraduate coursework from all institutions attended in your calculations for items 5, 5a, 5b, and 5c.

5. Current cumulative GPA for all college-level courses (using a 4.00 unweighted scale)

5a. Total number of credits

5b. Total number of semesters

5c. Total number of institutions

6. Did you participate in an honors program?

Yes No

Proposed graduate studies

For item 7, please include all proposed graduate degree programs.

7. Graduate degree(s) sought (MFA, JD, PhD, etc.)

For both item 8 and item 9, choose your field of study from the drop-down menu. The fields are in code order. You may reference the [List of Academic Fields](#) to more easily identify your field and the associated code.

8. Field of study for graduate degree

9. Second field of study if double major or dual degree

10. Expected graduation date for graduate degree(s) (mm/yyyy)

11. Expected number of years to complete your graduate or professional degree(s)

Indicate your first and second choice for a university that you plan to enroll in for the 2008-2009 academic year.

For US institutions: select the state, then the city, and then the name for your institution choices. For foreign institutions: select the country, then the city, and then the name for your institution choices.

If you cannot find your institution or have a problem using the drop-down tools, please contact the customer service center at 1-800-498-6478 or by email at jkc-g@act.org.

First-Choice College or University

12. Is your first-choice college or university located in the US?

Yes No

For US college or university:

12a. Institution state

12b. Institution city

12c. Institution name

For foreign college or university:

12d. Institution country

12e. Institution city

12f. Institution name

12g. Accepted to start in fall 2008?

Yes No

12h. Applied, waiting to hear

Yes No

Second-Choice College or University

13. Is your second-choice college or university located in the US?

Yes No

For US college or university:

13a. Institution state

13b. Institution city

13c. Institution name

For foreign college or university:

13d. Institution country

13e. Institution city

13f. Institution name

13g. Accepted to start in fall 2008?

Yes No

13h. Applied, waiting to hear

Yes No

14. Please list all other colleges and universities that you are applying to, along with the city and state for each. Avoid using abbreviations for institution names. If you are not applying to other institutions, please enter **none** in the box below.

15. List the graduate or professional degree(s) and area(s) of concentration you will pursue if awarded a Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship. Explain the reason(s) for your study and career choice.

16. Explain why you have chosen this particular university for your graduate program. (You may discuss your top two or three school choices.)

17. What are your long-term career plans?

Arts Portfolio information (for those applicants pursuing a degree in the arts)

Applicants in the following academic categories are required to provide a short portfolio or representation of their talent.

Arts – Performance and Studio, which includes the following fields:

- ART 2401 - Art
- ART 2402 - Dance
- ART 2403 - Drama/Theatre Arts
- ART 2404 - Music
- ART 2405 - Design
- ART 2406 - Fine Arts
- ART 2407 - Industrial Design
- ART 2499 - Arts - Performance and Studio - Other

Architecture, which includes the following fields:

- ART 4401 - Architecture
- ART 4403 - Environmental Design
- ART 4404 - Interior Design
- ART 4405 - Landscape Architecture
- ART 4406 - Urban Design
- ART ART 4499 - Architecture/Environmental Design - Other

Communications, only the following field:

- COM 4505 - Radio, TV, and Film

The Foundation will not review portfolios from students majoring in other fields.

Please refer to [Portfolio for Applicants in the Arts](#) for detailed instructions.

18. Are you submitting an arts portfolio?

Yes No

18a. If yes, please briefly describe your portfolio and its relation with your work as a whole. What would you like the reviewers to look for in your portfolio?

Applicant Information

Parent information

1. List your Mother's/Guardian's occupation.

1a. What is your Mother's/Guardian's highest level of education?

2. List your Father's/Guardian's occupation.

2a. What is your Father's/Guardian's highest level of education?

Previous Jack Kent Cooke Foundation scholarship recipients

If you have been selected to receive a Jack Kent Cooke Continuing Scholar Graduate Award, you may apply directly to the Foundation without faculty representative approval. Your application will not count as one of the two that are allowed from your institution.

3. Have you previously received a Jack Kent Cooke Foundation scholarship?

Yes No

3a. Jack Kent Cooke Foundation scholarship received

- College Scholarship
 Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

3b. Year scholarship received (yyyy)

Behavior that would reflect poorly on the Foundation

4. Have you ever been convicted of a crime, other than a traffic violation?

Yes No

5. Have you ever been involved in conduct that is criminal?

Yes No

6. Have you ever been found by your institution to have violated academic standards?

Yes No

7. Have you ever been fired from a job for wrong doing?

Yes No

8. If you answered yes to any of the above four questions or believe there are other matters along these lines of which the Foundation should be aware, please explain below. (Such prior activities will be considered, but may not disqualify applicants.)

The following items are for statistical use only.

