



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO
SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION

2016

Grand Lodge of Ohio
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**GRAND LODGE OF OHIO
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*Application for Scholarship Award***

In order for the application to be considered, it must be CLEARLY LEGIBLE AND COMPLETED IN FULL. You OR your parent(s) OR your grandparent(s) must be members of the Sons of Italy for at least one year as of January 1, 2016 in order to apply and qualify. Please type or print.

1. Your Name _____ Telephone (____) _____
2. Address _____ (E-Mail) _____
3. City/State/Zip _____ Date of Birth _____
4. Have you been a member of the Sons of Italy for at least one year? _____ What year did you join?
_____ List name/number of your Lodge _____

Parent(s) or Grandparents may sponsor you if you are not a member. This information must be accurate and will be verified.

5. Has either one or both of your parents or grandparents been members of a local lodge for at least one year? Yes ___ No ___ In what year did they join? _____
Name of your parent(s)/grandparent(s) _____
Your parent(s)/grandparent(s) local lodge name/number: _____
6. Have you applied for a scholarship from the Grand Lodge of Ohio in previous years? _____.
If so, when? _____ If you were awarded a Grand Lodge scholarship(s) previously, please list year(s) you received the scholarship: _____.
7. Were/are you gainfully employed this year? _____ Where: _____
Number of hours worked per week: _____
8. Have you applied for admission to college? _____ Have you been accepted? _____
What is your possible major? _____
What year of college will you be entering this fall? (Freshman, sophomore, junior, senior)
Name of College/ University (if undecided, please indicate)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I have read all of the scholarship rules & instructions and hereby submit this application for consideration.

Applicant's signature _____ *Date* _____

**GRAND LODGE OF OHIO, ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
SCHOLARSHIP RULES and REQUIREMENTS**

RULES:

1. Scholarships of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Sons of Italy Foundation, are awarded only **to members or children or grandchildren of members**. Either you or your parent(s) or your grandparent(s) must be member(s) for at least one year as of January 1, 2016.
2. Scholarship awards are limited to graduating High School seniors who will be starting their freshman year of college, or to students who are already enrolled in college and are entering their sophomore, junior or senior year. The applicant must be enrolled in a four-year accredited College or University, as a full-time student carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours. Graduate students are not eligible to participate.
3. Awards shall be made on the following basis:
 - A) Scholastic ability
 - B) Character
 - C) Participation in extracurricular activities and/or sports
 - D) Work ethic/need
 - E) Quality of your letter expressing reasons for applying, interests, and activities
 - F) Quality of your essay addressing your Italian heritage
4. Students may reapply each year for a scholarship, but *recipients* **may not** reapply in consecutive years.
5. The application will not be considered unless it is **fully completed and submitted neatly and in one packet by the due date**. (College transcripts only may be submitted separately by the college/university.)
6. Payment of the scholarship grant will be made to either the student or the university. Payment guidelines will be explained to the recipients.
7. Recipients will receive notification of award status by mail, and **must** be present at the Scholarship Awards Banquet on Saturday, July 23, 2016 at the Villa Milano in Columbus, Ohio. If recipient is unable to attend the banquet, a **valid** reason must be submitted in writing to the Scholarship Committee.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) **All required letters must be written in the CURRENT school year.**
- 2) **All information must be submitted in one package and postmarked by April 15, 2016.**

Needed:

1. A current letter of recommendation from your High School principal or guidance counselor, if you are currently a High School senior.
2. A letter of recommendation from your College advisor or professor in your major, if you are presently enrolled in a College or University.
3. A current letter of recommendation from a person who has known you for at least three years. (NOT A RELATIVE).
4. A letter from your current employer, verifying employment.
5. A letter written by you, specifically for this scholarship, stating your reasons for applying, listing your particular interests and activities, describing your family circumstances, explaining how you expect to finance your education, and giving any other information you may consider pertinent regarding why you may deserve this scholarship.
6. Your own separate essay, addressing your Italian heritage and culture.
7. A small, current photo of yourself (taken within the last 12 months).
8. High School students must submit their **official** transcript of high school grades. College students must submit their most recent **official** transcript. Copies without the school seal are **unacceptable**. Transcripts only may be sent to us directly from the college.
9. Your completed and signed application.

The Scholarship Committee's decision of selected Scholarship Award Winners is final.

THE BEST OF LUCK TO YOU!!

TO BE RETURNED AND POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15th, 2016 TO:

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