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Jo Ann Serpico Scholarship 2026

Description of Scholarship:

The Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans (JCCIA) is proud to offer the Jo Ann Serpico Scholarship that is awarded to students who are of 50% or more of Italian extraction demonstrating leadership, community service, high academic achievement, and a resident of Illinois. The scholarship is merit-based for students, taking into consideration the combination of academic achievement along with leadership and community service experiences. Jo Ann Serpico was a dedicated leader and influential member of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans (JCCIA), known for her tireless advocacy for Italian American heritage, cultural preservation, and community engagement.

Requirements:

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

Award Amount:

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

Application Process:

Applicants are required to submit a complete JCCIA Jo Ann Serpico 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 Jo Ann Serpico Scholarship application and required documentation between June 1, 2026, and the deadline date of September 15, 2026, to be considered by the JCCIA Scholarship Committee.

Award Notification:

Students selected as award recipients will be notified in a communication from the JCCIA by October 1, 2026 and will be required to attend the Columbus Day Parade or reception for the scholarship award presentation.



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In order to be given priority consideration for the Jo Ann Serpico Scholarship, the applicant is required to:

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

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, 2026 and the deadline date of September 15, 2026.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PREFERRED EMAIL: _____ **PHONE#:** _____

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

PLEASE INDICATE HOW YOU ARE OF ITALIAN EXTRACTION: _____

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

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION – MONTH/YEAR: _____



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UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL: _____ **MAJOR:** _____

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

GRADUATE SCHOOL (If applicable): _____ **MAJOR:** _____

GRADUATE SCHOOL GRADUATION MONTH/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:**
 - **INTRODUCES YOURSELF AND YOUR BACKGROUND;**
 - **OUTLINES YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP;**
 - **DESCRIBES YOUR LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE.**
 - **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:** _____