



SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION (SIF) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2024

The SIF has offered 10 to 12 merit-based scholarships (National Leadership Grants), ranging from \$4,000 to \$25,000. Each scholarship has its own specific requirements. Check out the

<https://www.osdia.org/initiatives/scholarships/> for criteria related specifically to each of the following scholarships:

General Requirements pertaining to all scholarships offered:

- Individuals of Italian descent* (at least one Italian or Italian-American grandparent) enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program or a graduate program at an accredited academic institution for the Fall 2024 term.
- **Application Fee:** A **\$35** non-refundable processing fee is required to process your scholarship application. The fee includes a **one-year At-Large Membership** to OSDIA, with all At-Large Membership benefits.
- **Online application:** upon receipt of the \$35 application fee, the applicant will receive an email with the link to complete the application. For each scholarship, **recommendation letters and transcripts** provided must be through the December 2023 term.
- **Deadline:** The deadline for the 2024 Scholarship program is **March 7, 2024**. All requirements for a given scholarship must be met or the application will not be considered. All scholarship materials and completed applications must be submitted online by March 7, 2024.

No exceptions will be made. The SIF takes no responsibility for incomplete or late applications.

Process: Applications are screened by education professionals. The final selection is made by OSDIA's Scholarship and Grants Committee. Monetary awards are presented directly to the student's academic institutions in accordance with eligibility requirements.

General Study Scholarship

Henry Salvatori Scholarship

Italian Language Scholarship

George L. Graziadio & SIF Scholarship

Barbara and Thomas Lupo Scholarship

Multiple Sclerosis/Bellino Scholarship

Partner Scholarships

National Italian American Bar Association (NIABA) and Sons of Italy Foundation Scholarship

2024 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The New York Grand Lodge Foundation of the Order Sons of Italy in America has announced its 2024 Scholarship program for undergraduate and graduate study. The New York Grand Lodge Foundation, since the inception of its scholarship program, has distributed approximately one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in scholarship awards to deserving students. These scholarships were established by Filial Lodges, Districts or individuals and have been subsidized by the Grand Lodge Foundation.

One hundred twenty-three (123) scholarships and six (6) grants were awarded in 2023. At the present time, we will once again distribute one hundred twenty-one (123) scholarships and six (6) grants to a total of 59 students at a special District site program. New this year is the establishment of one Vocational/Trade School Grant. The monetary award each recipient receives is made payable to the individual and the institution he/she will attend in the fall. Every award recipient will become a Student-Member-At-Large member of the Order.

Requirements for Application:

1. **Undergraduate Awards** are for high school graduates of the year 2024 who will begin full-time undergraduate study in the Fall 2024 semester.
The Graduate Awards are for college graduates of the year 2024 who will begin graduate study in the Fall 2024 semester.
2. **The following must be submitted directly to the District Scholarship Chairperson:**
 - Official High School or College transcript, SAT and /or A.C.T. scores and class rank should be included for High School students.
 - Two letters of recommendation from teachers or counselors.
 - A student essay summarizing educational and career goals, school and community service and a discussion of the significance of your Italian heritage.
3. The scholarships are awards for academic excellence and service, and students must have an average of 85 or above.
4. Applicant must be a resident of New York State and of Italian-American heritage.
5. **The applications and all supportive materials MUST BE RECEIVED by March 31, 2024.**
6. **An application fee of \$10 MUST BE INCLUDED.** Check should be made payable to O.S.I.A. New York State Grand Lodge Foundation.

Requests for applications should be directed to local OSIA Lodges or to:

Scholarship Committee
Order Sons of Italy in America
New York Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc.
2101 Bellmore Avenue
Bellmore, NY 11710

Applications are also available on the N.Y.S. OSIA web page at www.nysosia.org.

Members of the OSIA Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee are: Joanne Spera, State Chairperson; Rosemarie Stathes and Margaret Forte, State Co-Chairpersons
District I – Suffolk County – Joanne Spera; **District II** – Nassau County – Grace Ferrara; **District III** – New York City - Rosemarie Stathes; **District IV** – Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties – Margaret Forte; **District V** – Rockland County and surrounding area – Maria D’Aguino; **District VI** – Albany, Saratoga, Montgomery Counties and Schenectady area – Lisa Serafini; **District VII** – New York Northern, Central and Southern tier – Josephine Federico; **District VIII** – Western NY (Rochester, Geneva etc.) – Marjorie Focarazzo; All Graduate school applications – Angelo Grande; All Grant Awards – Kathryn Grande
For additional information, please contact Chairperson Joanne Spera at Cyclonejo51@aol.com or telephone (631) 495-4251.

2024 New York Grand Lodge Foundation Scholarship Application

Biagio J. Isgro, Jr., Foundation President – Joanne Spera, Scholarship Chairperson

APPLICATION FORM (Please Print or Type)

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Home Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Sex: Circle one (Male/Female)

College/Curriculum to which you are applying. _____

_____ Date entering: _____

Name/Address of High School: _____

_____ Graduation Date: _____

FAMILY MEMBERS OF OSDIA LODGES MUST COMPLETE THE LODGE IDENTIFICATION SECTION BELOW. THIS IS NOT REQUIRED FOR NON-AFFILIATED APPLICANTS.

