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2026-2027 SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Sons of Italy New Jersey Foundation, Inc. will be awarding Scholarships for the 2026-2027 academic years.

To be eligible for a scholarship, the applicant must be:

1. A member of the Sons of Italy or the applicant's parent(s) or grandparent(s) must be members in good standing of a Sons of Italy Lodge in New Jersey, for a minimum of one year. Except for the NJ CSJ scholarship see #8 below.
2. A high school senior or presently enrolled in a college or university with at least one full year remaining unless applying for a Trade School scholarship #11.
3. A resident of the State of New Jersey.
4. Scholarship recipients must attend the award presentation at Carmel S. Morina Lodge, 525 West Broad Street, Paulsboro, NJ 08066 on June 8th, at 6:30PM.
5. Past New Jersey Sons of Italy Foundation Scholarship Recipients are NOT eligible to receive another scholarship.
6. The Anthony Perrella Memorial Scholarship is only available to students who will be graduating from one of the following high schools: Oratory Prep, Villa Walsh Academy, St. Peters **OR** will be attending Villanova University.
7. The Rita Fumosa Memorial Scholarship is open to both male and female applicants that must submit an essay (500 word maximum) along with the application, showing an understanding of the women's movement in the United States and possible outcomes/effects of that time.

8. The New Jersey Commission for Social Justice has a scholarship open to students that are not required to be a member of The Sons of Italy or have a parent or grandparent as a member. The student must be of Italian lineage and pursuing a degree with an emphasis on the study of Italian culture, language, and/or history. Or the applicant can be involved in activities that further the attributes that accentuate Italian culture and heritage.
9. A scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior, of Italian descent, from Camden Catholic High School in the name of Rev. Joseph Capella.
10. The Joyce Ann Pugliese Memorial Scholarship is awarded to college or graduate students pursuing teaching as a profession with a strong preference for students studying to be a special education teacher.
11. Trade School Scholarship – Eligibility Criteria
Applicants must:
 - Be a high school senior, graduate, or current post-secondary student.
 - Be accepted to or currently enrolled in a trade, technical, or vocational school accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC).
 - Be entering or enrolled in a program with a minimum length of one (1) year
 - Be pursuing certification or training in a skilled trade or technical career field
 - Minimum GPA of 2.5 (or equivalent academic standing)

Examples include (but are not limited to):

Electrician, plumbing, HVAC, welding, automotive technology, carpentry, cosmetology, culinary arts, medical technician programs, IT certifications, and other licensed or certified skilled trades

If you are applying for scholarship #6, #7, #8, #9, #10 or #11, please note that on your application. This will not prevent you from being considered for the other scholarships but a maximum of only one scholarship will be awarded to an applicant.

Applications will be available through the SONS OF ITALY NEW JERSEY FOUNDATION OFFICE at the above address, from the Grand Lodge website <https://www.sonsofitalynj.org>, or from any of the OSDIA Lodges in New Jersey. All applications must be received, complete with transcripts and any other supporting information, at the **FOUNDATION OFFICE NO LATER THAN 1:00 PM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026**. Any application received after this deadline will not be considered for a scholarship.

Very truly yours,

Louis J. Santoro
Foundation Chairman



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (Please Print)

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Date		Applicant's Email	
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Applicant's Name		Applicant's Home Address	
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Last 4 digits of S.S. Number		Home Phone	Cell Phone
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College/University attending or planning to attend		Date of Birth	Present School Level
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In order to be eligible for a scholarship, the applicant must be:

1. A member of the Sons of Italy or the applicant's parent(s) or grandparent(s) must be members in good standing of a Sons of Italy Lodge in New Jersey, for a minimum of one year. Except for the NJ CSJ scholarship (see #8 below) and the Rev. Joseph Capella Scholarship.
2. A high school senior or presently enrolled in a college or university with at least one full year remaining.
3. A resident of the State of New Jersey.
4. Scholarship recipients must attend the presentation at Carmel S. Morina Lodge, 525 West Broad Street, Paulsboro, NJ 08066 on June 8th , at 6:30PM.
5. Past New Jersey Sons of Italy Foundation Scholarship Recipients are NOT eligible to receive another scholarship. The number of scholarships awarded is based on available funds and number of acceptable applications received. Below please find the scholarships with specific conditions and criteria.

6. The Anthony Perrella Memorial Scholarship is only available to students who will be graduating from one of the following high schools: Oratory Prep, Villa Walsh Academy, St. Peters **OR** will be attending Villanova University.
7. The Rita Fumosa Memorial Scholarship is open to both male and female applicants that must submit with their application an essay (500 word maximum) showing an understanding of the women's movement in the United States and possible outcomes/effects of that time.
8. The New Jersey Commission for Social Justice Scholarship is open to students that are not required to be a member of The Sons of Italy or have a parent or grandparent as a member. The student must be of Italian lineage, and pursuing a degree with an emphasis on the study of Italian culture, language, and/or history. Or the student can be involved in activities that further the attributes that accentuate Italian culture and heritage.
9. The OSIS NJ Foundation, Inc – Fr. Joseph Capella Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior, of Italian descent, from Camden Catholic High School in the name of Rev. Joseph Capella.
10. The Joyce Ann Pugliese Memorial Scholarship is awarded to college or graduate students pursuing teaching as a profession with a strong preference for students studying to be a special education teacher
11. The Michael Poccino Memorial Scholarship is open to a graduating senior pursuing a college degree OR a trade school certification.

Trade School Applicants must:

- Be a high school senior, high school graduate, or current post-secondary student
- Be accepted to or currently enrolled in a trade, technical, or vocational school accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC).
- Be entering or enrolled in a program with a minimum length of one (1) year
- Be pursuing certification or training in a skilled trade or technical career field
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 (or equivalent academic standing)

Examples include (but are not limited to):

Electrician, plumbing, HVAC, welding, automotive technology, carpentry, cosmetology, culinary arts, medical technician programs, IT certifications, and other licensed or certified skilled trades.

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Please identify your Italian lineage (name):

Mother's Family _____ Father's Family _____

Indicate the NAME and NUMBER of the **NEW JERSEY SONS OF ITALY LODGE** that is sponsoring you: _____

Indicate the NAME of your parent(s) or grandparent(s) who are in good standing and members of the above NEW JERSEY SONS OF ITALY LODGE: _____

Have you attended a College/University before? _____. If YES, please provide name, years of attendance, major course of study and reason for leaving. _____

If you are entering College for the first time, what is your anticipated principal course of study? _____

SAT and/or ACT results: Verbal _____ Math _____ Written _____

Please attach the following with your application:

- A copy of your latest transcript, ***including first semester grades***, from the high school, college, or university you are presently attending.
- Application ***should include a photocopy of your official SAT/ACT scores, with the exception of #10.***
- A copy of any transcripts from other high schools, colleges, or universities you have attended.
- A written statement that provides the scholarship committee with information that cannot be gleaned from your transcripts alone. This could be about your Italian heritage, your successes or obstacles in high school, experiences that have shaped you, etc.
- Attach any letters of recommendation (maximum of three), copies of honors received, and any other supporting data, including community service and/or extracurricular activities, community involvement, etc. that you'd like to add to the application. *These are not mandatory but can help the committee have a more complete idea of your achievements.*

Send all documents to the above address c/o **The Scholarship Committee**. Please review the enclosed information to determine your eligibility for the scholarship and the criteria being used to evaluate your application.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026 AT 1:00 PM.