



Fall 2026

The Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

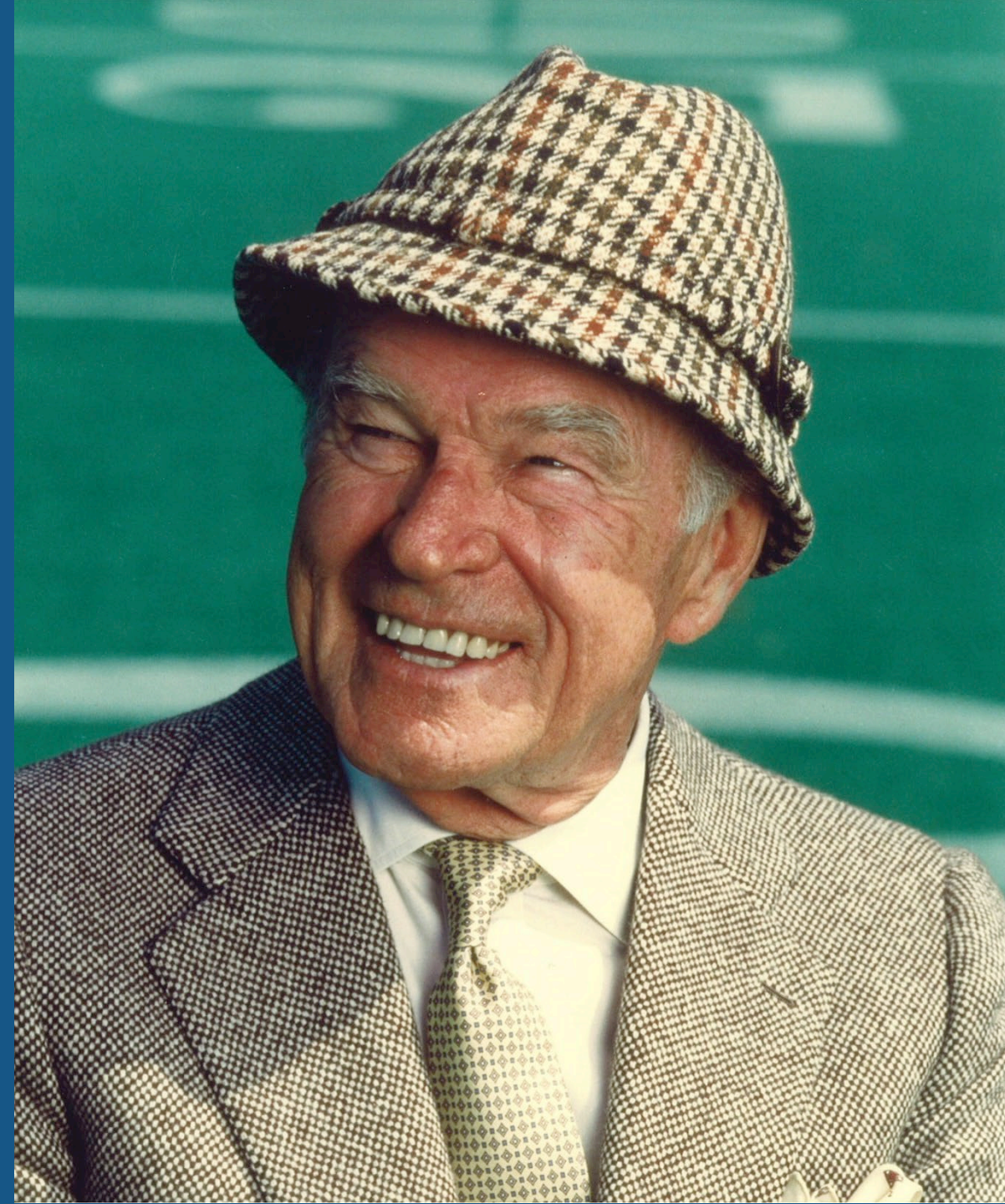
Application period: August 19, 2026 – December 9, 2026



MEET THE FOUNDATION

MR. COOKE'S LEGACY

- Believed education was a life-long pursuit
- An informal student of literature, music, sports, and architecture
- Left the bulk of his fortune to establish the Cooke Foundation upon his death in 1997
- Cooke Scholar community celebrates Mr. Cooke's birthday on October 25
- This is our 25th anniversary year!



MISSION STATEMENT

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is
dedicated to advancing the education
of exceptionally talented students
who have financial need.



