



Gulf Coast Italian Culture Society, Inc.

Scholarship Committee

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To preserve and promote the cultural heritage of our Italian ancestors

GUIDE TO 2025 APPLICATION FOR \$2,000.00 (Minimum) SCHOLARSHIP (A minimum of 5 scholarship will be available this year)

Deadline: Completed Application with all Attachments is to be **Postmarked** by Feb. 18, 2025 (**N.B.** Late or incomplete Applications will not be considered or returned.)

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- Eligibility:**
1. Meritorious High School Seniors with full or partial Italian ancestry.
 2. Students at any public or private high schools in Sarasota County, those in Manatee County, south of the Manatee River. (Bayshore, Central, Lakewood Ranch, Manatee, SouthEast) and Lemon Bay H.S.
 3. Minimum overall **unweighted** Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.50, and
 4. Minimum SAT combined, verbal & math, of 1200 or ACT composite score of 25.

Bases for Scholarship Award (Listing order not reflective of priority or factor weight).

Academics: GPA, and SAT or ACT scores, as specified above.

Essay - 500 word maximum – See App. Section (E) for Topic and directions.

(Submissions become the property of GCICS. They may be edited, published or disposed as the GCICS sees fit. Applicant may be asked to read his/her submission at the Award Ceremonies.)

School and Community Involvement, including work experience.

Italian Heritage: Lineage factors of applicant's Italian roots may be rated to resolve tie among eligible candidates.

(Applicant **NOT** disqualified due to receipt of financial aid or other scholarship).

Application & Documentation Checklist

_____	Completed GCICS four (4) page Scholarship Application form.	
_____	Resume`	Attachment A
_____	School Transcript (need not be official) with SAT/ACT test scores	Attachment B
_____	Essay [see Application section (E) for topic]	Attachment C
_____	Letters of Recommendation - (1 from Teacher or other school official PLUS 1 from a non -school official or employee).	Attachments D and E
_____	Copy College Acceptance Letter (if available at submission time).	Attachment F

Finalist must participate in a personal interview by selected committee members, prior to the final award determination. Interview date is March 8,2025. Successful applicant must also commit to attend the GCICS Award Luncheon Festa, April 12,2025.

Scholarship funds will be mailed directly to the Bursar or other official of the chosen educational institution, with instructions that such funds may be used for any expense processed through such Bursar or other designated financial official.

All Applicants should be aware that Scholarship funds shall not be disbursed to any educational institution until the **GCICS** Scholarship Committee Chair is furnished a copy of the acceptance letter from the selected institution of higher education. The successful Applicant must also provide evidence of registration bearing Student ID Number, as well as a full-time class schedule at such institution at the beginning of the term that starts immediately following high school graduation. The contact data for the school's Bursar or other official to whom the check is to be sent, must also be included.

Unused scholarship funds must be returned to the **GCICS**, c/o the Scholarship Committee Chair, if:

- a. The Scholarship Recipient ceases to attend classes, irrespective of reason:
- b. The Scholarship Recipient withdraws from school, or
- c. Recipient does not fully expend the Scholarship funds.

Should the Scholarship Recipient choose to attend a school other the one originally selected, or having commenced study at such school decide to transfer to another accredited institution of higher education, the Scholarship Committee Chair, must be notified, immediately, so that the balance of the funds may be transferred accordingly.

Any funds returned to GCICS that are not transferred to another school will, at the discretion of the GCICS, be awarded to an alternate applicant or used for future awards.

Remember, the review of your application will be facilitated by its neatness and legibility.

Sincerely
Sandra Russell, Chair

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The GCICS is also committed to support future community leaders by offering merit scholarship to area college bound high school seniors of (all or partial) Italian ancestry. For additional details on GCICS we invite you to check our website: www.gcics.org.



