



# The Sons of Italy Foundation

## 2015 National Leadership Grant Competition

*"We cannot teach people anything; we can only help them discover it themselves." – Galileo Galilei*

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Through the Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) with hundreds of thousands of family members located in all fifty states and the District of Columbia, the Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA) has awarded nearly \$59 million in scholarships to date.

In past years, the SIF has offered 10 to 12 merit-based scholarships (National Leadership Grants), ranging from \$4,000 to \$25,000, in a nationwide competition. These figures and the number of scholarships may vary according to funding each year.

**General Eligibility:** U.S. citizens of Italian descent (at least one Italian or Italian-American grandparent) enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at a four-year, accredited academic institution for the **2015 Fall term**. Previous SIF scholarship winners are not eligible. (Please note: Additional eligibility requirements may apply to specific scholarships.)

**General Requirements:** Please see each scholarship description for its specific requirements. The following general requirements apply to all scholarships (except where noted):

**Application Form:** Must be submitted along with requirements for each scholarship.

**Transcripts:** For each scholarship, transcripts provided must be through the **December 2014 term**. All transcripts must be stamped by the institution and included in a separate, sealed envelope. Transcripts may be submitted with entire application package, however, we understand some schools prefer to send them separately.

**Processing Fee:** A **\$35 non-refundable processing fee** is required with each scholarship application. The fee includes a one-year national at-large membership to the Order Sons of Italy in America and a subscription to *Italian America* magazine.

- **Only money orders will be accepted;** no exceptions. Make money orders payable to the Sons of Italy Foundation.
- Any application without the processing fee or with the processing fee postmarked after the deadline will not be eligible. Processing fees for incomplete or late applications will not be refunded.

**Deadline:** The deadline for all scholarships (unless otherwise noted) is **February 28, 2015**. All requirements for a given scholarship must be met or the application will not be considered. All required materials must be in one package and **postmarked no later than February 28, 2015**. Transcripts may be mailed separately but must be postmarked by **February 28, 2015**. Express mail, FedEx or the equivalent is highly recommended for those sending applications in mid-late February. Applications and required materials postmarked after **February 28, 2015**, will not be accepted under any circumstance. No exceptions will be made. The SIF takes no responsibility for incomplete or late applications.

**Acknowledgement:** Only applications sent with a self-addressed, stamped envelope and received by **February 14th** will be acknowledged by mail. Acknowledgement of applications received after **February 14th** is not guaranteed.

To expedite application processing, please mail all materials in one packet and send via certified or express mail. All complete applications should be sent to:

**Sons of Italy Foundation**  
Attn: National Leadership Grant Competition  
219 E Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

**Process:** Applications are screened by education professionals. Final selection is made by OSIA's National Education Committee. Scholarship **recipients only** will be notified by May 1. Monetary awards are presented directly to students' academic institutions in accordance with eligibility requirements.

**Please view the full list of scholarships that are available. Be sure to read all details, requirements and deadlines for the scholarships for which you wish to apply.**

# GENERAL STUDY SCHOLARSHIPS

## General Scholarships

A number of General Study Scholarships are available. Only one application is required to be eligible for all General Study Scholarships.

**Eligibility:** U.S. citizens of Italian descent enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program or a graduate program at an accredited academic institution for the **Fall 2015 term**.

**Deadline:** The application deadline is **February 28, 2015**. (See additional details in the General Information section.)

### Application & Requirements:

1. Application Form: Complete application form and send with remaining requirements and self-addressed, stamped, standard business-size envelope for acknowledgment.
2. Official Transcripts: Submit one official transcript from each academic institution attended through Dec. 2014. (See additional details in the General Information section.)
  - High school students: transcripts should include class rank, class size and GPA.
  - Undergraduates: submit high school and undergraduate transcripts.
  - Graduates: submit undergraduate and graduate transcripts. If your first year as a graduate student will be Fall 2015, please specify.
3. Test Scores: Submit copies of official results from all standardized tests (ACT, SAT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT) taken during the past 5 years. Scores reported on official transcripts will usually fulfill this requirement.
4. Résumé: Submit a current résumé outlining extracurricular activities, work experience, volunteer service and honors.
5. Letters of Recommendation: Submit 2 letters of recommendation from teachers, professors or educational administrators.
6. Essay: Submit a typewritten original essay of 500-750 words about a personal experience which demonstrated or generated pride in your Italian heritage.
7. Processing Fee: A non-refundable \$35 processing fee must accompany each application. (See additional details in the General Information section.)

