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NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ORDER SONS OF ITALY TO GRANT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS to High School Students

The Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation announces that graduating high school seniors who are full or partially of Italian ancestry are invited to compete for college scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each, to be awarded by the Foundation.

The Scholarships will be awarded to qualified students who will graduate this year from any recognized public or private high school within the Chicagoland area.

Applicants will be selected upon the basis of financial need; scholastic achievements; activities in high school showing character and leadership; applicant's personal essay and faculty recommendations.

Applications can be obtained by contacting the Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation, in writing, at 9447 West 144th Place, Orland Park, IL. 60462 (include a self-addressed, stamped envelope), or via e-mail at osiail@aol.com or grandlodgeosiailwi.org.

Applications are available now and must be completed and returned to the Foundation office by July 1, 2017. Winners will be notified on or before August 31, 2017.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

ILLINOIS SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION

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The Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation of the Order Sons of Italy in America, a national fraternal society, is offering college scholarships to high school graduates of Italian ancestry. Scholarships, in the amount of \$1,000, will be awarded to graduating high school seniors, payable upon their enrollment in an academic junior college, college or university.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Graduating seniors who are wholly or partially of Italian ancestry from any recognized high school, public or private, within the Chicagoland area.
2. Application blanks will be mailed directly to the applicant upon written request made to the Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation, 9447 West 144th Place, Orland Park, Illinois 60462 (include a self-addressed, stamped envelope); or, via email at osail@aol.com or grandlodgeosailwi.org.
3. Scholarships will be based upon the following considerations:
 - (a) financial need
 - (b) academic record
 - (c) high school activity record
 - (d) other evidence of ability or leadership
 - (e) personal statements
 - (f) recommendations
4. The applications must be completed and signed by the candidate and by a parent or guardian of the candidate. Supporting documents include:
 - (a) an official transcript which includes grades for the first semester of senior year and rank in class;
 - (b) two letters of recommendation, one from a faculty member or counselor;
 - (c) a short essay stating the candidate's educational goals, future aspirations and what the candidate's Italian heritage means to him or her;
 - (d) photo.
5. The applications, properly executed by the candidate, parent, or guardian, along with the supporting documents, must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee not later than *July 1st*.
6. The winners will be notified on or before August 31st.



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APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Please type or print

To the Scholarship Committee:

I hereby apply for a scholarship of \$1,000.00 to be awarded this year. I submit the following information in support of this application:

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ILLINOIS _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE () _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____

ADDRESS _____

RANK IN CLASS _____

SCHOLASTIC HONORS RECEIVED: _____

ACTIVITIES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SCHOOL: _____

WHAT SOURCE, IF ANY, DID YOU LEARN OF SCHOLARSHIP: _____

RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, WITH ORDER SONS OF ITALY _____

WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE AWARD

FATHER'S NAME AND OCCUPATION: _____

MOTHER'S NAME AND OCCUPATION: _____

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: _____

EMPLOYMENT DURING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS: _____

SELECTED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION YOU WISH TO PURSUE: _____

PLEASE SUBMIT TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, ONE FROM A TEACHER OR COUNSELOR. ALSO SUBMIT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT WHICH INCLUDES GRADES FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER OF SENIOR YEAR. WRITE A SHORT ESSAY STATING YOUR EDUCATIONAL GOALS, FUTURE ASPIRATIONS AND WHAT YOUR ITALIAN HERITAGE MEANS TO YOU. CONSIDER THIS ESSAY A PERSONAL INTERVIEW AND TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF. INCLUDE A WALLET SIZE PHOTO.

NO APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE MATERIAL STATED ABOVE.

COMPLETED APPLICATION; OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT; LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION; ESSAY AND PHOTO MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE *ILLINOIS SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION*, 9447 WEST 144TH PLACE, ORLAND PARK, ILLINOIS 60462, NO LATER THAN JULY 1ST IN ORDER TO QUALIFY.

I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION IN THIS APPLICATION IS CORRECT, AND I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE INFORMATION WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE *ILLINOIS SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION*, AND WILL BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

TO THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

IS THE APPLICANT DEPENDENT ON YOU FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT? _____

WHAT IS THE AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME? _____

HOW MANY (INCLUDING YOURSELF) ARE DEPENDENT ON THIS INCOME FOR THE MAJOR PART OF THEIR FINANCIAL SUPPORT? _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

DATE _____ PHONE () _____

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Order Sons of Italy in America, established in 1905, is the largest organization of Italian American men and women in the United States & Canada