



# Buffalo Prep

## 2020-2021 Program Application

### Which program are you applying for?

#### **Prep Scholars Academy** \_\_\_\_ (current 5th and 6th grade students)

**Prep Scholars Academy** is a five-week summer program with a culturally relevant and engaging learning environment offered to students seeking to succeed in high school and pursue a college education. The program begins the summers after 5th and 6th grades and continues through the crucial middle school years to help students transition into high school by providing academic preparation, student and family support, and bilingual instruction. Prep Scholars Academy takes place at The Belle Center and gives preference to Hispanic/Latino students.

**Application deadline: April 15th**

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#### **Middle School Prep** \_\_\_\_ (current 5th and 6th grade students)

**Middle School Prep** provides talented, underrepresented students from across Western New York with accelerated academic enrichment during the crucial middle school years and prepares students for success in college preparatory high schools and higher education. Middle School Prep takes place at Nichols Middle School for five weeks the summers after 5th and 6th grades and continues for eligible students on Saturdays throughout the 7th grade year at the University at Buffalo South Campus.

**Application deadline: April 15th**

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#### **High School Prep** \_\_\_\_ (current 7th grade students)

**High School Prep** prepares talented, underrepresented students from across Western New York for acceptance to and success at top independent, Catholic, charter and criteria-based public schools and institutions of higher education. High School Prep is a unique, 14-month accelerated academic enrichment program that takes place at Buffalo Prep on the University at Buffalo South Campus the summers before and after 8th grade, as well as two nights per week and Saturdays during the 8th grade academic year.

**Application deadline: April 15th**

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#### **Rising to Distinction** \_\_\_\_ (current 9th through 12th grade students enrolled in a Buffalo Prep partner high school)

**Rising to Distinction** provides academic support, college advisement, enrichment opportunities, and socio-emotional counseling throughout high school as students transition into higher education. Rising to Distinction takes place at Buffalo Prep on the University at Buffalo South Campus.

**Application deadline: Rolling admission**

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# Application Checklist

- Proof of income - Updated 3.22.21** Please submit the first three pages of the **2019 federal tax return(s)** for each parent/guardian financially responsible for applicant. *Students who are accepted into the program will be required to submit their 2020 tax return prior to the start of the program.*

Total members of household (includes only earner and dependents)	Household Income Cap
2	\$45,308
3	\$56,348
4	\$67,388
5	\$78,428
6+	\$89,468

**Report Cards**

*Prep Scholars Academy, Middle School Prep, High School Prep*

- Please submit:

- 2nd quarter or 1st trimester report card for current academic year and
- Final report card from previous academic year

*Rising to Distinction*

- Please submit:

- Current report card

**Essay - High School Prep Only**

\*Please see the student response page for the essay prompt.

**Two teacher recommendations**

\*Please see the included form.

**Attend an information session**

A parent or guardian must attend an information session for their student to be considered for the program. Visit [buffaloprep.com/admissions](http://buffaloprep.com/admissions) for dates and times.

**Please contact Elizabeth Guzmán if you need assistance filling out this application**

Email, mail or fax your application to:

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Please complete this application and provide all other requested information.  
Applications will not be reviewed until all forms are submitted.

## PART 1: STUDENT INFORMATION

What program are you applying for?	Prep Scholars Academy	Middle School Prep
	High School Prep	Rising to Distinction

Student First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
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Home Address	Apt #	City	State	Zip
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Student Date of Birth	Age	Social Security Number
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Name of Current School	Grade Level	Gender (Male/Female/Nonbinary)
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Check all that apply to applicant:

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black           | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> East Asian                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latino/Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial   | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> South Asian     | <input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian ( <i>Rising to Distinction Only</i> ) |  |

If other, please specify:  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is the applicant's first language? \_\_\_\_\_

What language is spoken most in the applicant's home? \_\_\_\_\_

If the applicant has an interview with Buffalo Prep, will the parent/guardian need an interpreter?  
 Yes       No

List any clubs, organizations or extracurricular activities in which the applicant participates or has participated:

Does the applicant have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and/or a 504 plan?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain:

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Has the applicant or a member of your household participated in Buffalo Prep before?  Yes  No

If yes, please list their name(s) and which program(s) they participated in:

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## PART 2: PARENT/GUARDIAN/HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

**Please submit a copy of the first three pages of your 2019 federal tax return(s) for each parent/guardian financially responsible for the applicant.**

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Name of Parent/Guardian Completing Application

Relationship to Applicant

Who is financially responsible for the applicant? (Please check all that apply)

Mother

Father

Legal Guardian

Step-Father

Step-Mother

Other (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

How many dependents, including the applicant, are receiving financial support from those who are financially responsible for the applicant in: 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ 2021 \_\_\_\_\_

Does the family receive Social Security benefits?  Yes  No

If yes, how much per month? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the family receive food stamps or other public assistance?  Yes  No

If yes, how much per month? \_\_\_\_\_

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## HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

List every person who lives in the same household as the applicant. Include siblings, relatives and non-relatives, and indicate their relationship to the applicant.

