



# CULLEN SCHOLARS PROGRAM



## OVERVIEW

Students seeking a unique and rewarding academic experience provided by Erie County's private schools have an exciting opportunity. Cullen Foundation is a private foundation dedicated to enhancing education for students and advancing performing arts for Erie County, New York. We believe access to high quality education is critical for individual and community success. The Foundation seeks to assist families of high-achieving students from low-income households in mitigating the financial challenges of attaining a private middle school and high school education through our Cullen Scholars Program.

## 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 students.
- Cullen Scholars are selected based on academic achievement, financial need, and character. Scholarships are renewable for up to six years while a student attends a BISON or EdCo school, contingent on meeting our academic and financial need criteria each year.
- If the applicant student is awarded and accepts a Cullen Scholarship, they will be INELIGIBLE for BISON scholarship funding.
- Cullen Scholars will have the opportunity to attend Buffalo Prep.

**Application Open: 01/01/25 - 03/07/25**

### Eligibility Criteria

for Cullen Scholar Nominees

- Student is in 5th grade, entering 6th grade in the **2025/2026** 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 individual
- Student's family must meet household income eligibility criteria below\*

### Annual Income Eligibility Scale\*

Household Size	Maximum Income
2	\$53,244
3	\$67,122
4	\$81,000
5	\$94,818
6	\$108,756
7	\$122,634
8	\$136,512

\* Maximum Income Based on Total Annual 2023 Income.



## 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 and a technology and activity stipend of \$500 annually.



## COSTS ABOVE SCHOLARSHIP

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

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