

It's more than a scholarship...

FROM THE TOP'S
JACK KENT COOKE
YOUNG ARTIST AWARD



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...it's a game changer.

ABOUT FROM THE TOP'S JACK KENT COOKE YOUNG ARTIST AWARD

Scholarship Benefits

- Up to \$10,000 to apply toward instrument purchases, summer camp tuition, college audition travel expenses, private lessons, or other music-related needs
- Appearance on NPR's *From the Top*
- Participation in arts leadership and community engagement activities

Eligibility

Eligible applicants are classical instrumentalists, vocalists, and composers between the ages of 8 to 18 who have not yet graduated from high school, and who have an interest in performing on *From the Top*.

Applicants must demonstrate:

- Exceptional musical achievement
- Unmet financial need
- Academic achievement
- Strength of character

How to Apply

Go to www.fromthetop.org/jkcf-apply for information, deadlines, and to apply online. There is no fee for scholarship applicants.

The Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award transforms the lives of classical music's next generation.

From traveling for college auditions to purchasing new instruments, the Young Artist Award helps high-achieving young musicians with financial need access the training and resources necessary to excel.

Since 2005, From the Top and the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation have awarded over \$3 million in scholarships to more than 300 outstanding young artists from across the country.

The Award is about more than money, however. It's about helping young artists realize their full potential and empowering them to make a difference in their communities through music. All recipients appear on NPR's *From the Top* and participate in arts leadership and community engagement activities.

It's also about connection. Jack Kent Cooke Young Artists benefit from individual guidance and support by From the Top staff throughout the entire scholarship experience, as well as becoming members of a global network of 3,000+ alumni.



"This has been the most transformative musical experience of my life!"

JACK KENT COOKE YOUNG ARTIST
ALISON ADDIE, FLUTE

For me it means

Leadership



“The Young Artist Award opened the door for me to study abroad at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. While there, I watched from a distance as the horrors of racial tension heightened in the U.S. When I came home, I decided to launch Challenge the Stats, a concert series celebrating artists of color and shedding light on the underrepresentation of minorities in the performing arts. It’s been beautiful how From the Top has not only supported my artistry, but also my development as a woman of color.”

JACK KENT COOKE YOUNG ARTIST
ANGELICA HAIRSTON, HARP

Angelica holds a Master of Music Industry Leadership from Northeastern University. In 2017, Angelica was awarded an Arts Leadership Grant through From the Top, which funded a Challenge the Stats concert in Atlanta and helped develop resources to support artists and organizations working towards a more diverse future for the arts.



Go to www.fromthetop.org to listen to Angelica on NPR's *From the Top: Show 228*.

“Due to my immigration journey from Iran to the United States, my family has been under so much pressure financially. Because of the Young Artist Award, I am now able to take lessons with my teacher without worrying about how to pay for them.”

JACK KENT COOKE YOUNG ARTIST
PARSA SABET, GUITAR

Parsa appeared on NPR's *From the Top* in February of 2018. After having to leave family and friends in Iran, being a refugee in Turkey, and ultimately settling in Las Vegas, the award enabled him to fulfill his dream of pursuing a career in music. He currently attends University of Nevada, Las Vegas.



For me it means

Opportunity



Go to www.fromthetop.org to listen to Parsa on NPR's *From the Top*: **Show 351**.

For me it means

Education



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“Thanks to the Award, I was able to pay for the tuition of my senior year at Interlochen Arts Academy, which is one of the most prestigious arts academies in the country. I learned more in one year at Interlochen than I’d ever learned previously because of all the wonderful teachers that supported and helped me.”

JACK KENT COOKE YOUNG ARTIST
LUIS MARQUEZ, BASSOON

Luis originally hails from Maracaibo, Venezuela, where he has performed with the National Children’s Orchestra of Venezuela and the Simon Bolivar Symphony Orchestra. Upon his graduation from Interlochen Arts Academy, Luis plans to further his studies at the Curtis institute of Music in Philadelphia.



Go to www.fromthetop.org to listen to Luis on NPR’s *From the Top*: **Shows 355 and 368.**

"I bought my violin with the Award, and just two and a half weeks later I used it for my Juilliard audition. It enabled me to create a great sound, and I still play it to this day. The Award money was significant, but the faith in my capacity to succeed was even more valuable."

JACK KENT COOKE YOUNG ARTIST
KAREN CUEVA, VIOLIN



"It would be an understatement to say the Award was the icing on the cake. Receiving it was like an entire *additional* cake – plus the icing for both! It has allowed me an amazing set of opportunities that I wouldn't have been able to afford otherwise."

JACK KENT COOKE YOUNG ARTIST
TAYLOR AKIN, BASSOON



"From the Top opened my eyes to the world around me. I learned there are plenty of kids out there like me who are not blessed to have parents with excess funds, and who struggle to get their skill out there in the world. The Award inspired me to help out kids like this and return money back to those in need."

JACK KENT COOKE YOUNG ARTIST
JEREMY DAVIS, PERCUSSION



ABOUT FROM THE TOP

From the Top is an independent non-profit organization that celebrates the stories, talents, and voices of classically-trained young musicians. Now in its 20th season, From the Top is best known for its weekly national radio broadcast, NPR's *From the Top*, heard by more than 500,000 listeners on 200+ stations nationwide. Through live events, radio and video broadcasts, scholarships, leadership training, and community engagement, From the Top believes that young people have the power to engage and inspire music lovers of all ages. Learn more at www.fromthetop.org.

ABOUT THE JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is a private, independent foundation dedicated to advancing the education of exceptionally promising students who have financial need. The Foundation supports exceptional students from elementary school to graduate school through scholarships, grants, direct service, and knowledge creation and dissemination. Learn more at www.jkcf.org.

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