9. Country of birth

10. Hometown state

11. Hometown city

12. Citizenship(s)

Recommenders

List names and email addresses of two persons who know enough about you to assess your personal characteristics, motivation, and potential.

Email addresses must be provided so recommenders can be notified to complete the online recommendation. Be certain that you enter each recommender's email address correctly. Within 24 hours from the time you provide the recommender's email address, your recommender should receive an email from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship Program with instructions for completing the online recommendation.

1. First recommender

1a. First recommender's email

2. Second recommender

2a. Second recommender's email

Education, Honors, and Community Service

Institutions attended in the past

List all colleges and universities you have attended, beginning with your current or most recent institution and proceeding in reverse chronological order. Avoid abbreviating institution names.

1. College or university

1a. Dates attended: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

1b. Major or field of study

1c. Did or will you receive a degree?

Yes No

1d. Date received or expected (mm/yyyy)

1e. Unweighted GPA on 4.00 scale at this institution

2. College or university

2a. Dates attended: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

2b. Major or field of study

2c. Did or will you receive a degree?

Yes No

2d. Date received or expected (mm/yyyy)

2e. Unweighted GPA on 4.00 scale at this institution

3. College or university

3a. Dates attended: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

3b. Major or field of study

3c. Did or will you receive a degree?

Yes No

3d. Date received or expected (mm/yyyy)

3e. Unweighted GPA on 4.00 scale at this institution

4. College or university

4a. Dates attended: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

4b. Major or field of study

4c. Did or will you receive a degree?

Yes No

4d. Date received or expected (mm/yyyy)

4e. Unweighted GPA on 4.00 scale at this institution

5. College or university

5a. Dates attended: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

5b. Major or field of study

5c. Did or will you receive a degree?

Yes No

5d. Date received or expected (mm/yyyy)

5e. Unweighted GPA on 4.00 scale at this institution

6. College or university

6a. Dates attended: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

6b. Major or field of study

6c. Did or will you receive a degree?

Yes No

6d. Date received or expected (mm/yyyy)

6e. Unweighted GPA on 4.00 scale at this institution

7. College or university

7a. Dates attended: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

7b. Major or field of study

7c. Did or will you receive a degree?

Yes No

7d. Date received or expected (mm/yyyy)

7e. Unweighted GPA on 4.00 scale at this institution

8. College or university

8a. Dates attended: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

8b. Major or field of study

8c. Did or will you receive a degree?

Yes No

8d. Date received or expected (mm/yyyy)

8e. Unweighted GPA on 4.00 scale at this institution

9. College or university

9a. Dates attended: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

9b. Major or field of study

9c. Did or will you receive a degree?

Yes No

9d. Date received or expected (mm/yyyy)

9e. Unweighted GPA on 4.00 scale at this institution

Honors and awards

List up to six academic honors or other special awards you have received. Please provide a short description. Begin with the most recent. Avoid abbreviating organization names.

10. Academic award/honor

10a. Institution or organization

10b. Date awarded (mm/yyyy)

11. Academic award/honor

11a. Institution or organization

11b. Date awarded (mm/yyyy)

12. Academic award/honor

12a. Institution or organization

12b. Date awarded (mm/yyyy)

13. Academic award/honor

13a. Institution or organization

13b. Date awarded (mm/yyyy)

14. Academic award/honor

14a. Institution or organization

14b. Date awarded (mm/yyyy)

15. Academic award/honor

15a. Institution or organization

15b. Date awarded (mm/yyyy)

Work experience

List up to six paid positions you have held and explain your responsibilities. Begin with the most recent. Avoid abbreviating employer names.

16. Employer

16a. Position held/responsibilities

16b. Dates: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

16c. Average hours per week

17. Employer

17a. Position held/responsibilities

17b. Dates: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

17c. Average hours per week

18. Employer

18a. Position held/responsibilities

18b. Dates: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

18c. Average hours per week

19. Employer

19a. Position held/responsibilities

19b. Dates: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

19c. Average hours per week

20. Employer

20a. Position held/responsibilities

20b. Dates: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

20c. Average hours per week

21. Employer

21a. Position held/responsibilities

21b. Dates: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

21c. Average hours per week

Internships/volunteer services

Describe your participation in up to six unpaid internships, volunteer service activities, and other college, civic, professional, or community activities. Begin with the most recent. Avoid abbreviating organization names. If participation was required by your academic program or your institution, check the box provided.

