

PLEASE NOTE STRICT DEADLINE TO APPLY For the Lottery is February 28, 2017.



giving parents a choice- giving children a chance

The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund FAQ's

1. Who qualifies for the scholarship?

All applicants must be residents of the eight counties of WNY with children entering K-8th grade. The total family income must fall within the income eligibility scale (see below). You may only apply for your biological children or children that you have legal guardianship or custody.

2017-2018 Income Eligibility Scale	
Maximum Income Based on Total Annual 2016 Household Income	
Household Size	Maximum Allowable Income
2	\$41,091
3	\$51,710
4	\$62,329
5	\$72,949
6	\$83,568
7	\$94,212

Don't Miss your chance!

2. How do new families apply?

New families must first go online and fill out the Pre-Application Form electronically. The new family Pre-Application Form deadline is **February 28, 2017**. You can apply online through our website at www.bisonfund.com. Preference is NOT given to early applications; however you must apply by February 28th to be considered.

3. How are BISON scholarship recipients chosen?

Scholarships are awarded using a lottery from all submitted Pre- Application Forms which is conducted on March 10, 2017. Lottery winners will receive an e-mail with a link directing them to complete a full application and upload supporting documentation that must be completed to receive the scholarship.

4. How do I know if I won the lottery?

All applicants will be notified the results of the lottery by e-mail after the March 10, 2017 drawing.

5. I've received an e-mail that I was awarded a scholarship – now what?

There will be a link for you to click to complete your full application. Click on the link and follow the application steps. The deadline to complete the application is April 30, 2017.

Application steps that lottery winners need to complete to be considered for a BISON scholarship.

1. Families selected in the lottery drawing will be notified by e-mail with a link to fill out the full online application. We must receive all required supporting documents by April 30, 2017. Please be sure to include a copy of all income sources including your FEDERAL 1040 tax return, child support, business income, public assistance, food stamps, social security income, unemployment insurance, worker's compensation and financial assistance from friends and family. Once you select a school, contact them to fill out the School Commitment form in our online scholarship database.

PLEASE NOTE STRICT DEADLINE TO APPLY

For the Lottery is February 28, 2017

If you are in the Bison Fund, you do
not need to Re-Apply!