Lodge Name & Number: _____ Location: _____

OSDIA Member: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

President of Lodge: _____ President's Signature: _____

Address of Lodge: _____ Phone#: _____

DIRECTIONS TO APPLICANT: CHECK ONE: _____ **UNDERGRADUATE** _____ **GRADUATE**

Check only if applying for: _____ Italian Studies _____ Returning Student _____ Education Studies _____ Business Undergraduate
_____ Graduate/Science/Engineering _____ Religious Studies _____ Music/Arts

APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE "ALL" INFORMATION ON THIS FORM

- 1) Undergraduate awards are for current high school seniors who will begin full time undergraduate study in the Fall 2024 semester. Graduate awards are for college graduates who will begin study in the Fall 2024 semester. If chosen as a recipient, awards will be made payable to the student and the institution.
- 2) The following **MUST** be submitted directly to the District Scholarship Chairperson for the applicant's lodge or geographic district: (a) Official transcripts including first semester senior year grades and SAT/ACT scores. (b) Class rank and size of graduating class should be included, if possible. (c) Two letters of recommendation from teachers or counselors. (d) A student **essay (no more than 350 words)** summarizing educational and career goals, school and community service and a discussion of the significance of your Italian heritage.
- 3) Scholarships are awards for academic excellence and service. Students are required to have a minimum average of 85% or above.
- 4) Applicant **MUST** be a resident of New York State and of Italian heritage/lineage.
- 5) A \$10 application fee, made payable to the NY Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc., **MUST BE INCLUDED WITH APPLICATION.**
- 6) Application, fee and supporting material **MUST** be sent to the District Scholarship Chairperson and **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2024.**
- 7) Awards will be presented at a ceremony within each respective district sometime in June 2024.

*** Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: ____/____/____

PLEASE CALL THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE AT 516-785-4623 FOR INFORMATION ON YOUR DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRPERSON

District Chairperson: _____ District: _____ Address: _____

2024 NEW YORK GRAND LODGE FOUNDATION GRANT AWARD APPLICATION

Biagio J. Isgro, Jr., Foundation President – Joanne Spera, Scholarship Chairperson

APPLICATION FORM (Please Print or Type)

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Home Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Sex: Circle one (Male/Female)

College/Curriculum to which you are applying. _____

Date entering: _____

Name/Address of High School: _____

Graduation Date: _____

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Lodge Name & Number: _____ Location: _____

OSDIA Member: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

President of Lodge: _____ President's Signature: _____

Address of Lodge: _____ Phone#: _____

DIRECTIONS TO APPLICANT: CHECK ONE: _____ **UNDERGRADUATE** _____ **GRADUATE**

Check only if applying for: _____ *Italian Studies* _____ *Returning Student* _____ *Education Studies* _____ *Business Undergraduate*
_____ *Graduate/Science/Engineering* _____ *Religious Studies* _____ *Music/Arts*

APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE "ALL" INFORMATION ON THIS FORM

- 1) Undergraduate awards are for current high school seniors who will begin full time undergraduate study in the Fall 2024 semester.
- 2) The following **MUST** be submitted directly to the District Scholarship Chairperson for the applicant's lodge or geographic district: (a) Official transcripts **including** first semester senior year grades and SAT/ACT scores. (c) Two letters of recommendation from teachers or counselors. (d) A student essay (**no more than 350 words**) summarizing educational and career goals, school and community service and a discussion of the significance of your Italian heritage. (e) Required documentation (I.E.P.statement) for Grant consideration.
- 3) Applicant **MUST** be a resident of New York State and of Italian heritage/lineage.
- 4) A \$10 application fee, made payable to the NY Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc., **MUST BE INCLUDED WITH APPLICATION.**
- 5) Application, fee and supporting material **MUST** be sent to the District Scholarship Chairperson and **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2024.**
- 6) Awards will be presented at a ceremony within each respective district sometime in June 2024.

*** Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: ____/____/____

PLEASE CALL THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE AT 516-785-4623 FOR INFORMATION ON YOUR DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRPERSON

District Chairperson: _____ District: _____ Address: _____

2024 NEW YORK GRAND LODGE FOUNDATION VOCATIONAL & TRADE SCHOOL GRANT AWARD APPLICATION

Biagio J. Isgro, Jr., Foundation President – Joanne Spera, Scholarship Chairperson

APPLICATION FORM (Please Print or Type)

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Home Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Sex: Circle one (Male/Female)

College/Curriculum to which you are applying. _____

_____ Date entering: _____

Name/Address of High School: _____

_____ Graduation Date: _____

FAMILY MEMBERS OF OSDIA LODGES MUST COMPLETE THE LODGE IDENTIFICATION SECTION BELOW. THIS IS NOT REQUIRED FOR NON-AFFILIATED APPLICANTS.

Lodge Name & Number: _____ Location: _____

OSDIA Member: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

President of Lodge: _____ President's Signature: _____

Address of Lodge: _____ Phone#: _____

DIRECTIONS TO APPLICANT: CHECK ONE: _____ UNDERGRADUATE _____ GRADUATE

APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE "ALL" INFORMATION ON THIS FORM

- 1) Undergraduate awards are for current high school seniors who will begin full time vocational study in the Fall 2024 semester.
- 2) The following **MUST** be submitted directly to the District Scholarship Chairperson for the applicant's lodge or geographic district: (a) Official transcripts including first semester senior year grades. (c) Two letters of recommendation from teachers or counselors. (d) A student essay (no more than 350 words) summarizing educational and career goals, school and community service and a discussion of the significance of your Italian heritage.
- 3) Applicant **MUST** be a resident of New York State and of Italian heritage/lineage.
- 4) A \$10 application fee, made payable to the NY Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc., **MUST BE INCLUDED WITH APPLICATION.**
- 5) Application, fee and supporting material **MUST** be sent to the District Scholarship Chairperson and **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2024.**
- 6) Awards will be presented at a ceremony within each respective district sometime in June 2024.

*** Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: ____/____/____

PLEASE CALL THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE AT 516-785-4623 FOR INFORMATION ON YOUR DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRPERSON

District Chairperson: _____ District: _____ Address: _____