



2022 RELAUNCH OF THE CULLEN SCHOLARS PROGRAM:

Over the last 24 months, the Cullen Foundation worked in partnership with Harley Consulting Group to rethink and reimagine the Cullen Scholars Scholarship Program. Input from students, families, schools, and community partners drove important changes to the Cullen Scholars Program.

When the application process opens in January 2022, school staff, parents and families will be invited to apply on behalf of an eligible rising 6th grade student using our new online application platform.

Along with this important change which allows more students access to the scholarship opportunity, the Cullen Foundation increased the scholarship award for both middle school and high school scholars. The increased tuition award is now accompanied by a yearly activity and technology stipend provided to the school to help support each scholar.

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APPLY HERE

OVERVIEW

Students seeking a unique and rewarding academic experience provided by Erie County's private schools have an exciting opportunity. The Cullen Foundation seeks to assist families of high-achieving students in mitigating the financial challenges of attaining a private middle school and high school education through our Cullen Scholars Program.

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Eligibility Criteria

for Cullen Scholar Nominees

- Student is in 5th grade, entering 6th grade in the 2022/2023 school year
- Student is in good standing with a "B" or above average
- Student must be an Erie County resident
- Student is nominated by
 - A family member
 - A school staff member
 - Other individuals
- Student must be a person of color
- Student's family must meet household income eligibility criteria

Annual Income Eligibility Scale*

Household Size	Maximum Income
2	\$46,548
3	\$58,644
4	\$70,740
5	\$82,836
6	\$94,932
7	\$107,028
8	\$119,124

* As of 2021. Updated annually

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HOW IT WORKS

We provide an opportunity to a select group of high-performing students entering grade 6 to receive scholarship support through grade 12. We enable each scholar to attend a private school of his/her choosing within the BISON Scholarship Fund network of schools and subsequently the Education Collaborative of WNY (EdCo) network of schools.

Cullen Scholars are selected based on academic achievement, financial need, and character. Scholarships are renewable through 12th grade while a student attends a BISON or EdCo school, contingent on meeting our academic and financial need criteria each year.

Cullen Scholars are required to participate in Buffalo Prep, which provides access, preparation, and support to students in their advancement towards success in college preparatory high schools and higher education.

The Cullen Scholars Program provides access to private schools for students of color from low-income households. We offer this opportunity to high-achieving students while increasing the diversity of experience for all private school students.



MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOLARS

The award for Middle School Scholars will cover base tuition up to \$4,050 and a technology and activity stipend of \$250 annually.



HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS

The award for High School Scholars will cover base tuition up to \$12,750 and a technology and activity stipend of \$500 annually.



COSTS ABOVE SCHOLARSHIP

Should total tuition costs exceed the allotted scholarship award amount, scholars will be responsible for paying or securing support for the remaining tuition costs.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED
JANUARY 1ST, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 1ST, 2022

