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It was during my four years at St. Francis High that I learned how to be a well-rounded individual by participating in sports, fine arts, and religious activities. St. Francis was also the place where I made friends that I know I will have for a lifetime. To all the people back at St. Francis HS, I thank them for playing a role in building my future...

...realize that no matter what, no one can ever take your education away from you.”

— Daniel Shaw

Oishei Scholarship Recipient
SUNY at Buffalo Student
Future clinical psychologist

Participating BISSNET Member Schools.

Co-Educational Institutions

Cardinal O'Hara High School
Niagara Catholic High School
Nichols School
The Park School
Saint Mary's High School

Schools for Young Women

Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart
Buffalo Seminary
Holy Angels Academy
Immaculata Academy
Mount Mercy Academy
Mt. St. Mary Academy
Nardin Academy

Schools for Young Men

Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School
Canisius High School
St. Francis High School
St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute

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High School Scholarship Program



About the Program.

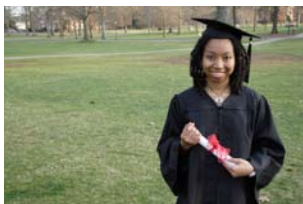
The John R. Oishei Foundation established the Oishei Scholarship Program in 1998 in collaboration with the Buffalo Independent



Secondary Schools Network (BISSNET). The goal of the program is to help economically

disadvantaged minority students in the Buffalo Niagara area obtain an education at local independent high schools.

Each year, the Oishei Scholarship Program awards a partial four-year tuition scholarship to one incoming freshman at each of the 16 participating BISSNET member schools.* Scholarships are awarded based on consideration of need, merit and potential for success. The Oishei Foundation has awarded more than 200 scholarships since the program's inception. Oishei's high school tuition support now totals over a half a million dollars per year.



Who is Eligible?

Applicants must be registered as a freshman at one of BISSNET's member schools. Each



school is required to select and nominate three candidates using a common application form. An individual applicant may be nominated by only one school. Applicants must be economically disadvantaged minority candidates.

How to Apply.

Contact the admissions office at your first-choice school for application information.

Scholarship recipients are selected by a separate, independent selection committee consisting of community representatives appointed by the Foundation.

Timeframes.

Typical timeframes for the Oishei Scholarship Program are:

Submission of candidates: February

Announcement of winners: March

Dates may vary. Please visit www.bissnet.org for more information and specific dates.

Oishei and BISSNET.

The John R. Oishei Foundation strives to be a catalyst for change to enhance the



economic vitality and the quality of life for the Buffalo Niagara region. The Foundation was established in 1940 by John R. Oishei, founder of Trico Products

Corporation, one of the world's leading manufacturers of windshield wiper systems.

The Buffalo Independent Secondary Schools Network (BISSNET) is a consortium of 16 independent high schools in Erie and Niagara Counties of Western New York, that joined forces in 1998 to explore areas in which schools could work together to enhance the educational experiences of their



students. In an effort to better prepare their students for the future, BISSNET provides its unique member schools with opportunities for collaboration, a forum for sharing ideas and a structure for advocating the values of private education.

*See the back panel of this brochure for a list of participating schools.