

Program Overview

The Cullen Foundation serves the residents of Erie County by providing funding and support that significantly enhances the education of students in grades pre-K through 12 and advances theatre and the performing arts.

The Cullen Scholars Program is a needs-based program that awards scholarships to a select group of Erie County students to attend private schools (grades 5-12) within BISON Fund and EdCo networks in partnership with Buffalo Prep.



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Middle School Scholarship

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Students seeking a unique and rewarding academic experience provided by Erie County's private schools (BISON Fund and EdCo networks) have an exciting opportunity. The Cullen Foundation seeks to assist families of high-achieving students mitigate the financial challenges of attaining a private middle school and high school education through our Cullen Scholars program.



Values

The Cullen Foundation believes that access to high quality education is critical for an individual and a community's success. To this end, we are providing an opportunity to a select group of high-performing students entering



grade 5 to attend a private school in the BISON Fund network. Cullen Scholars also participate in Buffalo Prep, which offers students arts-integrated, academic enrichment experiences throughout the year.

Our program provides access to private schools with preference given to students of color. We offer this opportunity to high-achieving students while increasing the diversity of experience for all private school students. Cullen Scholars will be selected based on academic achievement, financial need, and character.

Partners

The Cullen Scholars program partners with local education organizations to provide financial, administrative and support services to students accepted as Cullen Scholars:

- Buffalo Prep
- The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund
- Education Collaborative of WNY

For full criteria and details, visit
www.thecullenfoundation.org/scholars

For a listing of Buffalo Prep programs, visit
www.buffaloprep.com

For a listing of BISON Fund schools, visit
www.bisonfund.com/schools

For a listing of EdCo schools, visit
www.edcowny.org/consortium-members

Eligibility

- Student is in good standing with a "B" or above average.
- Student's family meets household income criteria, demonstrating financial need (visit the Cullen Foundation website for more information).
- Student must be an Erie County resident.
- Student is nominated by a BISON Fund school.
- Students will be required to participate in Buffalo Prep.
- Preference is given to students of color.

Application and Process Middle School Scholarship

Applications must be completed in partnership with a BISON Fund school. The applicant will work with the guidance counselor/administrator at the BISON Fund school to access and complete an application.

- Each BISON Fund school may nominate one 4th grade student for a middle school scholarship.
- Scholarships are partial and renewable for up to eight years while the student attends a BISON Fund/EdCo school, contingent on meeting our academic and financial criteria each year.
- Applications are due by February 7th.
- A committee comprised of community volunteers will review the applications and choose the scholarship winners.

Contact BISON Fund at 716-854-0869 for more details.