22. Organization

22a. Activity/service

22b. Supervisor name

22c. Dates: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

22d. Average hours per week

22e. Participation required by school? Yes

23. Organization

23a. Activity/service

23b. Dates: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

23c. Average hours per week

23d. Participation required by school? Yes

24. Organization

24a. Activity/service

24b. Dates: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

24c. Average hours per week

24d. Participation required by school? Yes

25. Organization

25a. Activity/service

25b. Dates: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

25c. Average hours per week

25d. Participation required by school? Yes

26. Organization

26a. Activity/service

26b. Dates: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

26c. Average hours per week

26d. Participation required by school? Yes

27. Organization

27a. Activity/service

27b. Dates: from - to (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy)

27c. Average hours per week

27d. Participation required by school? Yes

Essays

1. Please discuss one of the following topics. Check the box to indicate the topic you are addressing.

- Select a piece of art, literature, music, or film written or created by someone other than yourself. Respond to it.
- Discuss your artistic development and how it relates to your academic interests. Refer to an individual, an author, a book, or an aesthetic experience that was instrumental in your artistic development.

1a. Discuss the topic you chose above.

2. Write about an experience that has changed your perspective on or your attitude toward a personal, social, or political issue.

3. Write an essay on one of the following topics. Check the box to indicate the topic you are addressing.

- Studies over the last 20 years have shown that academic dishonesty is on the rise in academic institutions across the United States. What might explain this increase? Suggest remedies and cite evidence to support your position.
- Briefly describe an important problem in contemporary American society. Discuss the conditions, changes, or events that have caused this problem. How would you solve this problem?

3a. Write your response to the topic you chose above.

Narrative Autobiography

This statement should provide information not elicited elsewhere in the application, such as leadership roles, family, educational, philosophical, or other life experiences that have influenced your achievements and career decision.

It should also include professional and civic activities that you consider important. The narrative should be concise, emphasizing those areas most important to your intellectual development.

Selection criteria outlined in the [2008 Nominee Guidelines—Graduate Scholarship Program](#) should be kept in mind as this statement is prepared.

1. Narrative autobiography

Financial Information

The applicant and both of his or her natural or adoptive parents must complete the proper financial forms. Applications received without both applicant and parental financial information forms are incomplete and will not be considered. This application is confidential and will be reviewed only by the campus nominations committee and Foundation staff.

Parent Financial Information Forms may be downloaded from the link provided here [Parent Financial Information Forms](#), completed using Microsoft Word, and submitted to the faculty representative as supporting documentation. Parents must provide the completed Parent Financial Information Forms and federal tax documents to the applicant or faculty representative. The Parent Financial Information Forms and federal tax documents are required regardless of the age or independence of the applicant.

Household information

1. Indicate your marital status.

- Unmarried (single, divorced, widowed)
- Married
- Separated
- Other (please specify below)

1a. Other marital status

Complete the applicant household information below. Please note:

- If the applicant is independent (married, has children, or is 24 years old or older), please list other members of the applicant's household, if any, below.
- Do not include the applicant's parents or other members of the parent's household.
- Include: Spouse, if any; dependents claimed on Federal taxes (2006 IRS Form 1040, line 6c; 1040A, line 6c; 1040EZ not applicable); and other people living in the independent applicant's household only if they will get more than half of their support from the applicant during the coming academic year.
- For each household member, list name, relationship to the applicant, and age. Add comments as necessary.
- For dependent children of the applicant attending college full-time during the coming academic year in a program leading to a degree or certification, list the names and locations of the college they will attend in the comments field.

2. Applicant name

2a. Age

2b. Comments

3. Name of household member

3a. Relationship to applicant

3b. Age

- 3c. Comments
- 4. Name of household member
 - 4a. Relationship to applicant
 - 4b. Age
 - 4c. Comments
- 5. Name of household member
 - 5a. Relationship to applicant
 - 5b. Age
 - 5c. Comments
- 6. Name of household member
 - 6a. Relationship to applicant
 - 6b. Age
 - 6c. Comments
- 7. Name of household member
 - 7a. Relationship to applicant
 - 7b. Age
 - 7c. Comments
- 8. Name of household member
 - 8a. Relationship to applicant
 - 8b. Age
 - 8c. Comments

Applicant financial information

Use the information from the applicant's 2006 federal income tax return to answer the questions where indicated.

If the applicant was not required to file taxes in 2006, he or she must complete the following as thoroughly as possible and submit all applicable tax documents, such as W-2s.

Applicants living abroad and not filing US taxes in 2006 must complete the following as best as possible and submit a statement (in English or a certified translation into English) from employer(s) listing all income and benefits.

Do not leave fields blank. If a value is zero, enter "0." Round all figures to the nearest dollar.

If the applicant is single, the applicant should list all of his or her own income and assets.

If the applicant is married, the applicant should list (a) all of his or her own income and benefits and (b) half the combined family assets.

Two copies of the applicant's tax form(s) must be submitted as supporting documentation. Include schedules and attachments. If married, also include two copies of the spouse's tax form(s), with schedules and attachments. Applicants and spouses should black out their social security number or personal ID number on tax forms and other documents.