THREE UNIQUE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

YOUNG SCHOLARS

PROGRAM:

8th – 12th Grade

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

PROGRAM:

Four-year college
scholarship

UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP:

Community college students
aiming to transfer to a
four-year college

4,000
SCHOLARS

\$336 MILLION
AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS

\$147 MILLION
IN GRANTMAKING



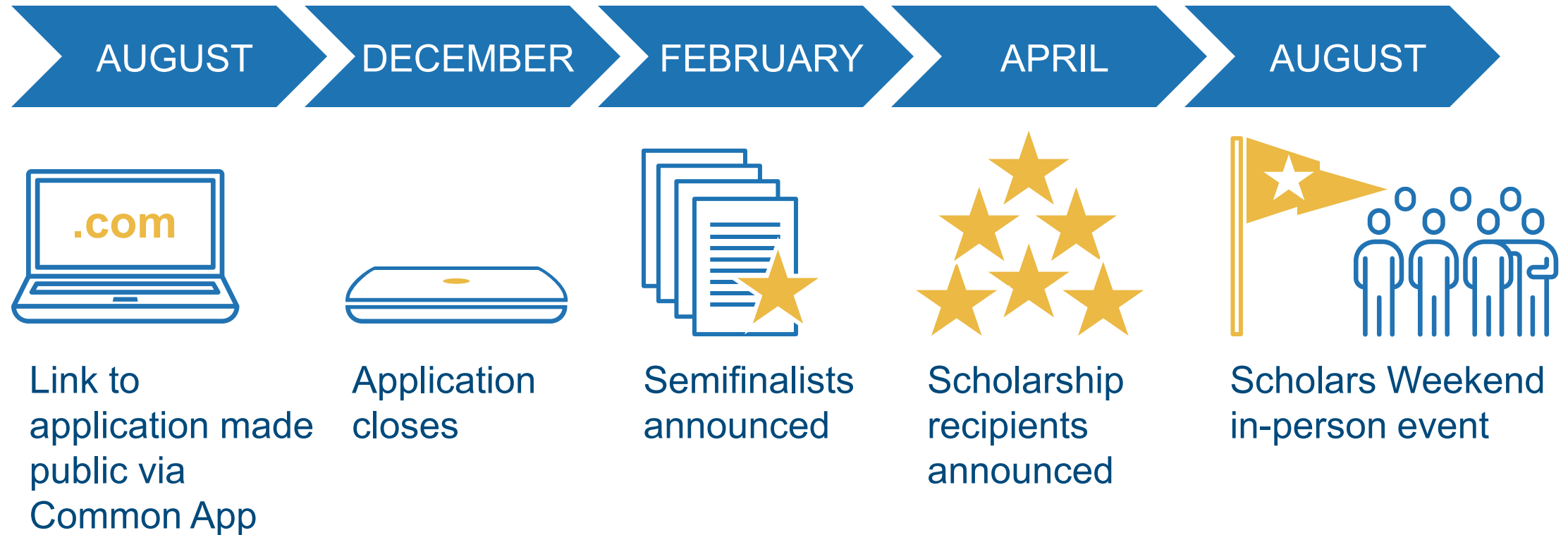
COOKE UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

- Last dollar funding after all institutional aid
- Can provide as much as \$55,000 per year for two to three years
- Complete a bachelor's degree at any accredited four-year undergraduate institution in the U.S.



TIMELINE: COOKE UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP



WHO CAN APPLY



SOPHOMORE STATUS at a two-year institution by January 1, 2027

ACADEMICS: Cumulative, unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale



FINANCIAL NEED: Maximum annual gross family income of \$95,000

FALL COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

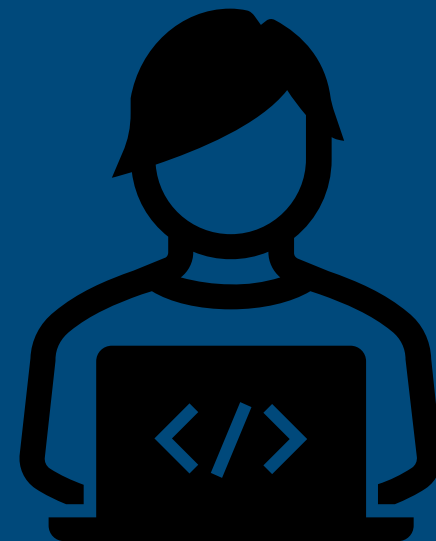
planned for a four-year U.S. college in fall 2027



