

Buona Fortuna Lodge of Pensacola

**ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA**

*Buona Fortuna Lodge, Lotito Family, and Russo Family Scholarships*

**2025 Scholarship Eligibility Requirements**

It is the goal of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America to promote, enhance and encourage the studies of Italian heritage and culture. This scholarship program is designed to benefit worthy students of Italian descent or partial Italian descent, who display academic excellence and leadership qualities. Scholarships will be awarded based on eligibility, scholastic achievement, and participation in school, and community programs. These scholarships are for students graduating from high school in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties or home schooled in those counties.

- ★ Association with the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America is not a prerequisite. However, the applicant must be of Italian descent or partial Italian descent (at least one grandparent or great-grandparent etc. was Italian).
- ★ Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.00 (unweighted)
- ★ Applicants must have a minimum SAT total score of 1200 -or- must have a minimum ACT Composite score of 23.
- ★ Recipients must be accepted as a full-time student at an accredited junior college, college or university and must enroll immediately following graduation from high school.

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**2025 Scholarship Application Checklist**

***To be considered for a 2025 scholarship, you must complete and return this checklist and the attached four (4) page application via email no later than April 15th, 2025. If you have additional questions, please contact Joe DelSignore at [buonafortunascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:buonafortunascholarships@gmail.com).***

Please indicate which documents you are including with your submissions.

You must include each of the following documents:

- Scholarship Checklist
- Scholarship Application (4 pages)
- Official High School Transcript (through fall semester)

You must also include one of the following documents:

- Copy of S.A.T. Scores
- Copy of A.C.T. Composite Score

You must also include a 750-word (maximum) essay on one of the following topics:

- “Cultura Italiana: The Impact of Italian American Culture on American Society”
- “La Famiglia: The Importance of Italian American Family Values in Modern Day America”
- “From Humble Beginnings: What it Means to be Italian American in 2025.”



NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF GRADUATION \_\_\_\_\_

GPA YEAR-BY-YEAR: WEIGHTED      FR \_\_\_\_\_ SO \_\_\_\_\_ JR \_\_\_\_\_ SR \_\_\_\_\_

GPA YEAR-BY-YEAR: UNWEIGHTED      FR \_\_\_\_\_ SO \_\_\_\_\_ JR \_\_\_\_\_ SR \_\_\_\_\_

PSAT SCORES: VERBAL \_\_\_\_\_ MATH \_\_\_\_\_

SAT SCORES: VERBAL \_\_\_\_\_ MATH \_\_\_\_\_

ACT                                  COMPOSITE                                  SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST SCHOOL CLUBS, OFFICES, AND ACTIVITIES YOU ARE INVOLVED IN

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**(D) PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS AND HOBBIES**

LIST COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.

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**(E) WHAT ARE YOUR INTERESTS, HOBBIES, PASTIMES AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES?**

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**(F) WORK EXPERIENCE**

LIST ANY WORK EXPERIENCE(S) AND INDICATE IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED.

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**(G) COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF APPLICATION**

LIST THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR ADMISSION. STATE IF YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

IN WHAT SUBJECTS DO YOU PLAN TO MAJOR AND MINOR (IF APPLICABLE)?

MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_ MINOR \_\_\_\_\_

**(H) ITALIAN HERITAGE**

RECIPIENTS OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP MUST BE OF ITALIAN DESCENT. DESCRIBE AND EXPLAIN HOW YOU QUALIFY.

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**(I) 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 JUNIOR COLLEGE, COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY IMMEDIATELY UPON GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

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(Applicant's Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

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(Parent's Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

This application must be completely filled out. ***Incomplete applications will not be considered or returned.*** Scholarship winners will be notified no later than May 1st, 2025. There will be several scholarships awarded.

Please **e-mail** the completed, four (4) page application, checklist, and all applicable supporting documents no later than April 15th, 2025, to the following e-mail address:

[buonafortunascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:buonafortunascholarships@gmail.com)