**Eligibility:** U.S. citizens of Italian descent enrolled in a law school program at an accredited academic institution for the Fall 2019 term. Applicant must be a rising first, second or third year law student.

**Deadline:** February 28, 2019. All requirements must be met or the application will not be considered. All scholarship materials must be submitted online, and completed applications must be submitted by February 28, 2019. No exceptions will be made. The SIF takes no responsibility for incomplete or late applications.

**Application & Requirements:**

- **Application Form**
- **Official Transcripts:** Submit one official transcript from each academic institution (undergraduate, graduate and law school) attended through Dec. 2018.
- **Test Scores:** Submit copies of official results from all standardized tests (ACT, SAT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT, etc.) taken during the past 5 years.
- **Resume:** Submit a current resume outlining extracurricular activities, work experience, volunteer service and honors.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Submit 2 letters of recommendation from teachers, professors or educational administrators.
- **Essay:** Submit an original essay of 500-750 words about a personal experience which demonstrated or generated pride in your Italian heritage.
- **Processing Fee ($35)**

**How to Apply:** All materials and applications will be accepted online ONLY at https://sonsofitalyfoundation.submittable.com

**Process:** Applications are screened by education professionals. Final selection is made by OSDIA's National Scholarship, Education and Culture Committee. Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 1, 2018. Monetary awards are presented directly to the students' academic institutions in accordance with eligibility requirements.

*The winner of this scholarship will be required to become a member of NIABA. The first year is free.*

**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 31st Annual NELA Gala will be held on May 23, 2019. The 2019 scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the 31st Annual NELA Gala, 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.

Now a tradition in the nation’s capital, the annual NELA has been 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 preserve Italian culture.