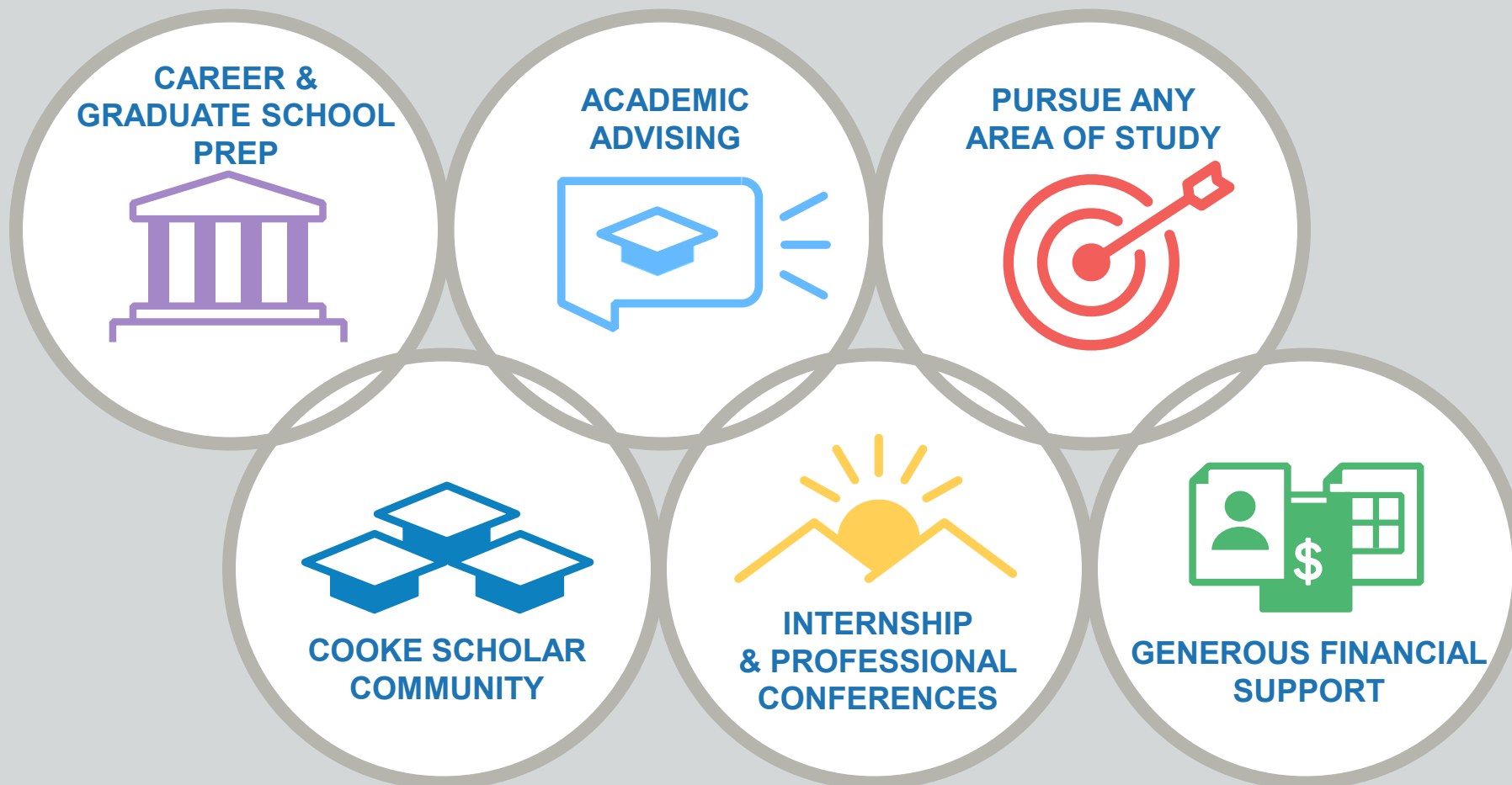
NO PREVIOUS FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE

APPLICATION UPDATES

- No essays required upon submission!
- Earlier application deadline
- Common App for Transfer



TRANSFER SCHOLAR EXPERIENCE

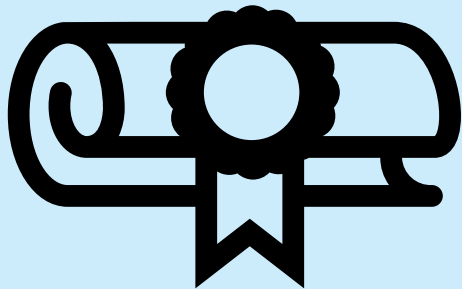


COOKE GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Only available to Cooke Transfer Scholars who receive the scholarship as undergraduate students



Not just for medical school



Up to \$150,000, to be used within four years for a degree and with a \$75,000 annual scholarship cap

TRANSFER SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT: LINA



- 2026 Cooke Transfer Scholar from NOVA Community College; attending University of California at San Diego
- Passionate about computer science
- Founder and president of the Women in Tech Club at NOVA
- Technical lead on a SkillsUSA Engineering Technology Design team developing a drone-based campus safety system
- Co-developed *Sifted*, an AI-powered nutrition platform
- Balanced full-time work, independent living, and self-navigated academic planning as a transfer student

TRANSFER SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT: MIKE



- 2026 Cooke Transfer Scholar from Greenfield Community College; attending Amherst College
- Food systems advocate committed to addressing student hunger
- Civic leader and student president at Greenfield CC
- Founder of Campus Gleans and president of the Permaculture Club
- Held a policy internship with a Massachusetts state senator, where he analyzed opportunities to strengthen local agricultural systems

TRANSFER SCHOLAR COMMUNITY



QUESTIONS?





THANK YOU!

A group of thirteen people, likely a cast or crew, are standing on a stage. They are all smiling and many have their arms raised in a celebratory gesture. The group is diverse in age and appearance. The person on the far left is wearing a white poncho and a headband. The person next to them is wearing a black t-shirt with a graphic. The person in the center is wearing a blue shirt and white pants. The person on the far right is wearing a black dress and holding a microphone. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The stage floor is dark. A large black speaker is visible in the foreground on the right side.