

1. How do I know if I'm eligible to apply?

The initial steps in determining your eligibility should be:

- Reviewing your fit with our focus areas
- Reviewing your fit with our geographic area (Erie County, NY)
- Confirming that your organization does not have an open grant with us
- Ensuring you meet the basic eligibility criteria detailed on our website, specifically the criteria listed on the grant program page for which you're considering making an application

2. How do I submit an application?

Our entire application process is online. Create an online account [here](#).

3. What's the timeline and when are the applications due?

Each of the four cycles highlighted in this newsletter opens January 1, 2022.

However, the deadlines for submission vary as follows:

- Performing Arts Responsive Grant cycle:

LOI due 1/28/2022 full Application due 2/25/2022

- Cullen Scholars SY 2022-23 cycle: [no LOI] Applications due 2/28/2022
- Supplemental academic program responsive grant cycle:

LOI due 1/28/2022 full Application due 3/4/2022

- Charter School Responsive Grant cycle:

[no LOI] full Application due 3/4/2022

It's essential that you submit by the date associated with the cycle to which you're making an application. We do not extend deadlines or accept late applications.

4. Can I contact staff with a question or for assistance in completing an application?

Yes! We encourage you to call the Foundation at any stage to talk with a staff member.

5. What is a Pre-LOI call and why does Cullen Foundation require one?

The application process is the earliest stage of our partnership with your

organization. In our seven years of grantmaking, we've found the best approach is speaking with potential applicants before the LOI is submitted. For this reason, we developed the requirement that each organization planning to submit an LOI schedule and complete the Pre-LOI call with a Cullen staff member in advance of the LOI due date. Please be mindful of the timeline/deadline for your Pre-LOI call and reach out to the Cullen staff member listed as the contact for the grant program for which you intend to apply. Calls generally range from 10 to 20 minutes and will help you frame your request and answer early questions about eligibility, fit, and scope. Our intent is that Cullen staff be a resource and thought partner for applicants, helping to make your LOI strong and successful.