2019 National Leadership Grant Competition

Through the Sons of Italy Foundation® (SIF), and hundreds of thousands of family members located in all fifty states and the District of Columbia, the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America® (OSDIA) has awarded nearly $61 million in scholarships to date. In past years, the SIF has offered 10 to 12 merit-based scholarships (National Leadership Grants), ranging from $4,000 to $25,000, in a nationwide competition. These figures and the number of scholarships may vary according to funding each year.

**General Eligibility:** U.S. citizens of Italian descent (at least one Italian or Italian-American grandparent) enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program or a graduate program at an accredited academic institution for the Fall 2019 term. *Previous SIF scholarship winners are not eligible. Additional eligibility requirements may apply to specific scholarships.*

**General Requirements:** Please see each scholarship description for its specific requirements. The following general requirements apply to all scholarships (except where noted):

- **Application Form:** Must be submitted along with requirements for each scholarship.
- **Transcripts:** For each scholarship, transcripts provided must be through the December 2018 term. All transcripts must be stamped by the institution.
- **Processing Fee:** A $35 non-refundable processing fee is required with each scholarship application. The fee includes a one-year At-Large Membership to OSDIA, with all At-Large Membership benefits.

**Deadline:** The deadline for all scholarships (unless otherwise noted) is February 28, 2019. All requirements for a given scholarship must be met or the application will not be considered. All scholarship materials must be submitted online, and completed applications must be submitted by February 28, 2019. *No exceptions will be made. The SIF takes no responsibility for incomplete or late applications.*

**Process:** Applications are screened by education professionals. Final selection is made by OSDIA's National Scholarship, Education and Culture Committee. Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 1, 2019. Monetary awards are presented directly to the students' academic institutions in accordance with eligibility requirements.

*Please view the full list of scholarships that are available.*

*Be sure to read all details, requirements, and deadlines for the scholarships for which you wish to apply.*

*Students may apply for more than one scholarship, if applicable.*

**TO APPLY & FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:**

**WWW.OSIA.ORG**
General Study Scholarships

A number of General Study Scholarships are available. Only one application is required to be eligible for all General Study Scholarships.

Eligibility: U.S. citizens of Italian descent enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program or a graduate program at an accredited academic institution for the Fall 2019 term.

Deadline: February 28, 2019

Application & Requirements:
1. Application Form
2. Official Transcripts: Submit one official transcript from each academic institution attended through Dec. 2018.
   - High school students: Transcripts should include class rank, class size, and GPA.
   - Undergraduates: Submit high school and undergraduate transcripts.
   - Graduates: Submit undergraduate and graduate transcripts.
3. Test Scores: Submit copies of official results from all standardized tests (ACT, SAT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT, etc.) taken during the past 5 years.
4. Resume: Submit a current resume outlining extracurricular activities, work experience, volunteer service and honors.
5. Letters of Recommendation: Submit 2 letters of recommendation from teachers, professors or educational administrators.
6. Essay: Submit an original essay of 500-750 words about a personal experience which demonstrated or generated pride in your Italian heritage.
7. Processing Fee ($35)

How to Apply: Applications will be accepted online ONLY at https://sonsofitalyfoundation.submitable.com

Henry Salvatori Scholarship

Established by the late philanthropist and businessman for whom it is named, the Henry Salvatori Scholarship for General Study is a grant awarded to a college-bound high school senior who demonstrates exceptional leadership, distinguished scholarship, and a deep understanding and respect for the principles upon which our nation was founded: liberty, freedom, and equality.

Eligibility: U.S. citizens of Italian descent in their senior year of high school and planning to attend an undergraduate program at a four-year, accredited academic institution for the Fall 2019 term.

Deadline: February 28, 2019

Application & Requirements:
1. Application Form
2. Cover Letter: Submit a cover letter of 150-250 words outlining your academic and professional goals.
3. Official Transcripts: Submit one official transcript from each academic institution attended through Dec. 2018. Transcripts should include class rank, class size, and GPA.
4. Test Scores: Submit copies of official results from all standardized tests (ACT, SAT).
5. Resume: Submit a current resume outlining extracurricular activities, work experience, volunteer service and honors.
6. Letters of Recommendation: Submit 2 letters of recommendation from public officials/figures (elected or appointed government official, law enforcement officer, firefighter, etc.) whose careers have demonstrated a commitment to the principles the scholarship embodies.
7. Essay: Submit an original essay of 750-1,000 words on the following:
   The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights are considered to be living documents by many historical and legal scholars. Discuss the relevance of these documents to the principles of liberty, freedom and equality in the United States today.
8. Processing Fee ($35)

How to Apply: Applications will be accepted online ONLY at https://sonsofitalyfoundation.submitable.com

The Charles Evans Scholarship is one of the General Study Scholarships offered. It was established in 2009 through an endowment from The Charles Evans Foundation. The scholarship is named in memory of Charles Evans, founder of Evan-Picone fashion house, a U.S. veteran, an entrepreneur, and a lifelong philanthropist. There are no additional requirements to apply for the Charles Evans Scholarship, as it is a General Study Scholarship.
Italian Language Scholarship

Eligibility: U.S. citizens of Italian descent in their junior or senior year of undergraduate study for the Fall 2019 term, majoring or minoring in Italian language studies at an accredited academic institution.

