



2018 National Italian American Bar Association & Sons of Italy Foundation® Scholarship



Through the Sons of Italy Foundation® (SIF), the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America® (OSDIA) has awarded nearly \$61 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.



Eligibility: U.S. citizens of Italian descent (at least one Italian or Italian-American grandparent) enrolled in a law school program at an accredited academic institution for the **Fall 2018** term. Applicant must be a rising first, second, or third year law student.

Deadline: February 28, 2018. 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, 2018. 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. 2017.
- **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.

To apply and for more information, visit: www.osia.org

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 30th Annual NELA Gala will be held on May 24, 2018, and the 2018 scholarship recipients will be invited to attend, where they will be recognized by the SIF and the Gala's prestigious guests. Details will be provided to scholarship winners.

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.