All financial information for the applicant's parents will be collected in the Parent Financial Information Form. Do not

include parent information in the Applicant Form.

9. Were you required to file taxes in 2006?

Yes No

9a. If you were not required to file taxes, please explain.

10. Applicant's income and benefits

10a. Applicant's wages, salaries, tips, etc. (income from working): 2006 W-2 Forms or 2006 IRS Form 1040 lines 7+12+18; 1040A line 7; 1040EZ line 1

10b. Spouse's (if any) wages, salaries, tips, etc. (income from working): 2006 W-2 Forms or 2006 IRS Form 1040 lines 7+12+18; 1040A line 7; 1040EZ line 1

10c. Applicant's interest income: 2006 IRS Form 1040 line 8a; 1040A line 8a; 1040EZ not applicable

10d. Applicant's dividend income: 2006 IRS Form 1040 line 9a; 1040A line 9a; 1040EZ not applicable

10e. Applicant's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI): 2006 IRS Form 1040 line 37; 1040A line 21; 1040EZ line 4

If applicant is **married** and filed **jointly**, AGI must be adjusted. To adjust, subtract applicant's and spouse's wages or salaries from AGI and divide the remaining AGI by two. Then add applicant's wages or salaries back in.

If applicant files **singly**, simply list the AGI as it appears on tax form.

10f. Child support received by applicant, if any: List yearly, not monthly, amount.

10g. Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans: W-2 Forms, boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H, and S; include untaxed payments to 401(k) and 403(b) plans

10h. Contributions to pre-tax dependent care accounts: W-2 Forms, box 10

10i. Applicant's federal income tax paid: 2006 IRS Form 1040 line 63; 1040A line 37; 1040EZ line 10

Do not copy the amount of federal income tax withheld from a W-2 Form.

If applicant is **married** and filing **jointly**, divide the amount by two. If applicant filed singly, list as is.

10j. Child support paid by applicant, if any: List yearly, not monthly, amount.

10k. Child care tax credit claimed on federal taxes: 2006 IRS Form 1040 line 48; 1040A line 29; 1040EZ not applicable

10l. Nonreimbursed medical or dental expenses claimed on federal taxes: 2006 IRS Form 1040, Schedule A, line 4; Forms 1040A and 1040EZ not applicable

10m. Number of dependents in college:

Count each dependent of the applicant who is a full-time

undergraduate student. (Number of college students claimed should agree with the applicant's household information above.)

Applicant's assets

For items 11a through 11g:

If the applicant has assets jointly owned with his or her spouse, include **half** the value of the jointly held assets.

If the applicant holds assets jointly with others (not spouse), include the portion of assets that are owned by the applicant.

11. Applicant's assets

11a. Applicant's cash, savings and checking account balances (as of today): Include the total balance for all accounts.

11b. Applicant's investment equity (as of today): Include investments owned by the applicant and **not included** in the parent's financial information form(s). Investments include money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, bonds, education IRAs, Uniform Gifts to Minors accounts, college savings plans, etc. Do not include the value of life insurance policies, retirement plans, trusts, savings or checking accounts, or the value of prepaid tuition plans.

11c. Applicant's home equity (as of today): If the applicant is a homeowner, include equity of applicant's primary residence. (Current value \$____ minus debt \$____ equals equity \$____.)

11c1. How many years has applicant owned the home?:
Round up to the nearest year.

11d. Applicant's real estate equity, apart from primary residence (as of today): (Current value \$____ minus debt \$____ equals equity \$____.)

Include the equity of any real estate owned by the applicant and not included in the parent's financial information form(s).

11e. Applicant's business and/or farm equity (as of today): (Current value \$____ minus debt \$____ equals equity \$____.)

Include the equity of any business or farm owned by the applicant and not included in the parent's financial information form(s).

11f. Applicant's retirement savings (as of today): Include current value of retirement savings, such as IRA, Keogh, 401(k), 403(b), or other retirement plans.

11g. Applicant's pension assets (as of this year): Include the yearly amount received from all pension plans. Include all regular annuity payments.

Applicant Certification

1. I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could interfere with the truthfulness and accuracy of this application.

Yes

2. I understand that this application will be available only to the selection committee at my undergraduate institution and Foundation staff or selection committee members. I waive the right to access letters of recommendation written on my behalf.

Yes

3. I have read the [2008 Nominee Guidelines—Graduate Scholarship Program](#) for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation and meet all stated conditions of eligibility.

Yes

4. If selected as a Scholar, I will abide by the terms and regulations of the scholarship.

Yes

5. If selected as a Scholar, I agree to attend the Jack Kent Cooke Scholars Weekend, which will be held July 31 through August 3, 2008.

Yes

6. If selected as a Scholar, I give the Foundation permission to release my name, institution, and image for promotional purposes.

Yes

7. Applicant signature (type name)