



Nick and Helena Patti Foundation Scholarship 2026

Description of Scholarship: The Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans (JCCIA) is proud to offer – from the Nicholas and Helena Patti Foundation Scholarship Fund-- scholarships that are awarded to persons of Italian parentage for assistance in music or education for college students who are orphans or who were raised in foster homes. Preference for scholarship awards may be given to students studying music in college beyond the freshman level. However, scholarships can be awarded for other fields of study. Preference for scholarship awards may also be given to those individuals who have been orphaned and wish to pursue their personal and professional goals of attending college. The scholarship is merit-based for students, taking into consideration the combination of academic achievement and talent.

Requirements: Primary consideration is given to music majors, but other applicants are considered and encouraged to apply. Competitive students should have a strong academic background, musical talent (if applied towards music major), demonstrated leadership ability, commitment to serving their Italian-American community, and a resident of the State of Illinois. Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic merit, talent, quality of their Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans (JCCIA) Application, commitment to their education, intended degree area, and/or other relevant factors.

Award Amount: The award amount may be up to \$6500.00 for a one-time scholarship.

Application Process: Applicants are required to submit a complete JCCIA scholarship application and any required documentation as indicated on the application form. These materials must be submitted by the deadline application date indicated below. 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 single pdf file otherwise the application may be denied.

Deadline for Application: Students must submit a complete JCCIA scholarship application and required documentation between June 1, 2026 and the deadline date of November 1, 2026 in order to be considered.

Award Notification: Students selected as award recipients will be notified by the JCCIA by December 1, 2026 and will be required to attend the December JCCIA meeting/reception for the scholarship award presentation.

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



Nicholas & Helena Patti Foundation Scholarship Application 2026

In order to be given priority consideration for the Nicholas & Helena Patti Foundation Scholarship, the applicant is required to:

- Have selected music or education as their major area of study in college. Other majors may be considered but music will be given priority.
- Preference will be given to those that have been orphaned or raised in a foster home.
- Limited to persons of Italian parentage and residents of the State of Illinois.

To apply for the scholarship, the following requirements apply:

1. Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education, completed at least one year of college coursework, and a resident of the State of Illinois.
2. Applicant must provide a college transcript to JCCIA.
3. Applicant must have a strong academic background and demonstrated music talent.
4. Applicant is encouraged to send two letters of recommendation from foster/adoptive parents, social workers, home advisors, guidance counselors, etc.
5. Applicant must submit an essay (500 words or less) detailing why the Nicholas & Helena Patti Foundation Scholarship will help them to fulfill their personal and professional goals and include how music may have impacted their life.
6. Applicant must include a current photo of themselves.
7. All application materials must be submitted electronically to jcc@jccia.com as one complete single pdf file between June 1, 2026 and the deadline date of November 1, 2026 otherwise the application may be denied.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PREFERRED EMAIL: _____

PHONE#: _____ GENDER: _____

BIRTH PLACE: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH PARENT GRANDPARENT ARE OF ITALIAN DESCENT: _____

PLEASE CHECK THE BOX BELOW THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR STATUS AS IT RELATES TO BEING AN ORPHAN (BOTH PARENTS ARE DECEASED):

I AM AN ORPHAN; BOTH OF MY BIRTH PARENTS ARE DECEASED.

I AM NOT AN ORPHAN, AT LEAST ONE OR MORE OF MY BIRTH PARENTS ARE ALIVE.



Joint Civic Committee of
Italian Americans

www.jccia.com

3800 Division Street, Stone Park, IL 60165

Phone: (708) 450-9050

Fax: (708) 450-9065

www.jccia.com

jcc@jccia.com

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

ANTICIPATED GRADUATION – MONTH/YEAR: _____

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL: _____ MAJOR: _____

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

BREIF SUMMARY OF YOU MUSICAL BACKGROUND AND FUTURE MUSICAL INTERESTS: _____

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS (Indicate if high school or college):

NOTE: PLEASE INCLUDE WITH THIS FORM:

LINK TO A YOUTUBE VIDEO OF YOUR MUSICAL PERFORMANCE (if applicable)

CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT

TWO RECOMMENDATION LETTERS FROM SOURCES INDICATED ABOVE

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 FINANCIAL NEED;
4. DETAILS WHY THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL HELP YOU FULFILL YOUR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GOALS AND HOW MUSIC MAY HAVE IMPACTED YOUR LIFE.

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: _____