

ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
Roma Lodge 254, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23453
www.roma254.org

2015-2016 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION ANNOUNCED

Roma Lodge 254, Order Sons of Italy in America, announces the availability of college scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year. Application forms and instructions are available on line only (www.roma254.org). Complete application packages must be received by close of business on Friday, May 1, 2015. Awards will be announced on May 29, 2015 and presented at a special dinner (which scholarship recipients are expected to attend) at the lodge on Friday, June 26, 2014.

Scholarship eligibility extends to students who will be full time undergraduate college students in the 2015-2016 academic year and who are either children or grandchildren of current Roma Lodge members in good standing. The scholarship funds are paid directly to the student's college or university.

Scholarship applications will be scored by a committee of Roma Lodge members and will be awarded competitively based on the following criteria: academic honors and achievements; a cover letter justifying the award; a 500 to 1,000 word essay on a famous Italian or Italian-American; extra-curricular activities and awards; community and voluntary activities and awards; letters of recommendation from teachers or professors; and studies or other activities related to the Italian language, culture, and heritage. The committee may also require an interview of applicants.

Questions about the Roma Lodge 2015-2016 scholarship program may be addressed to Dr. Albert F. Marra, telephone 757-301-8797, or email: amarra@odu.edu

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2015-2016 Scholarship Application Instructions

All applicants must submit the following materials by May 1, 2015:

- 1-Cover letter stating why he or she needs/deserves to get a scholarship
- 2-Application form completely filled out, signed, and dated
- 3-High school transcript (certified copy, sent directly to Roma Lodge)
- 4-College transcript (certified copy, sent to Roma Lodge), if now in college
- 5-Letter(s) of acceptance from college(s), if a graduating high school senior
- 6-List of academic and non-academic honors, awards, and school activities
- 7-List of recent community-based and voluntary activities and awards
- 8-List of studies or other activities related to Italian language, culture, etc.
- 9-Letters of recommendation from two recent teachers or professors
- 10-Essay on a famous Italian or Italian-American (typed, 500-1,000 words)

Applications and related materials will not be returned. Applicants will be notified by mail of their final status. Only complete, timely applications will be evaluated. All application materials must be sent by First Class US mail to Roma Lodge and received by close of business May 1, 2015. There are no exceptions! For questions contact Dr. Albert F. Marra at 757-301-8797 or amarra@odu.edu.

Send all application materials by First Class US Mail to:

Order Sons of Italy, Roma Lodge No. 254
Attention: Scholarship Committee
3097 Magic Hollow Boulevard
Virginia Beach, VA 23453

These requirements pertain to all applicants. Applications will be accepted from 2015 graduating high school seniors or full time undergraduates in their first, second or third year. Use first class US mail only, allowing enough time for the application and all required materials to arrive. Do not use a service such as UPS or Fedex or priority or certified mail. Hand delivered applications or materials are not acceptable.

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2015-2016 Roma Lodge Scholarship Application Form

(Form and all attachments must be received by May 1, 2015. Print clearly in black ink.)

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

Number and Street

City and State

Zip Code

Area Code and Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please give the name of the Roma Lodge family member (must be a parent or grandparent) who supports your application and your relationship to that person:

Roma Lodge Member's Name

Relationship to Applicant

Please indicate your current enrollment status (check only one).

___ Graduating HS senior, committed to be a full time undergraduate in 2015-2016

___ Full-time first, second, or third year undergraduate college student

Your current (2014-2015) school, college: _____

If a high school senior, state your planned college: _____

Your current or planned major field of study: _____

Please provide the names and schools/colleges of two teachers/professors who will be sending letters of recommendation to the Roma Lodge scholarship committee.

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Roma Lodge will keep all information confidential. If for any reason you do not attend college as a full time student in 2015-2016, the scholarship award will be withdrawn.

I agree to abide by the rules of the Roma Lodge and its scholarship committee. I certify that all information supplied with this application is true, correct and complete. I agree to allow Roma Lodge to publicize the results of the scholarship competition. If selected, I will allow Roma Lodge to publish my name, school, and home town.

(Signature of applicant)

(Date)

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2015-2016 Scholarship Application Review Criteria and Scoring
Important: This form is for Roma Lodge Scholarship Committee use only!

Scholarship committee members and Roma Lodge members in good standing may serve as reviewers. Reviewers will read and score all applications carefully, assigning whole number scores to each section, up to the maximum values indicated in parentheses. Total scores may not exceed 100 points. Reviewers shall not discuss the applications with other reviewers or any other person, whether a member of Roma Lodge or not.

To avoid possible conflicts of interest, reviewers must recuse themselves if they are related by blood or marriage to, or are a good friend or neighbor of, any current Roma Lodge scholarship applicant or that applicant's immediate family.

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| 1. High school GPA. Also address college GPA if applicable. | _____ (20) |
| 2. Essay on a famous Italian or Italian-American. | _____ (15) |
| 3. Cover letter on why the applicant needs/deserves the award. | _____ (15) |
| 4. Letters of recommendation from two teachers/professors. | _____ (10) |
| 5. Prior or current academic honors and awards. | _____ (10) |
| 6. Prior or current community and voluntary activities and awards. | _____ (10) |
| 7. Prior or current in-school activities and awards. | _____ (10) |
| 8. Prior or current studies or activities related to Italian language/culture | _____ (10) |
| TOTAL SCORE | _____ (100) |

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

Reviewed/scored by: _____
(Roma Lodge Scholarship Committee Member) (Date)