The Davies-Jackson Scholarship provides a unique opportunity for seniors graduating in 2020 (or who have graduated in 2019 and who have not yet begun graduate school) with a 3.7 or higher overall grade point average. Applicants should be among the first generation in their family to graduate from a four year college or university and must be U.S. citizens. Applications should be made directly through the Scholarship and not through the University system.

Applications are accepted for study in the following areas: Archaeology; Classics; Economics; Education; English; Geography; History; History of Art; History and Modern Languages; History and Politics; Human, Social and Political Sciences; Mathematics; Modern and Medieval Languages; Music; Philosophy; and Psychological and Behavioural Sciences. Please take the time to review the information available about these courses of study at www.joh.cam.ac.uk/subjects-st-johns.

Recipients of the Davies-Jackson Scholarship are admitted to Cambridge as affiliated students in St. John’s College to work for a Cambridge BA degree. As affiliated students, Scholarship recipients take the more advanced courses of study over two years instead of the usual three. As a result of its academic rigor, the international travel opportunities that are available, and the overall preparation that the course of study provides towards a career, the “Cantab” degree is usually considered to be the equivalent of a master’s degree in the United States. Some past Davies-Jackson Scholars have also chosen, following their first year at Cambridge, to transfer into a one-year M. Phil (Masters of Philosophy) program at the discretion of the St. John’s Senior Tutor.

The Council of Independent Colleges assists the U.S. Selection Committee of the Davies-Jackson Scholarship to administer the program. Applications are accepted from September through Tuesday, October 15, 2019. Applications are reviewed by the Committee and semi-finalist candidates are forwarded to the admissions tutor at St. John’s. Semi-finalists may be asked for additional writing samples and most recent transcripts and may be invited for a Skype interview with fellows of St. John’s College. Final decisions are made by St. John’s in January. Recipients of a Davies-Jackson Scholarship will be required to submit an account of their experience at St. John’s College to the Committee at the end of each year of study.