**The Charles Evans Scholarship** is one of the General Study Scholarships offered. It was established in 2009 through an endowment from the Charles Evans Foundation. The scholarship is named in memory of Charles Evans, founder of Evan-Picone fashion house, a U.S. veteran, an entrepreneur and a lifelong philanthropist.

*There are no additional requirements to apply for the Charles Evans Scholarship. Please submit an application with the requirements noted above.*

## Henry Salvatori Scholarship

Established by the late philanthropist and businessman for whom it is named, the **Henry Salvatori Scholarship for general study** is a grant awarded to a college-bound high school senior who demonstrates exceptional leadership, distinguished scholarship and a deep understanding and respect for the principles upon which our nation was founded -- liberty, freedom and equality.

*Applicants for this scholarship are automatically eligible for a General Study Scholarship, but need only submit one application for the Henry Salvatori Scholarship. (See Application & Requirements below.)*

**Eligibility:** U.S. citizens of Italian descent in their senior year of high school and planning to attend an undergraduate program at a four-year, accredited academic institution for the **Fall 2015 term**.

**Deadline:** The application deadline is **February 28, 2015**. (See additional details in the General Information section.)

### Application & Requirements:

1. Application Form: Complete application form and send with remaining requirements and self-addressed, stamped, standard business-size envelope for acknowledgment.
2. Cover Letter: Submit a typewritten cover letter of 150-250 words outlining your academic and professional goals.
3. Official Transcripts: Submit one official transcript from each academic institution attended through Dec. 2014. Transcripts should include class rank, class size and GPA. (See additional details in the General Information section.)
4. Test Scores: Submit copies of official results from all standardized tests (ACT, SAT) taken during the past 5 years. Scores reported on official transcripts will usually fulfill this requirement.
5. Résumé: Submit a current résumé outlining extracurricular activities, work experience, volunteer service and honors.
6. Letters of Recommendation: Submit 2 letters of recommendation from public officials/figures (elected or appointed government official, law enforcement officer, firefighter, etc.) whose careers have demonstrated a commitment to the principles the scholarship embodies.
7. Essay: Submit a typewritten original essay of 750-1,000 words on the following: The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights are considered to be living documents by many historical and legal scholars. Discuss the relevance of these documents to the principles of liberty, freedom and equality in the United States today.
8. Processing Fee: A non-refundable \$35 processing fee must accompany each application. (See additional details in the General Information section.)

## Italian Language Scholarship

**Eligibility:** U.S. citizens of Italian descent in their junior or senior year of undergraduate study for the **Fall 2015 term**, majoring or minoring in Italian language studies at an accredited academic institution.

**Deadline:** The application deadline is **February 28, 2015**. (See additional details in the General Information section.)

### Application & Requirements:

1. Application Form: Complete application form and send with remaining requirements and self-addressed, stamped, standard business-size envelope for acknowledgment.
2. Official Transcripts: Submit one official transcript from each academic institution attended through Dec. 2014. (See additional details in the General Information section.) Submit high school and undergraduate transcripts.
3. Test Scores: Submit copies of official results from all standardized tests (ACT, SAT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT) taken during the past 5 years. Scores reported on official transcripts will usually fulfill this requirement.
4. Résumé: Submit a current résumé outlining extracurricular activities, work experience, volunteer service and honors, especially as they relate to Italian language, culture and heritage.
5. Letters of Recommendation: Submit 2 letters of recommendation from teachers, professors or educational administrators.
6. Essay: Submit a typewritten original essay of 500-750 words in Italian on why learning Italian is important in today's world and how you plan to use your Italian language degree.
7. Processing Fee: A non-refundable \$35 processing fee must accompany each application. (See additional details in the General Information section.)

