



giving parents a choice- giving children a chance

About The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund

The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund is a privately funded partial tuition assistance program for low-income children living in the eight counties of Western New York: Erie, Niagara, Genesee, Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Wyoming and Orleans.

BISON's goal is to equalize educational opportunities for elementary students by offering low-income families educational options normally denied them because of cost. BISON believes that every child should have the chance to succeed. BISON makes a minimum of a four-year commitment to each student awarded a scholarship, but has set a goal of providing scholarships to students throughout their grammar school years.

Thanks to the generosity of the Western New York community and matching grants from the Children Scholarship Fund (CSF), the BISON Scholarship Fund has grown from helping 200 children in its first year to more than 1,800 children today. These BISON children attend over 69 different private or Catholic schools in the greater Buffalo area.

While BISON's dramatic growth in scholarship support is remarkable, the demand for BISON scholarships is even more overwhelming as awareness of the program has heightened.

This demand is our challenge; we appreciate your generosity to help more children have a better chance for a brighter future!

How to Apply

Attention Western New York Families! The BISON Fund is a privately funded tuition assistance program offering partial tuition assistance to low income families. Families awarded a BISON scholarship can enroll their child in any Kindergarten through 8th grade private school of choice in the greater Buffalo area. Scholarships are awarded by annual lottery drawing and are not academic or race-based scholarships, but awarded solely based on need.

Pre- Applications for the 2017-2018 school year are available at www.bisonfund.com If you have questions or need more information, contact the BISON Fund at 716-854-0869 ext. 1

BISON Children's Scholarship Fund Dates to Remember

- January 3, 2017 New student Pre-Applications will be available for the 2017-2018 academic year at www.bisonfund.com
- February 13, 2017 Online Requalification available for returning students for the 2017-2018 academic year
- February 28, 2017 Deadline for new families to submit Pre-Applications
- March 10, 2017 Lottery drawing to award new scholarships, families selected will be notified by e-mail to fill out a full online application. The families wait listed will be notified by mail.
- March 31, 2017 Renewals due for all returning students

