

Marie Palello Scholarship 2025

Description of Scholarship:

The Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans (JCCIA) is proud to offer the Marie Palello Scholarship that is awarded to students who are of 50% or more of Italian extraction demonstrating leadership, community service, and high academic achievement. The scholarship is merit-based for students, taking into consideration the combination of academic achievement along with leadership and community service experiences. For over sixty years, Marie Palello served as the Executive Secretary of The Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans. We give this scholarship to perpetuate her legacy as one of the reasons the JCCIA has flourished.

Requirements:

Competitive applicants must be of 50% or more of Italian extraction, with proven leadership and community service experience along with high academic achievement. Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of their Italian heritage, leadership and community service experience, high academic achievement, and the quality of their JCCIA Marie Palello Scholarship Application. Applicants must have proof of being admitted to and/or enrolled at an accredited institution of higher education and must be a resident of Illinois.

Award Amount:

The award amount may be up to \$2000.00 for a one-time scholarship.

Application Process:

Applicants are required to submit a complete JCCIA Marie Palello scholarship application and any required documentation as indicated on the application form. An application showing leadership and community service experience along with a current school transcript must be submitted to the JCCIA by the deadline date indicated on the application. The application is available on the JCCIA website which should be completed, along with any required documentation (if applicable) and submitted electronically to jcc@jccia.com as one complete pdf file.

Deadline for Application:

Students must submit a complete JCCIA Marie Palello Scholarship application and required documentation between June 1, 2025 and the deadline date of September 15, 2025 to be considered by the JCCIA Scholarship Committee.

Award Notification:

Students selected as award recipients will be notified from the JCCIA by October 1, 2025 and will be required to attend the Columbus Day Parade or reception for the scholarship presentation.

Renewal Requirement:

Non-renewable. Students may reapply annually for consideration in the annual selection process.



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In order to be given priority consideration for the Marie Palello Scholarship, the applicant is required to:

- Be of 50% or more of Italian extraction and a resident of Illinois
- Have demonstrated leadership and community service experience
- Have high academic achievement

To apply for the scholarship, the following requirements apply:

1. Applicant must be enrolled or admitted into an accredited institution of higher education and show proof of his/her acceptance/enrollment.
2. Applicant must provide high school and/or college transcripts to JCCIA.
3. Applicant must have high academic achievement.
4. Applicant is encouraged to send two letters of recommendation.
5. Applicant must demonstrate leadership and community service.
6. Applicant must submit an essay (500 words or less) detailing their leadership and community service experience and how the scholarship will help fulfill their goals.
7. Applicant must include a current photo of themselves.
8. All application materials must be submitted electronically to jcc@jccia.com as one complete file between June 1, 2025 and the deadline date of September 15, 2025.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PREFERRED EMAIL: _____

PHONE#: _____ **GENDER:** _____

BIRTH PLACE: _____ **BIRTH DATE:** _____

PLEASE INDICATE HOW YOU ARE OF ITALIAN EXTRACTION: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ **HIGH SCHOOL G.P.A.:** _____

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION – MONTH/YEAR: _____

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL: _____ MAJOR: _____

UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATION YEAR: _____ UNDERGRADUATE G.P.A.: _____

GRADUATE SCHOOL (If applicable): _____ MAJOR: _____

GRADUATE SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR: _____ GRADUATE G.P.A.: _____

BREIF SUMMARY OF YOUR LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE:

NOTE: PLEASE ATTACH TO THIS FORM:

- ☐ CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT (WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE)
- ☐ COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LETTER (IF APPLICABLE – NOT REQUIRED IF COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS ARE SUBMITTED.
- ☐ TWO RECOMMENDATION LETTERS
- ☐ A CURRENT PHOTO OF YOURSELF
- ☐ YOUR 500 WORD ESSAY WHICH:
 1. INTRODUCES YOURSELF AND YOUR BACKGROUND;
 2. OUTLINES YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP;
 3. DESCRIBES YOUR LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE.
 4. DETAILS WHY THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL HELP YOU FULFILL YOUR GOALS.

Verification and Release

I attest that the information I have provided is complete and accurate and I agree that The Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans may verify this information. I agree that the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans may disclose information contained in this application to any donors who assist with this educational scholarship. If the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans awards a scholarship to me, I hereby authorize the organization, on a royalty-free basis, to include my likeness and story as part of its publicity and fundraising initiatives.

Signature _____ Date: _____