

Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship – Eligibility and Application Information

The Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is a generous (up to \$30,000 per year), but highly competitive, scholarship for students planning to enroll full time in a bachelor's degree program in fall 2010. Bucks County Community College can nominate up to **two** candidates for this scholarship. The scholarship provides funding for educational expenses, which may include tuition, room and board, required fees, and books for the remainder of a bachelor's degree program. Nominees must demonstrate **high academic achievement** and **significant unmet financial need** and be planning to enroll full time in a bachelor's degree program beginning in the Fall 2010 semester. The application process is lengthy and, before you decide whether or not to apply, we are asking your help to determine if you meet the eligibility requirements.

If you are interested in exploring your eligibility for the JKC Scholarship, we ask that you take the following steps as soon as possible, since parts of the application process need to be started **by mid-November**.

Step 1

Learn more about this scholarship and the application process by visiting the JKC Foundation web site at www.jkcf.org. Specific information is available about [nominee guidelines](#), [minimum eligibility requirements](#), and [FAQs for applicants](#). The JKC Foundation also recommends that applicants [consider selective colleges](#), which are looked on favorably by the JKC Foundation. Read their information on: *Why Selectivity Matters in Your College Decision*, *Applying to Competitive Colleges*, *Competitive Four-Year Institutions*, and *What to Ask During Your Campus Visit*.

Step 2

Read and note the following facts about eligibility.

Students are NOT eligible to be nominated if they:

- have any college degree (other than an Associate degree) from a U.S. or foreign university,
- have taken more than 6 credits at a four-year college (other than college credits taken during high school),
- have other means of support for their education

Students may be eligible if ALL of the following are true. Students must:

- be planning to begin a bachelor's degree program at a four-year college in fall 2010,
- have a cumulative GPA (from all colleges attended) of at least 3.5,
- have completed at least 30 credits by the end of the Fall 2009 semester,
- have significant unmet financial need, as defined by JKCF, [By JKCF definition, unmet financial need has two components: (i) education costs that exceed to an appreciable degree other grant awards and (ii) insufficient student and family income to meet educational costs. Students receiving full funding for their four-year degree will not be eligible for this scholarship. One possible indicator of financial need is that the applicant received **need-based aid** while in college. A portion of family income is considered for all applicants. Parents must be willing to complete the financial information forms regardless of age or independence status of the applicant.]
- have parents who are willing to complete financial information forms, regardless of age or independence status of the applicant, [If parents are deceased, documentation must be provided.]
- receive a score of either a 1 or a 2 on the JKC Financial Needs Estimator, [NOTE: The Financial Needs Estimator is not foolproof, but does give you an idea of the kinds of questions asked as part of the application process. The information entered on the Estimator is for your use only and the Estimator may be used more than once. Please review the [Financial Needs Estimator](#) on the JKCF website, following these directions.

- *Click on each question and read the directions for that question very carefully. NOTE questions that apply to independent applicants and those that apply to all applicants.*
- *Make notes on the information you may need to look up in order to answer the questions accurately. NOTE that in each section you will be answering EITHER the question labeled Married Parents OR the two questions labeled Mother and Father. (This applies to all applicants, regardless of age.)*
- *Once you have all the information you need, go back to the Financial Needs Estimator and answer ALL the applicable questions.*
- *One modification we recommend on the Financial Needs Estimator is for married applicants to include spouse's income, even though the directions suggest otherwise. The results will probably be more accurate by including spouse's income.*
- *Complete the Financial Needs Estimator. Keep a record of the information you entered and print out your score (for your own record.)]*
- be willing to begin the online application process (on the [Application Materials](#) page of the JKC web site) by **Monday, November 12, 2009**,
- be willing and able to obtain and submit the following documents, most of which need to be uploaded to the application in PDF format, before the **deadline of December 29, 2009**:
 - All official transcripts from all high schools and colleges attended,
 - Names and email addresses of two recommenders, in time for them to submit their letters of recommendation online,
 - Resume,
 - Applicant 2008 tax forms,
 - Parents' 2008 tax forms (regardless of age of applicant),
 - Parent Financial Information Forms (from JKCF web site), and
 - Complete online application (including background information and essays.)

Step 3

If you think you may be eligible and are interested in applying, please [click here](#) to answer several questions about your eligibility.

After completing Step 3, if you have any questions, please contact jkinfo@bucks.edu .