

# SUMMER 2025 PERFORMING ARTS CYCLE DATES

## IN THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

Nearly halfway through 2025 and we're feeling like everyone could use some positive news.

Here's ours: we have a **performing arts grant cycle opening July 1st**, we've **awarded \$2.8 million in new grants** to WNY nonprofits since January 1st, and we have **five new Cullen Scholars**—incoming 6th graders who are eligible to receive private school tuition scholarships through their 12th grade graduation.

We'd love to hear your news, good and/or not-so-good. Reach out to Cullen staff at your convenience to share your news and needs.

## Our Summer 2025 Performing Arts Cycle opens **July 1st!**

Keep reading to learn more.

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**July 1, 2025 - Letter of Intent (LOI) stage opens.** LOI's are accepted on a rolling basis between July 1st and July 25th. Once an LOI is approved, the applicant may proceed to the Full Application phase. Cullen Foundation strongly encourages early submissions so that each request may receive adequate time for review.

**JUN-JUL  
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**June 23 to July 23, 2025** - All applicants must schedule a phone call with Cullen staff prior to submitting an LOI. This phone call will indicate your organization's intent to apply and provide an overview of the program for which you are applying. **Contact Nick Schifano at [NSchifano@thecullenfoundation.org](mailto:NSchifano@thecullenfoundation.org) to schedule this required call.**

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**July 25, 2025** - LOI phase closes at 5:00 pm Eastern Time. Applicants will be notified within 1 week whether they advance to the Full Application phase.

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**September 5, 2025** - Deadline for full applications is 5:00 pm Eastern Time. Early submissions are strongly encouraged.

**SEP-OCT  
2025**

**September-October 2025** - Application Review Session with Cullen Foundation and applicant.

**OCT  
2025**

**October 2025** - Cullen Foundation will notify applicants of grant decisions.

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**December 1, 2025** - Payment will be distributed to grantees.

**APPLY HERE**

**2025 GRANT AWARDS UPDATE**

**\$2,797,877 AWARDED**

**TO 31 WNY NONPROFITS**

**BETWEEN JAN 1 - JUNE 1, 2025**

## EDUCATION

Boys & Girls Clubs  
of Buffalo, Inc.

Parker Academy

Buffalo Academy of Science

Police Athletic League  
of Buffalo, Inc.

Buffalo Center for Arts  
and Technology

Primary Hall Charter School  
in partnership with

Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper

Read to Succeed Buffalo

ChildCare Network of  
the Niagara Frontier, Inc.

REACH Academy  
Charter School

Compeer of Greater Buffalo

Read Alliance Inc.  
in partnership with Buffalo Academy of  
Science

Elmwood Village  
Charter School

Resource Council of WNY

Enterprise Charter School

Say Yes Buffalo

EPIC - Every Person  
Influences Children

Seneca Street Community  
Development Corporation

New York State Network  
for Youth Success (NYSNYS)

South Buffalo Charter School

OLV Charities

Tapestry Charter School

Persistence Preparatory  
Academy Charter School

TNTP in partnership  
with 14 local charter schools

## PERFORMING ARTS

Alleyway Theatre

MusicalFare Theatre

Arts Services Initiative  
of Western New York

Road Less Traveled  
Productions

Buffalo Chamber Players

Torn Space Theater

Buffalo String Works

Ujima Company, Inc.

## CULLEN SCHOLARS

Middle School Scholarships Awarded to Rising 6th Graders:

Queen of Heaven School (2)

St. Amelia School (1)

St. Benedict School (1)

Nardin Academy (1)