

**GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA
ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
FLORIDA FOUNDATION**

2015 Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

It is the goal of the Order Sons of Italy in America to promote, enhance and encourage the studies of Italian heritage and culture. This scholarship program is designed to benefit worthy students of Italian descent that display academic excellence, leadership qualities and a financial need. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of eligibility, scholastic achievement, financial need and participation in school and community programs.

- Association with the Order Sons of Italy in America is not a prerequisite; however the applicant must be of Italian descent and a resident of the State of Florida or Georgia.
- Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.00 (un-weighted)
- Applicants must have a minimum SAT total score of 1100 -or- must have an ACT Composite score of 23.
- Recipients must be accepted as a full-time student at an accredited junior college, college or university and must enroll immediately following graduation from a High School in the State of Florida or Georgia.

Funds for the recipients will be mailed directly to the school Bursar or Financial Aid Office of choice with the instruction that they may be used for any expenses processed through their office for the recipient. Scholarship recipients that are accepted and decide to attend another school, other than the one originally selected, must immediately notify the Grand Lodge Scholarship Chairperson so the funds may be transferred to the appropriate institution. Unused funds in the account must be returned to the Grand Lodge of Florida, Order Sons of Italy in America, Florida Foundation upon either of the following:

- The recipient ceases to attend classes for whatever reason and does not immediately transfer to another accredited institution.
- The recipient withdraws from school and does not immediately transfer to another school.

All funds returned to the Order Sons of Italy, Florida Foundation will be incorporated with the funds for the following year's awards.

PLEASE NOTE THIS APPLICATION CONTAINS FOUR PAGES.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE RETURNED OR CONSIDERED.

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2015 Scholarship Application Checklist

In order to be considered for a 2015 scholarship you must complete and return this checklist and the attached four (4) page application, postmarked no later than March 31, 2015. You must also include an official High School transcript, proof of financial need using one of the forms indicated below, a copy of your SAT or ACT test scores and a 750-word essay on one of the indicated subjects.

Please indicate which documents you are including with your submissions:

You must include each of the following documents:

- Scholarship Checklist
- Scholarship Application (4 pages)
- Official High School Transcript

You must also include one of the following documents:

- Copy of S.A.T. Scores
- Copy of A.C.T. Composite Scores

You must also include at least one of the following financial documents:

- Copy of Student Aid Report
- Copy of University or College specific financial aid report (Only for schools that have a unique financial aid process.)

You must also include a 750-word (maximum) essay on one of the following topics:

- "The Hollywood Impact: The Effects of Stereotyping Italian-Americans in Movies and on Television"
- "La Famiglia: The Importance of Traditional Italian-American Family Values in Modern Day America"
- "From Humble Beginnings: The Single Most Important Contribution of Italian-Americans to Society"

Student Name _____

**GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA
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APPLICATION FOR \$1000.00 - 2015 SCHOLARSHIP**

(A) APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

NAME _____ **SEX** _____

(last) (first) (middle)

ADDRESS _____ -

Number and street

_____ (city) (state)

(zip code

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ **DATE OF BIRTH** _____

(B) FAMILY INFORMATION

FATHER'S NAME _____ **OCCUPATION** _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT _____ **ANNUAL INCOME** _____

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME _____ **OCCUPATION** _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT _____ **ANNUAL INCOME** _____

**LIST NAMES AND AGES OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS, AND INDICATE IF ANY
ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING COLLEGE.**

1. Name _____ Age _____ In college _____

2. Name _____ Age _____ In college _____

3. Name _____ Age _____ In college _____

4. Name _____ Age _____ In college _____

Applications must be postmarked, no later than March 31, 2014

Note . Please be sure to complete entire application

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(C) SCHOOL INFORMATION

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING _____

DATE OF GRADUATION _____

GPA YEAR-BY-YEAR: WEIGHTED FR _____ SO _____ JR _____ SR _____

(must be complete) UNWEIGHTED FR _____ SO _____ JR _____ SR _____

PSAT SCORES: VERBAL _____ MATH _____

SAT SCORES: VERBAL _____ MATH _____

ACT COMPOSITE SCORE: _____

LIST SCHOOL CLUBS, OFFICES, AND ACTIVITIES YOU ARE INVOLVED IN.

(D) PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS, AND HOBBIES.

LIST COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.

(E) WHAT ARE YOUR INTERESTS, HOBBIES, PASTIMES, AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES?

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(F) WORK EXPERIENCE

LIST ANY WORK EXPERIENCE(S), AND INDICATE IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED.

(G) COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF APPLICATION

LIST THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR ADMISSION. STATE IF YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

IN WHAT SUBJECTS DO YOU PLAN TO MAJOR AND MINOR?

MAJOR _____ MINOR _____

(H) SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

LIST ANY OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED OR FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING.

- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
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(I) ITALIAN HERITAGE

RECIPIENTS OF THIS SCHOLASHIP MUST BE OF ITALIAN DESCENT. DESCRIBE AND EXPLAIN HOW YOU QUALIFY.

Note : Please be sure to complete entire application

(J)AFFILIATIONS WITH ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA

LIST ALL PRESENT OR PAST FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE OR HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF THE ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA.THIS IS INFORMATION ONLY, AND NOT A FACTOR IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

(K) TERMS OF APPLICATION

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I CERTIFY THAT I AM OF ITALIAN DESCENT AND INTEND TO ENROLL AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN AN ACCREDITED JUNIOR COLLEGE, COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY IMMEDIATELY UPON GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY UNUSED PORTION OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE RETURNED TO THE SONS OF ITALY, FLORIDA FOUNDATION IF I CEASE ATTENDING CLASSES AND/OR WITHDRAW FROM SCHOOL WITHOUT IMMEDIATELY ENROLLING IN ANOTHER SCHOOL.

(Applicant's Signature) (Date)

(Parent's Signature) (Date)

This application must be completely filled out. Incomplete applications will not be considered or returned. Scholarship winners will be notified, no later than June 1, 2015

Please mail the completed, 4 page application, check list and all applicable supporting documents, postmarked no later than March 31, 2015.

TO: Grand Lodge of Florida Scholarship Chairperson

Gustave Guadagnino

1539 Fayetteville Dr

Spring Hill, Florida 34609

Phone:352-799-5456

Email: gusguadagnino@gmail.com

Note : Please be sure to complete entire application

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