The Cooperman College Scholars program supports highly motivated, academically talented students in their efforts to enter and succeed in college. The program is recruiting 11th grade high school students with financial need from Essex County, New Jersey to participate in the 2021 Summer Academy, and receive a four-year college scholarship.

**It’s More Than A Scholarship**

Through the Cooperman College Scholars program, students receive assistance in applying to college, help preparing for the high school to college transition, and comprehensive support while attending Collegiate Partner institutions.

**3-Week Summer Academy**

The summer after 11th grade, students participate in a free, three-week summer experience hosted on one of four collegiate partner campuses. Students take classes taught by college faculty, live on campus, and receive early exposure to college life.

**College Application Support**

During senior year, students participate in an 11-month High School-through-College program that aims to help Scholars prepare for college (including SAT test preparation), complete the college application and financial-aid process and successfully transition to college.

**4-Year Scholarships to College**

Scholars who successfully complete the Summer Academy, graduate from high school, and enroll in a 4-year college are eligible to receive a four-year scholarship, which helps pay for tuition, room-and-board, books, and other fees.

**Cooperman Mentoring Program**

In collaboration with Collegiate Partner institutions, Cooperman Scholars will participate in a mentoring program designed to ease students’ transition to college. Scholars attending Collegiate Partner institutions will be assigned to a cohort mentoring group led by senior members of campus faculty and administration who serve as dedicated resources during the early college years.
Apply Now!
Visit www.coopermanscholars.org to start your application.

To become a Cooperman Scholar, students should meet the following criteria:

**Eligibility**

- **ESSEX COUNTY, NJ RESIDENCE**
  Have a primary residence in Essex County, New Jersey. Priority will be given to students in the City of Newark, Irvington, Orange Township, and East Orange school districts, although students across all of Essex County will be considered.

- **FINANCIAL NEED**
  Demonstrate financial need. Please review the income guidelines outlined on the program website.

- **11TH GRADE IN HIGH SCHOOL**
  Be a 2020-21 11th grade student and attend a public high school or charter-public high school in Essex County.

- **U.S. CITIZENSHIP**
  Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

- **THREE-WEEK COMMITMENT**
  Be able to participate fully in the three week Summer Academy to be held between July 1 and August 18, 2021.

**Selection Criteria**

- **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**
  They have demonstrated a strong academic performance. They have earned a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or better on a 4.0 scale or have clearly demonstrated an upward academic trajectory.

- **COLLEGE ASPIRATION**
  They are excited about learning, driven to attend college, and self-motivated to earn a college degree.

- **GRIT**
  They inspire others through their perseverance in the face of challenges and will to succeed.

- **LEADERSHIP**
  Their drive and work ethic help create positive changes within their communities and schools. They play an integral role as leaders within their homes through significant family responsibilities.

- **COHORT DYNAMICS**
  They value collective effort, embrace opportunities to learn from each other, and strive to make a positive contribution to a team.
Become a Cooperman Scholar Today!

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December 4, 2020 Early Application Deadline December 11, 2020 Final Application Deadline

Application Checklist

☐ **Student, Family, and School Information:** Background information about you, your family, and your school.

☐ **Transcript:** Upload a copy of your high school transcript that includes your grades from 9th and 10th grades. Include a list of your currently enrolled 11th grade classes.

☐ **Essays:** Type a response to essay question #1. For the essay question #2, submit either a typed response or create a video.

☐ **Financial Verification:** Provide a copy of 2019 income tax return from the parent(s)/guardian(s) who live in your household and biological parents who live outside of the household.

☐ **Verification of U.S. Citizenship or Permanent Resident Status:** Upload 1 of the 7 required verification documents listed on the CCS website.

☐ **Photo:** Upload a full-faced photo per application guidelines.

☐ **Optional:** Letter of recommendation.
Cooperman College Scholars is a program that supports academically talented, highly motivated students with financial need from Essex County, New Jersey, in their efforts to attain a four-year college degree. We place students in academically challenging environments with solid support systems, and we help eliminate the pressures of insufficient financial aid.

Our Scholarship

We are more than a financial award. We work closely with Collegiate Partners to provide Scholars with significant support, including:

- Four-Year Scholarships to College
- A Three-Week, Pre-College Summer Academy
- High School-Through-College Assistance
- Bridge-to-College Program
- Cohort-Based College Mentorship Program

The financial component of the scholarship is a “last-dollar” award, with amounts based on the Scholar’s financial need.

Cooperman College Scholars will serve over 300 Scholars in 2018-19 including 215 College Scholars

Cooperman Scholars receive College Scholarships up to $9,000 per year for up to four years AND an average of more than $3,000 per year of Free SAT Prep Courses, Pre-college Courses, Mentoring, and Summer Course Funding.

FACTS ABOUT COOPERMAN SCHOLARS

- 78% First Generation College Scholars
- 93% Pell-Eligible College Scholars
- 3.61 Average HS GPA
- 1115 Average SAT Composite Score

SCHOLAR RACE & ETHNICITY

- 50% African American/Black
- 31% Latino
- 3% African American/Declined to State
- 2% Asian

OUR SCHOLARS ARE FROM ESSEX COUNTY

- 60% Newark
- 18% Essex Tech
- 14% East Orange
- 3% Irvington
- 3% Orange
- 2% West Orange/Montclair

- 62% Female Students
- 38% Male Students

Percentage from each district in Essex County, N.J. May sum to more than 100% due to rounding.
Cooperman Scholars Attend Over 50 Different Colleges and Universities

Albright College • Bard College • Barnard College • Bloomfield College • Boston College • Boston University • Brandeis University • Brigham Young University-Provo • Brown University • Carnegie Mellon University • Centenary College • Colorado College • Columbia College-Chicago • Columbia University in the City of New York • Dartmouth College • Davidson College • Dickinson College • Duke University • Emory University • Fairleigh Dickinson University-College at Florham • Felician College • Florida Atlantic University • Franklin and Marshall College • Georgetown University • Harvard University • Howard University • Johns Hopkins University • Kean University • Lafayette College • Lehigh University • Lincoln University of Pennsylvania • Massachusetts Institute of Technology • Middlebury College • Montclair State University • Muhlenberg College • New Jersey City University • New Jersey Institute of Technology • New York Institute of Technology • Pitzer College • Pomona College • Princeton University • Ramapo College of New Jersey • Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute • Rutgers University-Newark • Rutgers University - New Brunswick • Saint Peter’s College • Spelman College • Swarthmore College • The College of New Jersey • The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey • University of Notre Dame • University of Pennsylvania • Villanova University • Wesleyan University • Yale University

Orange indicates Collegiate Partners.

Scholar Selection

Our Partners

The Cooperman College Scholars program currently partners with four colleges and universities that share our commitment to increasing the number of academically talented students who are traditionally underrepresented in higher education. Each Collegiate Partner devotes significant oncampus resources to support Scholars during their college careers.

COMMITMENT TO MENTORED COHORT SUPPORT

Scholars who enroll at a Collegiate Partner school will benefit from high-quality student success programs designed in partnership with each university. Faculty and peer mentoring, frequent community-building experiences, engaged senior staff advisors and additional academic supports play a critical role in program success.

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