

# The Sons of Italy Foundation®

The Sons of Italy Foundation® (SIF) is the philanthropic arm of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America® (OSDIA), 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 of Foundations.

## National Education and 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 DC metro area. The 32nd Annual NELA Gala will be held on Friday, May 22nd, 2020. The 2020 scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the Gala, where they will be recognized by the SIF and the Gala's prestigious guests. Details will be provided to the scholarship winners when they are notified of their award.

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.



*From the 2019 NELA Gala: (L) 2019 National Leadership Grant Recipients; (R) Master of Ceremonies Joe Mantegna*

To apply and for more information visit

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



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## General Study Scholarships

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

**Eligibility:** U.S. citizens of Italian descent enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited four-year academic institution for the **Fall 2020** term.

**Deadline: February 28, 2020**

### Application and Requirements:

- **Application Form**
- **Official Transcripts:** Submit one official transcript from each academic institution attended through Dec. 2019. High school, undergraduate, and graduate transcripts should be submitted, as applicable.
- **Test Scores:** Submit copies of official results from all standardized tests (SAT, ACT, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, etc.) taken during the past five years.
- **Resume:** Submit a current resume outlining extracurricular activities, work and volunteer experience, and honors.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Submit two 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:** Applications will only be accepted online at <https://sonsofitalyfoundation.submittable.com>

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

## Henry Salvatori Scholarship

*Established by the late philanthropist and businessman, the Henry Salvatori Scholarship for General Study is a grant awarded to a high school senior who demonstrates exceptional leadership, distinguished scholarship, and a deep understanding and respect for the principles of liberty, freedom, and equality.*

**Eligibility:** U.S. citizens of Italian descent in their senior year of high school attending a four-year undergraduate program at an accredited academic institution for the **Fall 2020** term.

**Deadline: February 28, 2020**

### Application and Requirements:

- **Application Form**
- **Cover Letter:** Submit a 150-250 word cover letter on your academic and professional goals
- **Official Transcripts:** Submit one official transcript from each academic institution attended through Dec. 2019, including class rank, class size, and GPA.
- **Test Scores:** Submit copies of official results from all standardized tests (SAT, ACT).
- **Resume:** Submit a current resume outlining extracurricular activities, work and volunteer experience, and honors.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Submit two letters of recommendation from teachers or public figures (law enforcement officers, government officials etc.) whose careers have demonstrated commitment to the principles the scholarship embodies.
- **Essay:** Submit an original essay of 750-1000 words on the following:

*The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights are considered to be living documents. Discuss the relevance of these documents to the principles of liberty, freedom, and equality in the United States today.*

- **Processing Fee:** \$35

## Italian Language Scholarship

**Eligibility:** U.S. citizens of Italian descent in their junior or senior year of undergraduate study for the **Fall 2020** term, majoring or minoring in Italian language at an accredited academic institution.

**Deadline: February 28, 2020**

### Application and Requirements:

- **Application Form**
- **Official Transcripts:** Submit one official transcript from each academic institution attended through Dec. 2019.
- **Test Scores:** Submit copies of official results from all standardized tests (SAT, ACT, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, etc.) taken during the past five years.
- **Resume:** Submit a current resume outlining extracurricular activities, work and volunteer experience, and honors, especially as they relate to Italian language, culture, and heritage.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Submit two letters of recommendation from teachers, professors, or educational administrators.
- **Essay:** Submit an original essay of 500-750 words on the importance of learning Italian and how you plan

## National Italian American Bar Association & Sons of

**Eligibility:** U.S. citizens of Italian enrolled in a law degree program at an accredited academic institution for the **Fall 2020** term. Applicants must be rising first, second, or third year law students.

**Deadline: February 28, 2020**

### Application and Requirements:

- **Application Form**
- **Official Transcripts:** Submit one official transcript from each academic institution (undergraduate, graduate, law school) attended through Dec. 2019.
- **Test Scores:** Submit copies of official results from all standardized tests (SAT, ACT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT, etc.) taken during the past five years.
- **Resume:** Submit a current resume outlining extracurricular activities, work and volunteer experience, and honors.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Submit two 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

## The American University of Rome

The American University in Rome (AUR) scholarship is for studying abroad at its campus in Rome. The recipient will attend as a full-time student.

**Eligibility:** U.S. citizens of Italian descent enrolled in a four-year undergraduate or graduate program at an accredited academic institution for the **Fall 2020** term.

**Program details, requirements, and application:**

## John Cabot University Pietro Secchia

**Eligibility:** The Pietro Secchia Scholarship is awarded to qualified Italian-American study abroad students at John Cabot University in Rome. It is awarded on the basis of academic merit, financial need, and the desire to further one's knowledge of their Italian heritage.

**Program details, requirements, and application:**