

## Scholarships and Grants

The Sons and Daughters of Italy in America offers scholarships at all levels of the organization - state, national and, of course, our local Vincent Lombardi Lodge.

### New York Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc.



The Grand Lodge of New York has provided financial support to students for decades through the generosity of our members, lodges, benefactors, and friends. One of our core values is to promote, encourage, and support this program that honors young adults in their academic pursuits: an accredited institution of higher education, a trade school or students who have an IEP or 504 plan.

For more information: [nysosia.org/scholarships/](http://nysosia.org/scholarships/) or [mafocarazzo@gmail.com](mailto:mafocarazzo@gmail.com)

#### Eligibility

- Applicants must be of Italian descent and a resident of New York State.
- Undergraduate awards are for current high school senior who will begin college in Fall 2025.
- Graduate awards are for college graduate who will begin graduate study in Fall 2025.
- Selection is based on academic excellence and service, and an average of 85% or above.

#### Requirements

- The following **MUST** be submitted directly to the District Scholarship Chairperson for the applicant's lodge:
- Official transcripts including first semester senior year grades.
  - SAT/ACT scores (if taken). Class rank and size of graduating class, if possible.
  - Two letters of recommendation from teachers or counselors.
  - A student essay (no more than 350 words) summarizing educational and career goals, school and community service and a discussion of the significance of your Italian heritage.

#### Fees and Deadlines

- A non-refundable processing fee is \$10, payable to the NY Grand Lodge Foundation.
- All applications are due by **March 31, 2025** and must be submitted to Marjorie Focarazzo, 1248 Calkins Rd., Rochester NY 14623

### National OSDIA Leadership Grant Competition

The Sons of Italy Foundation sponsor their 2025 merit-based scholarships ranging from \$5000 to \$25,000. The description and specific requirements including the invitation to apply for each scholarship can be found on the Supreme Lodge's website: [osdia.org/initiatives/scholarships/](http://osdia.org/initiatives/scholarships/)

#### General Eligibility and Requirements

- US citizens of Italian descent who will be enrolled in an undergraduate program or graduate program at an accredited school of higher education for the fall 2025 term.
- \$35 non-refundable processing fee, which will include a one year at-large membership to OSDIA with all at-large membership benefits.
- Upon receipt of \$35 processing fee, the applicant will receive an email with a link to complete the application. All applications and materials, including letters of recommendation and transcripts through the December term, must be submitted online at the link provided, by **March 14, 2025**.

## Local Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarships

Applications will be sent to all Monroe County schools in January 2025 and are also available on our lodge website: [www.vincentlombardilodge.com](http://www.vincentlombardilodge.com)

#### ELIGIBILITY

- High school senior graduating from a Monroe County public, private, parochial or certified home school, or related to a lodge member if living in another county.
- Student must be of Italian descent (at least one grandparent must be of Italian heritage).
- Student must commence study at an accredited educational institution to continue learning in the fall following their high school graduation, including community/junior colleges, colleges, universities, and career, technical or vocational/trade schools.
- Preference is given to students associated with members of the lodge, but anyone who meets the above requirements is eligible and encouraged to apply.

#### REQUIREMENTS

- Official Application Form: Complete and submit the application form or a photocopy of the application.
- Official Transcripts: A copy of the applicant's transcripts must be sent to the chair of the scholarship committee by the applicant's high school counselor.
- Resume: Submit a current resume outlining extracurricular activities such as volunteer service, work experience, community service, sports honor received, etc.
- Letters of Recommendation: Submit two letters of recommendation. One letter should be from someone associated with your school i.e. counselor, teacher, coach, etc.; and the other must be from someone outside of school i.e. employer, mentor, clergy, etc. Letters of recommendation from family members are not acceptable.
- Essay: Submit an essay following the guidelines found on page 3 of this application form.
- A photo of the applicant would be helpful.

If so requested, the applicant must be available to participate in an interview before the scholarship committee. The time and place of the interview will be announced once applications are reviewed.

The winners will be presented their scholarships at the Awards Night in August with a check made payable to the educational institution they will attend. The recipients will be asked to address the group and their parents and guests are also encouraged to attend.

#### FEES AND DEADLINES

- There is no fee to apply.
- All requested information must be submitted to the Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Scholarship Committee Chairperson by **March 31, 2025**. Applications or materials received after the deadline date will not be considered for the scholarship.

Please submit your application to Marisa Przepiora

2453 Wheeler Station Rd., Bloomfield NY 14469

or email: [vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com](mailto:vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com)

For questions please contact Marisa Przepiora at 585-750-8336