



BISON

CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

GIVING
Parents
A Choice

GIVING
Children
A Chance





A MISSION of Caring



The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund is a privately funded scholarship program dedicated to helping economically disadvantaged families in Western New York access quality elementary education for their children.

The median household income of a BISON family of four is \$36,500, considering all 8 counties. Buffalo is one of the poorest cities in the United States. With nearly 46% of our families residing within the city of Buffalo, the median household income of these families drops to approximately \$28,000.

Without BISON, these families would not have an educational choice for their families, nor the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty.



A CULTURE OF SUCCESS

Since its founding in 1995, the BISON Children's Scholarship Fund has achieved many impressive results:

- » A total of 95% of BISON eighth grade graduates* earned a high school diploma
- » More than 80% of BISON eighth grade graduates* continue on to college.
- » BISON scholarships stabilize enrollments at private schools that provide a safe and academically sound environment.
- » BISON is empowering parents, often for the first time, with the ability to choose the school which best meets their child's needs.

** Based on data received from BISON graduates who submitted follow-up information to the BISON Children's Scholarship Fund.*

A BELIEF IN THE FUTURE

The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund was founded on the belief that children have the best chance at a bright future when families have a choice in selecting an education that best fits their children's needs. Access to quality education should be available early in a child's life in order to establish a solid foundation for learning.





22 YEARS OF GIVING

The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund is proud to report that over the last 22 years we have awarded more than \$23.7 million dollars and 27,700 scholarships to economically disadvantaged families in Western New York. BISON is the only scholarship program of its kind in Western New York and it is the fifth largest program of its kind in the United States.

A SHARED COMMITMENT

With an average award of \$1,3200 and a minimum family contribution of \$500, the BISON Children's Scholarship Fund is a dual commitment – one that ensures families share our view that a quality education is the key to overcoming the cycle of poverty. Depending on family need, individual scholarships are awarded up to \$1,800.



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DONATE

And Make A Difference

The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund is supported by a wonderful community of committed donors passionate about education. We look forward to partnering with new faces – the more funds we raise, the more children we can help.

100% of your donation will directly change the life of a child in Western New York. There are hundreds of eligible children in need of assistance who remain on the waiting list for scholarships.

Education is the gift of a lifetime. Consider supporting the BISON Children's Scholarship Fund and donating to make a difference in a child's future. Through BISON's partnership with the Children's Scholarship Fund in New York City, donations received can be matched. For every \$4 donated, CSF matches another \$1, bringing the total to \$5 to help WNY children. There are a number of ways to give, from making a one-time donation, to leaving a legacy gift. Consult with an attorney, financial advisor, or contact us directly for assistance.

BISON has been awarded an "exceptional" ranking from Charity Navigator for the fourth year in a row. Only 9% of charities have received at least four consecutive four-star evaluations. Earning this top distinction indicates that the BISON Fund outperforms most other charities in America.



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INVEST IN WNY'S FUTURE

YES! I/We want to be a part of the BISON success story!

Please indicate your preferred level of support below. Thank you for your commitment to the youth of WNY and the future of our community.

\$10,000
(7.5 children)

\$7,500
(5.5 children)

\$5,280
(4 children)

\$4,000
(3 children)

\$2,640
(2 children)

\$1,320
(1 child)

\$1,000

Other _____

Please bill me in annual installments of ____ payments beginning in _____ of 20__.

Please contact me about a Legacy Gift.

Please accept my enclosed gift of \$_____.

DONOR INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____



**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
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