

# THE BISON FUND APPLICATION FORM



-New families not in Bison Fund  
 -Please submit before April 30th  
 -You can apply electronically &  
 just hit submit by going to their  
 website!

Families currently in Bison Fund  
 Do NOT Complete This Form!

www.bisonfund.com  
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Families in all eight counties of Western New York are eligible to apply.  
 Those counties are: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie,  
 Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming.

## STEP 1

\*Please fill out one application per family.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: APRIL 30, 2012

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work or Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to enter all eligible children in the lottery drawing, please print each child's full name, current school name and school grade for September 2012. For each child, please indicate if the current school is public or private. Students who now attend either public or private school and who will be entering Kindergarten through 8th grade in September 2012 are eligible for grants.

Child's Full Name	School Now Attending	Grade in Fall of 2012	Is Current School Public or Private School
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private
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_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private

WHAT ARE THE TOP 3 PRIVATE SCHOOLS YOU'RE INTERESTED IN?

1. ST. STEPHEN'S GI 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

## STEP 2

### CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

- Yes
- \_\_\_ I certify that the student resides in one of the above counties.
  - \_\_\_ I certify the student will be entering grades K-8 in the Fall of 2012.
  - \_\_\_ I certify that our family is financially eligible, according to the "Income Eligibility" chart below.
  - \_\_\_ I understand that The BISON Fund will provide tuition to the school for my child's grammar school years as long as I keep up my portion of the tuition payments, my family remains financially eligible and the student remains enrolled in the school, and we abide by all the rules and regulations of the school. (No funding is available for Pre-K or after the 8th grade).
  - \_\_\_ I agree to all terms of this application.

BISON Fund  
 Annual Income Eligibility Scale for 2012- 2013 School Year  
 Maximum Income Based on 2011 Household Income

Household size	Maximum Income
2	\$35,745
3	\$45,028
4	\$54,310
5	\$63,593
6	\$72,876
7	\$82,164
8	\$91,000

For each additional child add \$9,283

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

DISCLAIMER: Applicants are not guaranteed a grant by completing this application.  
**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 30th, 2012 TO BE ACCEPTED**

The BISON Fund is a non-profit, charitable, and educational organization exempt from taxation under IRS 501(C)(3). All contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

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# **Your child deserves the best education. The BISON Fund can help!**

## **What is The BISON Fund?**

- The BISON Fund is a privately funded program that offers tuition assistance to low income families.
- Families awarded a BISON grant in our annual lottery drawing will be able to enroll their child(ren) in a private grammar school of choice.

## **How large are the grants BISON is offering?**

- Please note that award amounts vary depending on the family's income, household size and school's tuition cost.
- Families will be required to pay the difference between the school tuition & the grant.
- Families will be required to contribute a minimum of \$500 towards their child's education; the largest grant available for a child is \$1,400.

## **How can families apply for a grant?**

By filling out this application and mailing to address below. If you qualify, we will notify you by mail if you were or were not selected in our lottery drawing.

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Questions? Call 1-888-216-8380 (toll free)

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*Have you thought about sending your child to private grammar school?*

# **APPLY TODAY!**