Name	Age	Relationship to Applicant

### Parent/Guardian 1 Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

First Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Does this number accept text messages? \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian 2 Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

First Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Does this number accept text messages? \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENTS

***Please answer the following questions. This application will not be considered if these questions are not answered.***

### PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSE

1. Why do you want your child to be a part of Buffalo Prep?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What are your student's strengths and challenges (academic and non-academic)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Buffalo Prep requires time, commitment and dedication from its students and their families. How will you support your student if they feel that the program is overwhelming?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Is there any additional information that Buffalo Prep should know about your student?

## STUDENT STATEMENTS

***Please answer the following questions. This application will not be considered if these questions are not answered.***

### STUDENT RESPONSE

1. Buffalo Prep requires time, commitment and dedication from its students and their families. How do you feel about taking classes during the summer and on Saturdays?
2. What are your strengths and challenges (academic and non-academic)?
3. Why do you want to be a part of Buffalo Prep?
4. ***High School Prep applicants only*** – Write an essay (250-500 words) in which you tell us your goals for high school and beyond. Explain how you think Buffalo Prep will help you achieve your goals. You may type or handwrite your essay. **If you handwrite it, please make sure you print clearly.**

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## TESTING CONSENT

*(Prep Scholars Academy, Middle School Prep and High School Prep only)*

I hereby give permission for Buffalo Prep to administer tests of academic ability, social-emotional development, and achievement, including group-administered tests and individually administered intelligence tests, as well as a paper and pencil questionnaire and short essay.

Student's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the result of tests will be used only as part of the selection process for Buffalo Prep and, possibly, as supporting material for subsequent preparatory school applicants.

Social-emotional assessments will be used to promote the positive development of our students and for research and educational work by McLean Hospital and Harvard Medical School. Your student's name will never be used as part of this research.

I understand the results of the academic and intelligence tests will be proprietary for Buffalo Prep's use only.

**I hereby declare that the consent herein granted is entirely voluntary on my part.**

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Parent/Guardian: Please sign this form and submit it to the applicant's current school.**



**REPORT CARD REQUEST**

The student below is an applicant for admission to Buffalo Prep. Copies of grades and scores on standardized tests are needed for evaluation. Please send **the final 2019-2020 report card** and the **2020-2021 second quarter or first trimester report card** to:

Mail: Buffalo Prep  
Attn: Elizabeth Guzmán  
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NY 14214  
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**I AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF MY STUDENT'S REPORT CARD TO BUFFALO PREP.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian: Please submit this form to one of the applicant's teachers.**

**Note that two recommendations are required.**



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### Teacher Recommendation Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that all recommendations are confidential. They will be reviewed by the program director and admissions team. They will not be shared with the student or his/her parents or guardians.

*You can also find this recommendation form online at [www.buffaloprep.com/admissions](http://www.buffaloprep.com/admissions)*

#### Academic and Personal Characteristics

Please use an X or check mark to note your evaluation of the candidate based on the following characteristics:

	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	No Basis for Judgment
Academic potential					
Acceptance of constructive criticism					
Attitude					
Concern for others					
Conduct					
Confidence					
Cooperation					
Creativity					
Curiosity					
Effort					
Focus					
Independence					
Integrity					
Leadership					
Maturity					
Motivation					
Organization					
Participation					
Perseverance					
Responsibility					
Willingness to seek help					

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***Recommenders may answer the questions below in the space provided or in a letter of recommendation. We ask that all questions are answered thoroughly; please provide any relevant details or examples.***

How long and in what capacity have you known the candidate?

What are the first three words that come to mind to describe the candidate?

Please describe the quality of the candidate's academic work with regard to preparation (on a day-to-day basis), timeliness, effort, and commitment.

Please share any additional information you think we should know about the candidate's academic performance, intellectual ability/potential, and personal qualities. You may also use this space to elaborate on any strengths and/or weaknesses demonstrated by the candidate.

*Thank you for your assessment of the candidate. We greatly appreciate your time and attention. Your participation is an essential part of our review and selection process.*

May we contact you for additional information?                      Yes                      No

**Name of Recommender:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit to: Elizabeth Guzmán, Admissions and Recruitment Manager**

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Conduct					
Confidence					
Cooperation					
Creativity					
Curiosity					
Effort					
Focus					
Independence					
Integrity					
Leadership					
Maturity					
Motivation					
Organization					
Participation					
Perseverance					
Responsibility					
Willingness to seek help					

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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