



*We Want To Invest In You. You're Worth It.*

*The Cooperman College Scholars program supports highly motivated, academically talented students in their efforts to enter and succeed in college. The program is recruiting 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.coopermanscholars.org) to start your application.

**December 4, 2020**  
Early Application  
Deadline

**December 11, 2020**  
Final Application  
Deadline

**February/March 2021**  
Student  
Interviews

**April 2021**  
Cooperman Scholars  
Announced

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.

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## 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

We Want To Invest In You. You're Worth It.

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

**3.61**

Average HS GPA

**93%**

Pell-Eligible  
College Scholars

**1115**

Average SAT  
Composite Score

### OUR SCHOLARS ARE FROM ESSEX COUNTY



**60%**

Newark

**18%**

Essex Tech

**14%**

East Orange

**3%**

Irvington

**3%**

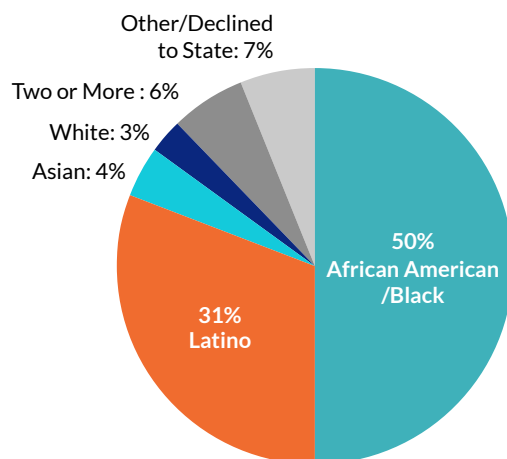
Orange

**2%**

West Orange/  
Montclair

Percentage from each district in Essex County, NJ.

### SCHOLAR RACE & ETHNICITY



May sum to more than 100% due to rounding.

**62%**

Female Students

**38%**

Male Students



## 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 • **Rowan University** • **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

Scholars are selected during their junior year of high school after participating in a competitive process that mirrors college admission. This includes the submission of an application, and interviews in both individual and group settings. We select Scholars based on the following criteria: **College Aspiration, Grit, Leadership and Engagement, Academic Excellence, Cohort Dynamics, and Financial Need.**

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### 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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