



JACK KENT COOKE

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# Graduate Arts Award

Through our annual **Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Arts Award**, we provide scholarships worth up to **\$50,000** per year to help students earn a graduate degree in the performing or visual arts or creative writing.

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We focus in particular on outstanding individuals with significant financial need. Applicants should demonstrate artistic or creative merit, academic achievement, and the will to succeed.

*Do you have both artistic merit and need?*

*Does someone you know?*

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*“At the heart of all my goals is the notion that artists don’t exist in a vacuum. I see my work leading me to teach, share, work with, and learn from the people around me.”* — Jack Kent Cooke Scholar

#### THE FOUNDATION

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is a private, independent foundation dedicated to advancing the education of exceptionally promising students. We offer several scholarship programs, including this program for graduate study in the arts.

#### THE AWARD

Our Graduate Arts Award enables students or recent alumni with exceptional promise and significant demonstrated financial need to pursue up to three years of study at an accredited graduate institution in the US or abroad. Demonstrated financial need includes (1) low family and student income and assets in light of educational expenses, and (2) substantial unmet educational costs after taking into account other scholarships and grants students may receive.

The arts award provides funding for tuition, room and board, required fees, and books. Scholarship amounts vary based on several factors, including costs at the institution each recipient attends and other grants and scholarships the student receives. Awards can be for as much as \$50,000 annually for up to three years.

Students in the following disciplines are eligible to apply: performing arts, visual arts, and creative writing. See the Foundation’s website for a list of fields.

#### MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to compete for the Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Arts Award, a candidate must

- Be a college senior OR a recent graduate (within the last five years) from an accredited college or university in the US,
- Plan to pursue a graduate degree in the performing arts, visual arts, or creative writing,
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent),
- Plan to begin first graduate degree program in the coming fall,
- Be nominated by his or her undergraduate institution, and
- Have unmet financial need.

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students must be nominated by their undergraduate institutions. They cannot apply directly. Each accredited four-year college or university may nominate two candidates.

#### APPLICATION DEADLINES

The application deadline is typically in early February. Campuses set earlier internal deadlines for receiving applications to select their nominees.

#### FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

Each institution has a faculty representative who manages the nomination process. Please visit the Foundation’s website for a complete list of faculty representatives and their contact information.