

Twenty-First Annual Scholarship Program  
Of the  
Italian American Women's Center, Inc.

2023



*Education is your key to a successful future!*

**ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S CENTER, INC.**

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**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE WRITTEN LEGIBLY OR TYPED, COMPLETED CORRECTLY, AND SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN MAY 12, 2023 BY U.S.P. MAIL ALONG WITH THE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL PAPERWORK, INCLUDING GRADES FOR COMPLETED ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES. AN ESSAY ON ONE OF THE TOPICS LISTED IN THIS APPLICATION MUST BE INCLUDED TO BE CONSIDERED IN THIS SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE STUDENTS.**

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## Italian American Women's Center, Inc.

The Italian American Women's Center Inc. is a not-for-profit organization, established in the late 1980's and incorporated in 1997 to respond to the needs of women of Italian culture in the New York metropolitan area. Recognizing the important role women play in fostering language, culture and traditions for the younger generations girls and boys, the founders joined together to create an organization to meet these needs. A key purpose of the organization is to promote higher education for girls and boys.

### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR ALL IAWC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:**

We will be awarding three \$1,000 scholarships to deserving 2023 graduating high school students of Italian American heritage, residing in the Borough of Queens, or Nassau/Suffolk County areas. The recipient must be a high school graduate as of June 2023, and a freshman at an accredited four-year college or university starting in the fall of 2023.

At least one parent must be of Italian ancestry. Applicants are considered based on a good academic ranking and SAT scores, and extracurricular activities. When applying, all responses must be typed or printed. If illegible, a hand written application may be disqualified.

The applicant must be a high school graduate of Italian heritage who will be studying the Italian language, in addition to their other academic pursuits. Applicants must submit this form, fully completed and signed (pages 3-4), AND MUST INCLUDE the following:

1. A copy of applicant's birth certificate showing names of both parents. One parent must be of Italian ancestry.
2. Submit a 500-word essay on ONE of these topics expressing your Italian/American experience. (TEN Extra Points will be applied by the selection committee when judging essays written in grammatically correct Italian written by the student. The essay must be an original composition written by the student\*\*\*.)
  - ❖ *WHAT MY ITALIAN HERITAGE, THE LANGUAGE AND THE CULTURE MEANS TO ME.*
  - ❖ *MY ITALIAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE.*
  - ❖ *I WOULD LIKE TO VISIT ITALY, WHERE AND WHY.*
3. High School transcript listing grade point average, SAT scores, and grades for Italian classes completed in high school, proof of academic and extra-curricular achievements.

The IAWC Scholarship Committee will conduct personal interviews with the finalists.  
The award will be presented to the student at the IAWC Annual Luncheon in July 2023.

Mail your completed application with a copy of your birth certificate, official high school transcript sent in a sealed school envelope, and your ORIGINAL typed 500-word essay on your Italian/American experiences to the IAWC Scholarship Committee by MAY 12, 2023.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)			
TELEPHONE		EMAIL	
ADDRESS			
CITY/STATE/ZIP			
APPLICANT'S BIRTH DATE		PLACE OF BIRTH	
FATHER'S NAME		OCCUPATION	
MOTHER'S NAME		OCCUPATION	
HIGH SCHOOL		GRADUATION DATE	
<i>LIST THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED OR HOPE TO ATTEND.</i>			
<i>LIST THE AREA OF STUDY IN WHICH YOU ARE MOST INTERESTED IN PURSUING.</i>			
<i>DESCRIBE YOUR FUTURE GOALS OR ASPIRATIONS.</i>			
<i>INDICATE HOBBIES, EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES &amp; ACADEMIC HONORS.</i>			
<i>DESCRIBE YOUR WORK OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES DURING THE PAST YEAR.</i>			
<i>DESCRIBE YOUR SPECIAL NEED THAT WOULD MAKE YOU A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR AN IAWC SCHOLARSHIP. YOU MAY CONTINUE WRITING ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE.</i>			

Recipients will be chosen on the basis of scholastic achievements, leadership skills as shown by extra-curricular activities, and other services to the school or the community, with thoughtful consideration to need and admirable personal behavior. Applicants must be a citizen of the United States of America and a resident of the New York Queens or Nassau/Suffolk areas. The awards will be presented at the IAWC Annual Scholarship Luncheon in July THE AWARD RECIPIENT MUST BE PRESENT.

I CERTIFY TO THE ACCURACY OF ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants must answer all questions on this form. Submit this application with all the necessary paperwork promptly. Applications must be received by the IAWC no later than MAY 12, 2023. Mail your completed application to our P.O.BOX. Any incomplete applications will be disqualified and returned to the student. Only the FINALISTS will be contacted after the committee selects the recipients.

All information submitted by the applicants will be held confidentially.

Mail this fully completed form and signed application along with requested paperwork to the:

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