

## Program Overview

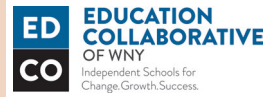
The Cullen Foundation serves the residents of Erie County by providing funding and support that significantly enhances the education of students in grades pre-K through 12 and advances theatre and the performing arts.

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.



## About EdCo

The EdCo consortium includes schools for young women, schools for young men and co-educational schools. Among the 14 EdCo schools are 10 Catholic schools and four non-sectarian schools. All EdCo schools establish high academic standards for comprehensive college preparation while fostering high achievement.



EdCo schools educate the whole student by offering a wide variety of programming, including clubs, music, fine arts, community service and leadership, and athletics. Small classes afford individual attention, and ethical and moral guidance. High behavioral expectations lead to fewer discipline problems, a greater sense of security and increased time for faculty to focus on academics.

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# CULLEN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

## High School Scholarship

## Cullen Scholars Program

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 grades 5 and 9 to attend a private school in the BISON Fund or EdCo networks. 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
- Education Collaborative of WNY
- The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund

For full criteria and details, visit  
[www.thecullenfoundation.org/scholars](http://www.thecullenfoundation.org/scholars)

For a listing of Buffalo Prep programs, visit  
[www.buffaloprep.com](http://www.buffaloprep.com)

For more information on EdCo, visit  
[www.edcowny.org](http://www.edcowny.org)

For more information on BISON Fund, visit  
[www.bisonfund.com](http://www.bisonfund.com)

## 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 an EdCo school.
- Students will be required to participate in Buffalo Prep.
- Preference is given to students of color.



## Application and Process High School Scholarship

Applications must be completed in partnership with an EdCo school. The applicant will work with the guidance counselor/administrator at the EdCo school where he/she has been accepted to access and complete an application.

- Each EdCo school may nominate one accepted, incoming 9th grader for a Cullen scholarship.
- Scholarships are partial and renewable for up to four years, contingent on meeting our academic and financial criteria each year.
- Applications are due by February 8th.
- A committee comprised of community volunteers will review the applications and choose the scholarship winners.

Contact EdCo at [eyarwood@edcowny.org](mailto:eyarwood@edcowny.org) for more details.



## Participating EdCo Schools

### Co-Educational Institutions

Cardinal O'Hara High School  
[www.cardinalohara.com](http://www.cardinalohara.com), (716) 695-2600

Nichols School  
[www.nicholsschool.org](http://www.nicholsschool.org), (716) 332-6325

St. Mary's High School  
[www.smhlancers.org](http://www.smhlancers.org), (716) 683-4824

The Gow School  
[www.gow.org](http://www.gow.org), (716) 652-3450

The Park School  
[www.theparkschool.org](http://www.theparkschool.org), (716) 839-1242

### Schools for Young Women

Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart  
[www.sacredheartacademy.org](http://www.sacredheartacademy.org), (716) 834-2101

Buffalo Seminary  
[www.buffaloseminary.org](http://www.buffaloseminary.org), (716) 885-6780

Mount Mercy Academy  
[www.mtmercy.org](http://www.mtmercy.org), (716) 825-8796

Mount St. Mary Academy  
[www.msacademy.org](http://www.msacademy.org), (716) 877-1358

Nardin Academy  
[www.nardin.org](http://www.nardin.org), (716) 881-6262

### Schools for Young Men

Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School  
[www.bishoptimon.com](http://www.bishoptimon.com), (716) 826-3610

Canisius High School  
[www.canisiushigh.org](http://www.canisiushigh.org), (716) 882-0466

St. Francis High School  
[www.stfrancishigh.org](http://www.stfrancishigh.org), (716) 627-1200

St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute  
[www.sjci.com](http://www.sjci.com), (716) 874-4953