Deadline: February 28, 2019

Application & Requirements:
1. Application Form
2. Official Transcripts: Submit one official transcript from each academic institution attended through Dec. 2018.
3. Test Scores: Submit copies of official results from all standardized tests (ACT, SAT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT, etc.) taken during the past 5 years.
4. Resume: Submit a current resume outlining extracurricular activities, work experience, volunteer service and honors, especially as they relate to Italian language, culture and heritage.
5. Letters of Recommendation: Submit 2 letters of recommendation from teachers, professors or educational administrators.
6. Essay: Submit an original essay of 500-750 words in Italian on why learning Italian is important in today’s world and how you plan to use your Italian language degree.
7. Processing Fee ($35)

How to Apply: Applications will be accepted online ONLY at https://sonsofitalyfoundation.submitable.com

The American University of Rome Study Abroad

The American University in Rome (AUR) scholarship is for studying abroad at its campus in Rome, Italy. The recipient will attend as a full-time matriculating student.

Eligibility: U.S. citizens of Italian descent enrolled in a four-year undergraduate or graduate program at an accredited academic institution for the Fall 2019 term.

For program details, application & requirements:
Contact AUR: admissions@aur.edu
Toll free to Rome from the US: 877-592-1287
Toll free in US: 888-791-8327

National Italian American Bar Association & Sons of Italy Foundation Scholarship

Eligibility: U.S. citizens of Italian descent enrolled in a law school program at an accredited academic institution for the Fall 2019 term. Applicant must be a rising first, second or third year law student.

Deadline: February 28, 2019

Application & Requirements:
1. Application Form
2. Official Transcripts: Submit one official transcript from each academic institution (undergraduate, graduate and law school) attended through Dec. 2018.
3. Test Scores: Submit copies of official results from all standardized tests (ACT, SAT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT, etc.) taken during the past 5 years.
4. Resume: Submit a current resume outlining extracurricular activities, work experience, volunteer service and honors.
5. Letters of Recommendation: Submit 2 letters of recommendation from teachers, professors or educational administrators.
6. Essay: Submit an original essay of 500-750 words about a personal experience which demonstrated or generated pride in your Italian heritage.
7. Processing Fee ($35)

How to Apply: Applications will be accepted online ONLY at https://sonsofitalyfoundation.submitable.com

The winner of this scholarship will be required to become a member of NIABA. The first year is free.
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John Cabot University Pietro Secchia Study Abroad

Eligibility: The Pietro Secchia Scholarship is awarded to qualified Italian-American study abroad students at John Cabot University in Rome, Italy. This scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic merit, financial need, and the desire to further your knowledge of Italian heritage.

For program details, application & requirements:
Contact JCU: financialaid@johncabot.edu
Toll free in US: 855-JCU-ROMA (855-528-7662)
Website: www.johncabot.edu
The Sons of Italy Foundation®

The Sons of Italy Foundation® (SIF) is the philanthropic arm of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America® (OSDIA), the oldest and largest national organization for men and women of Italian descent in the United States.

The SIF is a 501(c)(3) designated, private grant-making philanthropic institution. Contributions to the SIF are tax-deductible under IRS guidelines. Governed by a board of trustees, the SIF has initiated and supports various programs in education, medical research, cultural preservation, and projects of national and international significance. The SIF is a member of the Council on Foundations.

National Education & Leadership Awards (NELA) Gala

Every year, the SIF honors accomplished Italian Americans by establishing and awarding scholarships in their names at a gala event held in Washington, D.C. The 31st Annual NELA Gala will be held on May 23, 2019. The 2019 scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the 31st Annual NELA Gala, where they will be recognized by the SIF and the Gala’s prestigious guests. Details will be provided to scholarship winners when they are notified of their scholarship.

Now a tradition in the nation’s capital, the annual NELA has been attended by United States Presidents, Congressional representatives, foreign dignitaries, corporate and non-profit executives, celebrities, and leaders from the Italian-American community who support the SIF’s efforts to promote educational excellence and preserve Italian culture.

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