THE ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE COMMITTEE OF THE BRONX AND WESTCHESTER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Offered by: The Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of the Bronx and Westchester
In Memory Of Dolores Magnotta and Betty L. Santangelo

Scholarship Amount*:* $500 (or more, pending donations)
Participating High School: Preston High School

Note: Student must be 50% Italian to be eligible

STUDENT'S NAME:

STUDENT'S ADDRESS:

STUDENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS:

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING:

PRINCIPAL'S NAME:

PRINCIPAL'S EMAIL ADDRESS:

MOTHER'S FULL NAME:

FATHER'S FULL NAME:

PARENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS: (Please provide only one parent's email and name):

STUDENT'S ETHNIC BACKGROUND: (parents' ethnicity – For example, my mother is 50% Irish, 50% Italian, and my father is 50% Irish, 50% Italian).

FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES: List the foreign language(s) you have chosen to take in high school and briefly state why you chose to study the language(s):

ARE YOU FLUENT IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE? (Check Appropriate Button) Yes ◯ No ◯
IF "Yes", please tell us which language(s) and how you became fluent:

SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/SCHOOL CLUBS/COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING:
Please list each activity and briefly describe your role and participation

REFERENCES:
Provide the names of 2 of your high school teachers, the courses they taught you, the year, and their email addresses. Please provide a letter of recommendation from each teacher.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A ONE PAGE ESSAY
(Minimum 500 words. Maximum 1000 words)

1) First, tell us the province, city and/or town in Italy your family is from and what you know about your Italian ancestry and their immigration story, going as far back as you can.

2) Tell us about your participation in Italian cultural events. For example, attending Italian feasts in local communities, attending the Columbus Day Parade in NYC or in local communities. You can also include your Italian in-school and after school/weekend activities or anything you do that is traditionally Italian.

3) Share with us your fondest memories and stories of growing up with Italian traditions handed down by your Italian or Italian-American parent(s) and grandparent(s).

4) Tell us about an Italian-American you admire . This person can be a historical or currently relevant Italian-American. Tell us about their accomplishments and why this person has earned your respect and admiration.

5) If you are studying the Italian language, tell us if and how you can practice what you're learning. For example, any Italian-speaking relatives or friends who are helping you become more conversational.

6) In closing, tell us what being an Italian-American means to you and what values pertaining to Italian culture you have learned from your parents as well as from other Italian friends/relatives. Let us know how you plan to incorporate what you've learned into your adult lives.

Note: For students who have traveled to Italy, please tell us about your experience and if applicable, any relatives you may have there whom you visited and remain in touch with, and how you communicate with them-- Facebook etc.

Please note: Never having been to Italy does not reduce your chance of being chosen for this scholarship!

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

1) Attach completed application (pages 1 and 2) and your essay, along with any photos of yourself with family, classmates, and friends at local Italian-American community events (example: Columbus Day Parade, Feast of San Gennaro), photos of family trips to Italy, or doing anything traditionally Italian: for example, making pizza or sauce together.

On your email cover page, be sure to number the photos and include a brief description of the Italian event and who appears in the photos with you.

In the subject line, include your name and the words "Completed Scholarship Application" and email, with attachments, to:

scholarship.italianheritage@gmail.com

Please note: The deadline for all applications is Monday, April 13, 2026.

2) After final exams, all applicants are required to send us, in a separate email, a copy of your final grades/transcripts from sophomore and junior years.

Good luck to all the applicants and thank you for your participation!
The winner will be notified at the beginning of senior year.