



American Italian Cultural Society

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Dear Director of Guidance,

The American Italian Cultural Society (AICS) offers an annual scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 per year for four years to a graduating senior attending a participating high school in the Joliet/Will County area. We recently revised the application requirements as well as the methodology for determining the scholarship recipient.

For your convenience and reference we have enclosed a Scholarship Summary letter, which briefly outlines the application requirements and scholarship terms. In addition, we have enclosed a copy of the application.

Lastly, as this scholarship is largely need based, please let any prospective applicants know that while no personal financial information is requested on the application form, the top 3 finalists will be required to provide such to an independent third party for evaluation and scoring.

The winner will be notified in August. The scholarship recipient will be honored at the American Italian Cultural Society's annual Columbus Day Banquet held in October.

Thank you for your cooperation and for your interest in our scholarship. We hope to hear from your students soon.

Regards,

The American Italian Cultural Society Scholarship Committee



AMERICAN ITALIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY (AICS) 2017 SCHOLARSHIP SUMMARY

ELIGIBILITY:

Any senior or graduating student from any public high school located in the following districts or private school listed:

1	Coal City	204	Joliet	210	Lincoln-Way
99	Downers Grove	204	Indian Prairie	255U	Reed Custer
111	Minooka	205	Lockport	365-U	Romeoville
202	Plainfield	209-U	Wilmington		Joliet Catholic Academy
203	Naperville	210	Lemont		Providence Catholic High School

In addition, any senior or graduating student that is the child or grandchild of a member of AICS is eligible, regardless of their residency. The AICS member must be in good standing.

Applicant need not be of Italian descent, a member of AICS, or the relation of a member of AICS.

SELECTION:

Each year, the AICS Scholarship Committee shall select one (1) recipient from all eligible applicants. In no particular order, the criteria for selection shall be:

- Academic excellence
- Promotion of Italian culture and values
- Financial need

AMOUNT:

This is a four-year scholarship amounting to \$1,500.00 per each academic year. A recipient that abandons his or her education or fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress will forfeit the remainder of their scholarship. To maintain the scholarship, the recipient must maintain a grade point average of 2.8 and above on 4.0 scale or 3.8 on a 5.0 scale and submit proof of such after each academic year.

Applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2017

About the AICS:

The American Italian Cultural Society (AICS) is a non-profit organization established in 1988 in the city of Crest Hill, Illinois. The AICS organization is dedicated to preserving Italian cultural and carrying on traditions to today's generation.

Lastly, monies raised at the American Italian Cultural Society is given back to the local community and to those in need.

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2017 American Italian Cultural Society Scholarship Application
Application Deadline June 30, 2017



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Applicant Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Gender: Male Female
First/ Middle/Last

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Social Security Number: ____ / ____ / ____

Email Address: _____ High School: _____

G.P.A.: _____ SAT/ACT Score: _____

Applicant Extra-Curricular/Community Service/Club/Sport Activities (attach separate pages if you prefer)

Activity/Organization	Years Participated	Offices Held/Service Provided/Awards

Applicant Work Experience (attach separate pages if you prefer)

Employer/Location	Position	Weekly Hours	Date of Employment

Mother's Maiden Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

AICS Family Membership: Yes No

Parents Yes No

Grandparents Yes No

Other Yes No Please specify:

Italian Descendant: Yes No

Mother Yes No

Father Yes No

Maternal Grandmother Yes No

Maternal Grandfather Yes No

Paternal Grandmother Yes No

Paternal Grandfather Yes No



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Family Financial Information: *Information will be assessed only for the top three scholarship ranked applicants. Applicant's family will be notified and responsible to submit financial information to a third party (i.e. law firm) provided by the American Italian Cultural Society to maintain confidentiality. Financial need will be evaluated and ranked by third party and returned to American Italian Cultural Society for final notification.*

Applicant's Educational Plans:

College Name #1: _____	Applied <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
College Name #2: _____	Applied <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
College Name #3: _____	Applied <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Major: _____ Minor: _____		

Applicant's Participation at American Italian Cultural Society Events:

Event Name: _____	Year: _____	Activity: _____
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Attachments: Please attach the following information below:

- Typed essay on why you believe you should receive this scholarship, including direction toward achieving a career goal, any volunteer/club/sports activities, explain participation in AICS events, if any and ways you have promoted the Italian culture and heritage;
- Copy of high school transcript;
- 2 Reference letters – one from an instructor/administrator and one from someone outside the school setting (not a relative) reflecting applicant's career goals, personality and reason applicant should receive this scholarship;
- Application Checklist

I hereby affirm that I have completed this application and that the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Applicant's Signature

Date

Return application and all five (5) attached forms to:

**American Italian Cultural Society
Attn: Scholarship Committee
1918 Donmaur Drive
Crest Hill, IL 60403**



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2017 American Italian Cultural Society Scholarship Application Application Checklist

Applicant Name: _____

- _____ Application Checklist
- _____ Application
- _____ High School Transcript
- _____ Application Essay
- _____ *Reference Letter #1 (School Instructor/Administrator)
- _____ *Reference Letter #2 Personal (not a relative)
- _____ Applicant Signature and Date on Application and Checklist

Applicant Signature

Date

*See application for further instruction