



# Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans

## Women's Division

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## *Women's Division Scholarship*

*The Women's Division of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans is offering several Two thousand dollars scholarships to young ladies of Italian heritage, who are graduating high school at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. The Scholarship award will be presented on April 24th, 2026 at the Scholarship Benefit Fashion Show and Dinner to be held at the Drury Lane Oak Brook, Oak Brook Terrace, Illinois.*

### **CRITERIA:**

1. Resident of Illinois.
2. At least one parent of the applicant must be of Italian descent.
3. Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
4. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior who will be enrolled full-time in a 2 or 4 year accredited college/university or an accredited vocational/technical school.
5. Recipient must be present to accept the award.

### **SELECTION BASED ON:**

*The selection committee is seeking to award scholarships to well-rounded students who are dedicated and committed to continuing their education and who demonstrate financial needs.*

### **DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Application completed and signed, with all questions answered. You may attach additional sheets of paper if the space provided is insufficient.
2. Copy of current official transcript.
3. Two letters of recommendation from persons, not family members, who can provide information about the candidate's motivation, potential, strengths, and personal character.
4. ACT or SAT scores.
5. Essay describing your Italian ancestry and why you are proud of your heritage.
6. Small photo of yourself.
7. All documents requested must be attached with the application. No exceptions.

### **DEADLINE:**

**Documentation must be received by April 5, 2026 . Any late applications will not be considered.**

**Send application and documents to JCCIA Women's Division Scholarship Committee, c/o Judy Guzaldo 4624 N. Overhill Street, Norridge, Illinois 60706 or e-mail to [jcc@jccia.com](mailto:jcc@jccia.com)**

# **WOMEN'S DIVISION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

## **PERSONAL INFORMATION: (Please type or print)**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

## **FAMILY INFORMATION:**

Mother's Name Including Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Siblings and ages:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

**What is the origin of your Italian Heritage?**

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## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Are you eligible for a Pell Grant (Taken from the Student Aid Report) (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) \_\_\_\_\_

What is your Expected Family Contribution (EFC taken from Student Aid Report): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

List scholarships, grants, or loans for which you have applied, and check the ones you plan to use.  
Indicate funding amounts you will receive.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Plan to use</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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*Explain any special circumstances or unusual expenses the scholarship committee should know in considering you for this scholarship.*

**TRANSCRIPT HISTORY: (Please attach a certified transcript.)**

Name of School currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Ranking in senior class: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_ scale

Number of Honor Classes: (List separately)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Best Combined SAT Score: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_

Best ACT Score: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

**HIGHER EDUCATION INFORMATION:**

Name of Institution of Higher Education you will be attending in the year 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Major \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Tuition \_\_\_\_\_

State reason why you selected this college \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**EMPLOMENT HISTORY:**

Were you employed during High School? (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) \_\_\_\_\_

If yes where: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan on working during college? (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) \_\_\_\_\_

**EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

List significant activities you have engaged in and awards you have received during your high school years including activities; for example: music, athletics, clubs, theater, publications, student government, etc... Please also include out of school activities.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Special Honors or Office Held</b>	<b>Year(s) of participation</b>

**COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES:**

List all volunteer activities you were actively involved in. Provide an explanation of what you did and approximately how much time this involved.

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Service Performed</b>	<b>Time (hours per day/week/month)</b>

**ITALIAN HERITAGE:**

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe your Italian ancestry and state briefly why you are proud of your Italian heritage.

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN**

I agree to notify the Women's Division of JCCIA in the event that I receive a full tuition scholarship. I understand this may make me ineligible to receive this award. My signature certifies that I have read, understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this application and that all information I have provided is correct.

**Applicant Signature**\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature**\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**\_\_\_\_\_