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# Building Vibrant Futures

## THE OISHEI HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP



# Oishei Scholars

"My parents encouraged me to tour Nichols in the fall of 1998. I had planned to attend public school with all of my friends from middle school. But, when I saw Nichols, I fell in love with it. The only dilemma was: how could we afford it?"

Luckily, we heard about the Oishei High School Scholarship. I applied and was ecstatic to learn I was awarded a four-year, full-tuition scholarship.

My time at Nichols was transformational. From early on, I knew it was a stepping stone for a successful life.

After high school, I attended Saint Lawrence University and then finished law school in Florida, graduating in the top third of my class. After passing the Florida bar, I moved to Washington, DC for a job opportunity with the IRS' Criminal Investigation Unit.

I loved Washington, but wanted to do something more meaningful. I returned to Buffalo in 2015 because I wanted to give back to the community

where I grew up and be closer to my family. I currently serve on the President's Council of the Bison Scholarship Fund, as a mentor for the Say Yes Scholar Mentoring Program, and am honored to be on the Selection Committee for the Oishei High School Scholarship. I also now

work as a staff attorney at Neighborhood Legal Services where I provide legal guidance to the underserved in our region. It's a great feeling to use my education to help others in need."

– Jessica Smith,  
1999 Oishei Scholarship Recipient

"I was always a good student. So in eighth grade, when I applied to Hutch Tech, I thought for sure I'd be accepted. But – reality check – I did not get in?! After suffering from a mild case of humility, I thought – OK – what else is out there for me? A teacher helped me answer that question when she told me about the Oishei High School Scholarship.

I looked at schools, chose Turner-Carroll and was awarded the Oishei Scholarship. Turner was perfect for me...around the corner from my home...with a nice, intimate class setting. I loved it there and made the most of the opportunity, as class president, athlete, valedictorian, etc. I will always be thankful I attended Turner.

Afterward, while at SUNY Buffalo, I worked part-time at Westminster's summer camps and the Early Childhood Center on UB's South Campus. That's when my love for working with young people developed. After earning my Bachelor's in early childhood education, I was a pre-school teacher and then an education coordinator.

I now run the Mentoring Program at Say Yes Buffalo. We link volunteer mentors to students who just need another support person in their lives...someone they can talk to and learn from. It's a great way for me to "pay it forward" and is so rewarding – to see these kids blossom, even against all odds at times – it brings tears to my eyes.

I just finished my Master's in Organizational Leadership and plan to continue leading efforts that help kids succeed."

– Daniel Robertson  
1998 Oishei Scholarship Recipient



# Is the Oishei High School Scholarship right for you?

Full high school tuition scholarships are awarded to talented, dedicated students of color who want to attend one of 15 participating high schools.

## THE BASICS

In collaboration with the Education Collaborative of WNY (EdCoWNY), The John R. Oishei Foundation established the Oishei High School Scholarship in 1998.

The Oishei High School Scholarship offers an educational opportunity to Western New York students of color and is intended to make a positive difference in the perception, attitudes and lives of the students, their families and the academic institutions themselves.

Each year, the Oishei High School Scholarship funds a full four-year tuition scholarship to one incoming freshman at each participating EdCo school.\* Scholarships are awarded based on consideration of need, merit and potential for academic success.

The Oishei Foundation has funded scholarships for nearly 300 students since 1998. The Foundation's high school tuition support is now over \$800,000 per year and has totaled \$10 million dollars since 1998.

## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Students of color must apply to an EdCo school and be accepted as a freshman in order to qualify for the scholarship. Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements, including demonstrated financial need. (Household income of \$65,000 or below.)

Each EdCo school selects and nominates three candidates. An applicant can only accept a nomination from **one school**.

## TO APPLY

Start by contacting the admissions office at your first-choice school for application information. If you know someone who might be eligible, please encourage him or her to contact the Admissions Director of his or her first-choice school.

## AWARDS

Each school nominates three students who are reviewed by a separate, independent selection committee. The committee awards one scholarship for each of the participating EdCo schools.



## PROCESS AND TIMING

Declaration of Intent forms will be mailed from EdCo schools to nominated students after January 19, 2017. This form needs to be filled out completely and submitted to the Admissions Director at the EdCo school to which you are accepting a scholarship nomination by January 26, 2017. The form may be submitted to **one school only**.

All students must have completed the scholarship nomination process to be considered for an Oishei scholarship.

Winners will be announced in March of 2017. **Dates may vary. Visit [www.edcowny.org](http://www.edcowny.org) for more information** including specific entrance exam dates.

## OISHEI AND EDCO

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 through grantmaking, leadership and network building. The Foundation was established in 1940 by John R. Oishei, founder of Trico Products Corporation.

EdCo is a consortium of 15 independent high schools in Erie and Niagara Counties that joined forces in 1998 to explore areas in which schools could work together to enhance the educational experiences of their students. EdCo provides its member schools with opportunities for collaboration, sharing ideas and advocating the values of private education.



## PARTICIPATING EDCO SCHOOLS

### CO-EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Cardinal O'Hara High School  
[www.cardinalohara.com](http://www.cardinalohara.com) | 716 695 2600

Niagara Catholic High School  
[www.niagaracatholic.org](http://www.niagaracatholic.org) | 716 283 8771

Nichols School  
[www.nicholsschool.org](http://www.nicholsschool.org) | 716 332 6325

St. Mary's High School  
[www.smhlancers.org](http://www.smhlancers.org) | 716 683 4824

The Gow School  
[www.gow.org](http://www.gow.org) | 716 652 3450

The Park School  
[www.theparkschool.org](http://www.theparkschool.org) | 716 839 1242

### SCHOOLS FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart  
[www.sacredheartacademy.org](http://www.sacredheartacademy.org) | 716 834 2101

Buffalo Seminary  
[www.buffaloseminary.org](http://www.buffaloseminary.org) | 716 885 6780

Mount Mercy Academy  
[www.mtmercy.org](http://www.mtmercy.org) | 716 825 8796

Mount St. Mary Academy  
[www.msmacademy.org](http://www.msmacademy.org) | 716 877 1358

Nardin Academy  
[www.nardin.org](http://www.nardin.org) | 716 881 6262



### SCHOOLS FOR YOUNG MEN

Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School  
[www.bishoptimon.com](http://www.bishoptimon.com) | 716 826 3610

Canisius High School  
[www.canisiushigh.org](http://www.canisiushigh.org) | 716 882 0466

St. Francis High School  
[www.stfrancishigh.org](http://www.stfrancishigh.org) | 716 627 1200

St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute  
[www.sjci.com](http://www.sjci.com) | 716 874 4953