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APPLICATION FOR UP TO \$2,000 GCIICS SCHOLARSHIP (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT) Applicant's Personals

NAME _____ **SEX** _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

ADDRESS _____
(NUMBER & STREET)

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

TELEPHONE # _____ **E-MAIL ADDRESS** _____

DATE of BIRTH _____ **PLACE of BIRTH** (Town/City/State) _____

(A) Family Data

FATHER'S NAME _____ **OCCUPATION** _____

PLACE of EMPLOYMENT _____

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME _____ **OCCUPATION** _____

PLACE of EMPLOYMENT _____

If parents' address differs from yours enter theirs here _____

Enter below the requested information as appropriate for each of your siblings

1. Name _____ Age _____ College _____

2. Name _____ Age _____ College _____

3. Other _____

PLEASE NOTE: This Application consist of 4 pages, [Sections (A) - (I)].
Incomplete Applications will **NOT** be considered or returned. Make sure you comply
with the Application Guide Check List.

Application must be postmarked or Emailed no later than February 18,2025

(B) Scholastic Data

NAME of YOUR HIGH SCHOOL _____

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE _____

UNWEIGHTED GPA – Year by Year : FR _____; SO _____; JR _____; SR _____

SAT SCORES: VERBAL _____; MATH _____ COMBINED _____

COMPOSITE ACT SCORE: _____

List your participation in School Clubs, Offices and Activities:

(If additional space is needed for any Section, please attach additional sheet listing your name and identifying Section letter and title at top right corner)

(D) Italian Ancestry

(1) Scholarship Recipients must be of Italian descent (full or partial). Enter below, as fully as feasible, the ancestral data requested, for your stated relatives: If called upon for an interview please be prepared to discuss your Italian heritage and its personal impact in your life or your family's.

NAME (Last, First)

BIRTH PLACE (City/Town; State or Italian Region; Country)

Your Father's

Your Mother's (Maiden)

Your Paternal Grandparents'

Your Maternal Grandparents'

(2) Enter such other information, e.g., other ancestors' data you deem appropriate, to establish your Italian descent qualification. Include as much detail as possible. Add additional sheets.

(E) Essay

Attach your Essay, Minimum 500 to 750 words. **Topic – Maria Montessori, Physician and Educator, her life and how her Italian heritage contributed to our society and made it better.** . (Footnotes and citations, to include sources consulted **besides** Wikipedia, shall not be considered in calculating the essay's 750 word limit).

(F) Colleges & Universities

(1) List the Colleges & Universities to which you have applied for admission & indicate those that have accepted you:

(2) List your planned major and minor concentrations:

MAJOR _____ ; MINOR _____

(G) Personal & Community Interests

(1) List Community Organizations & Activities in which you have been involved:(additions sheets may be added.)

(2) List your interests, hobbies, pastimes and leisure activities:

(H) Work Experience

List any work experience and indicate if you are currently employed:

(I) Certification & Terms of Award

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW I, THE APPLICANT, CERTIFY THAT I AM OF ITALIAN DESCENT; THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE GUIDE TO THE PREPARATION OF THE 2020 APPLICATION AS WELL AS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE APPLICATION, AND THAT I INTEND TO ENROLL AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, IMMEDIATELY UPON GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY UNUSED PORTION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE RETURNED TO THE ***GULF COAST ITALIAN CULTURE SOCIETY, Inc. (GCICS)***. IF I CEASE TO ATTEND CLASSES AND/OR WITHDRAW FROM THE SELECTED INSTITUTION, WITHOUT IMMEDIATE ENROLLMENT AND/OR TRANSFER TO ANOTHER ACCREDITED INSTITUTION. IT IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT UPON SUBMISSION, THE ESSAY BECOMES THE PROPERTY OF GCICS, WHICH MAY BE EDITED, PUBLISHED OR DISPOSED AS THE GCICS SEES FIT. THE APPLICANT MAY BE ASKED TO READ HIS/HER SUBMISSION DURING THE AWARD CEREMONIES. FURTHER, APPLICANT COMMITS TO ATTEND THE SCHOLARSHIP GALA AS A GUEST OF THE GCICS.

_____, 2025
(Applicant's Signature & Printed Name) (Date)

_____, 2025
(Parent's / Guardian's Signature & Printed Name) (Date)

Every item of this application must contain a response. Incomplete applications will neither be considered nor returned.

Scholarship winners will be notified no later than March 22, 2025.

MAIL OR EMAIL COMPLETED, FOUR (4) PAGE APPLICATION, ON OR BEFORE **February 18, 2025** WITH THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION SPECIFIED ON THE 2025 GUIDE APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

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