## National Italian American Bar Association (Anthony & Anne Rosinia Scholarship Fund)/ Sons of Italy Foundation Scholarship

**Eligibility:** U.S. citizens of Italian descent enrolled in a law school program at an accredited academic institution for the **Fall 2015 term**. Applicant must be a rising first, second or third year law student.

**Deadline:** The application deadline is **February 28, 2015**. (See additional details in the General Information section.)

### Application & Requirements:

1. Application Form: Complete application form and send with remaining requirements and self-addressed, stamped, standard business-size envelope for acknowledgment.
2. Official Transcripts: Submit one official transcript from each academic institution attended **through Dec. 2014**. (See additional details in the General Information section.) Submit undergraduate, graduate and law school transcripts.
3. Test Scores: Submit copies of official results from all standardized tests (ACT, SAT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT) taken during the past 5 years. Scores reported on official transcripts will usually fulfill this requirement.
4. Résumé: Submit a current résumé outlining extracurricular activities, work experience, volunteer service and honors.
5. Letters of Recommendation: Submit 2 letters of recommendation from teachers, professors or educational administrators.
6. Essay: Submit a typewritten original essay of 500-750 words about a personal experience which demonstrated or generated pride in your Italian heritage.
7. Processing Fee: A non-refundable \$35 processing fee must accompany **each** application. (See additional details in the General Information section.)
8. The winner of this scholarship will be **required** to become a member of NIABA. The first year will be free.

## Sorrento Lingue Study Abroad Scholarships

The Sant'Anna Institute-Sorrento Lingue will offer 2 scholarships for study abroad (1 four-week Italian course, 1 Fall Semester Program) at its campus in Sorrento, Italy.

**Eligibility:** U.S. citizens of Italian descent enrolled in their junior or senior year of undergraduate study or graduate program at a four-year, accredited academic institution for the **Fall 2015 term**.

**Deadline:** The application deadline is **February 28, 2015**.

**Additional program details, application & requirements:** Contact the SIF: 202-547-2900, [scholarships@osia.org](mailto:scholarships@osia.org), visit [www.osia.org](http://www.osia.org).

## Sons of Italy Foundation / George L. Graziadio Scholarship

**Eligibility:** U.S. citizens of Italian descent (at least one Italian or Italian-American grandparent) who are students at the George L. Graziadio School of Business and Management at Pepperdine University in California.

**Application & Requirements:** This scholarship requires a special application. Contact the Graziadio School of Business at 310-568-5500 or [www.bschool.pepperdine.edu](http://www.bschool.pepperdine.edu).





All Sons of Italy Foundation National Leadership Grant Competition information, including application form, may be found online:

[www.osia.org/students/scholarships](http://www.osia.org/students/scholarships)

## THE SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION

The Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) is the philanthropic arm of the Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA), the oldest and largest national organization for men and women of Italian descent in the United States.

The SIF is a 501(c)(3) designated, private grant-making philanthropic institution. Contributions to the SIF are tax deductible under IRS guidelines. Governed by a board of trustees, the SIF has initiated and supports various programs in education, medical research, cultural preservation, and projects of national and international significance.

The SIF is a member of the Council on Foundations.

## NATIONAL EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP AWARDS (NELA) GALA

Every year, the SIF honors accomplished Italian Americans by establishing and awarding scholarships in their names at a gala event held in Washington, D.C. The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual NELA Gala will be held on May 21, 2015.

Now a tradition in the nation's capital, the annual NELA Gala is attended by United States presidents, congressional representatives, foreign dignitaries, corporate and non-profit executives, celebrities and leaders from the Italian American community who support the SIF's efforts to promote educational excellence and the preservation of the Italian culture.

**The 2015 scholarship winners will be invited to attend the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual NELA Gala in Washington, D.C., where they will be recognized by the SIF and the Gala's prestigious guests. Details will be provided to scholarship winners when they are notified of their scholarship.**



Past National Education & Leadership Awards Galas. From left: Gen. Peter Pace, USMC (Ret.), 16<sup>th</sup> chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, accepts an award for Courage & Patriotism (2012); Gen. Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.) and His Excellency Claudio Bisogniero, Ambassador of Italy (2013); General Raymond T. Odierno presents the Special Award for Military Justice to Lt. General Flora D. Darpino (2014).



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