Sons of Italy in America Amici d’ Italia Lodge 2791
Scholarship

Introduction

Dear Duval County (Florida) High School Senior Scholarship Applicant: Thank you for expressing an interest in applying for the scholarship from the Amici d’ Italia Lodge 2791 Jacksonville, Florida of the Sons of Italy in America in the amount of one thousand dollars. Through its various local and state programs, the Sons of Italy awarded over fifty thousand dollars in scholarship funds to deserving students of Italian descent throughout Florida.

In addition to our local and state scholarship programs, our national organization also awards numerous grants each year. Our National Leadership Grant Competition offers ten to thirteen merit-based general scholarships and one special Henry Salvatori Scholarship ranging from four to twenty-five thousand dollars. For additional information regarding the National Leadership Grant Competition please visit the national Sons of Italy website at www.osia.org.

This packet contains all the information and application forms you will need to apply for the scholarship to be awarded by our lodge.

Included in this packet are the following documents:

- Introduction letter to applicants (this page)
- Eligibility Requirements
- Scholarship Checklist
- Scholarship Application

Buona Fortuna!

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Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

It is the goal of the Order of the Sons of Italy in America to promote, enhance and encourage the study of Italian Heritage and Culture. This scholarship program is designed to benefit worthy students of Italian descent attending high school in Duval County Florida that display academic excellence and leadership abilities. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of eligibility, scholastic achievement and participation in extracurricular activities (school and community programs).

Association or membership in the Order of the Sons of Italy in America is not a prerequisite to apply, however the applicant must be of Italian descent.

Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.00 (not weighted)

Applicants must have a minimum SAT total score of 1000 or must have an ACT composite score of 23.

Recipients must be accepted as a full-time student into an accredited community college, college or university and enroll immediately following graduation from high school.

Scholarship funds will not be released to any school until the Lodge Scholarship Chairperson receives a letter of acceptance from an accredited school and the recipient notifies the Chairperson in writing of his/her intent to enroll in the Fall Semester. Funds for the recipients will be mailed directly to the school Bursar or Financial Aid Office of choice, with instructions that the funds may be used for any expenses processed through their office for the benefit of the recipient. Scholarship recipients who are accepted by one school and decide to attend another school other than the one originally selected must immediately notify the Lodge Scholarship Chairperson so the funds may be transferred to the appropriate institution.

Unused funds in the account must be returned to the Amici d’Italia Lodge 2791 Jacksonville Florida upon either of the following:

The recipient ceases to attend classes for whatever reason and does not immediately transfer to another institution.

The recipient withdraws from school and does not immediately transfer to another school.

All funds returned to the lodge will be incorporated into the funds for the following year’s award.
Scholarship Application Checklist

In order to be considered for the scholarship, you must complete and return this checklist and attached application postmarked no later than March 31, 2018. You must also include an official High School transcript, a copy of your SAT or ACT test scores and an essay on one of the two topics.

You must include the following:

- Section I of the application
- Section II of the application
- Terms of Application
- You must include one of the following documents:
  - Copy of SAT scores
  - Copy of ACT Composite scores
- Official High School Transcript

The applicant also must include a signed essay of no less than 250 and no more than 500 words. The essay will be judged by educational professionals and designated board members on the ability of the candidate to express thoughts, opinions and ideas with the level of scholastic competence expected of a high school senior or an incoming college freshman. The applicant will compose the essay on one of the following topics:

“The Importance of Celebrating Our Italian Heritage in America”

“Who do You Believe is The Most Influential Italian-American of the 20th Century and Why”
Section I – Personal Information

Please type or print in the spaces provided. All parts must be completed to be considered for review.

Name: ______________________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________

City/State: ___________________________ Zip Code: _____________________________

Telephone Number: ___________________ Date of Birth: _________________________

Place of Birth: ______________________ Social Security Number: _________________

Information:

Father’s Name: ___________________________ Occupation: _______________________

Mother’s Name: ___________________________ Occupation: _______________________

List the names and ages of brothers and sisters. Indicate if any are currently attending college.

Name_________________________ Age_________ In College Yes/No

Name ______________________ Age ________ In College Yes/No

Name ______________________ Age ________ In College Yes/No

Scholastic Information:

High School Currently Attending: ____________________________

Date of Graduation: _____________________________

GPA year by Year:   Weighted   Fr_______ Soph _________ Jr_______ Sr_______

Un-weighted Fr_______ Soph _________ Jr_______ Sr_______

SAT Scores: Verbal_________ Math_________

ACT Composite Score______________
List the colleges and universities to which you have applied for admission. State if you have been accepted.

1. __________________________________________________________________________
2. __________________________________________________________________________
3. __________________________________________________________________________

University or College attending after graduation: ________________________________

Why did you select this college or University? ________________________________

Are you currently or have you participated in the past in dual high school/college enrollment?

Yes       No    (Circle one)

If you circled yes on the previous question, what are the numbers of classes/credits completed?

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What do you think your major or academic area of concentration will be?

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What is your career choice following college graduation?

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What was your favorite high school subject?

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What was your least favorite high school subject?

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How many books have you read in the past year?

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Which was your favorite book and why?

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Section II – Education Curriculum, Activities and Heritage

If additional space is needed, complete the information on a blank sheet of paper and attach to the back of Section II. Annotate the item number to which the additional comments apply.

1. Italian Heritage:

Which of your relatives or ancestors were born and lived in Italy? In what year did each of them immigrate to the United States? Did they become U.S. citizens? Explain if they are related to you through your father or mother? Select up to two relatives.

a) ____________________________________________________________

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b) ____________________________________________________________

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2. Are you currently employed or were you previously employed while attending high school? If so, how many hours per week were you employed?

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3. Please list what hobbies or special interests you have? (That is how do you spend your free time or what is your favorite thing to do)

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4. Please list the extracurricular activities in which you are involved. Please include any sports teams you are or were a member of, school sponsored music programs (band or chorus) and any high school clubs. Please indicate if you held an elective office in any these organizations or if you elected captain of any high school sports team.

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5. Please list any volunteer work. How many hours per month do you donate?

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6. Please describe some person who has inspired you during your four years of high school and why?

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7. What do you consider your strongest trait?

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8. What weak area of your character or personality would you like to improve during your college experience?

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Terms of Application

By my signature below, I certify that I am of Italian descent and intend to enroll as a full – time student in an accredited community college, college or university immediately upon graduation from high school. I understand that any unused portion of this scholarship will be returned to Lodge 2791, Sons of Italy in America if I cease attending classes and/or withdraw from school without immediately enrolling in another school.

________________________________________  _______________________
(Applicant’s Signature)  (Date)

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(Parent Signature)  (Date)

This application must be completely filled out. Incomplete or ineligible submissions will not be considered. Scholarship winners will be notified no later than May 15, 2018.

Please mail the application to:

Sons of Italy Lodge 2791
Attn: Scholarship Chairman
P.O. Box 8985
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