

SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
ST AUGUSTINE LODGE #2780

Scholarship Award Process 2026:

Initial Qualifying Factor: To be eligible for the Scholarship, the applicant must currently be a St. Johns County, Florida resident and high school student with a demonstrable Italian-American heritage (of any proportion). The application will be judged utilizing the following general criteria. The applicants must plan to be in a program of study in the fall of 2026 at an accredited institution of higher education. This includes an appropriately accredited four-year college or university, a two-year community college, or a career devoted certified vocational/ technical school.

1. Additional Criteria:

- a. Candidates will be partially judged based on academic achievement (minimum 3.0 in high school).
- b. Recipient must be currently enrolled full-time in a high school located in St. Johns County.
- c. Partial preference for this scholarship is provided to students whose parents do not have a baccalaureate degree.
- d. Applicants must be of good character, and have contributed to community, church, school, or home/family in some active, demonstrated way.
- e. This scholarship criterion has a need-based, partial preference component for a degree seeking, St. Johns County resident. Applicants with demonstrated financial need (e.g. expected family income based on FAFSA) will also be given partial consideration.
- f. High school students who demonstrate substantial financial need, are accepted in postsecondary educational institutions and whose parents have not earned a baccalaureate or higher degree, should clearly so state.

2. If there are no qualifying St. Johns County students applying, the scholarship **may** be awarded to an out of St Johns County, Florida student.

3. Instructions:

- a. Complete the attached application form.
- b. Enclose an official high school transcript.
- c. Provide two (or more) letters of recommendation from your high school counselor and/or teachers.
- d. Provide news clippings or other evidence (e.g., letter of recommendation) of your activities and participation in community support endeavors.

4. In order to be eligible for the current year, all applications **and** supporting documents must be submitted to:

Scholarship Committee
Sons of Italy Lodge #2780
c/o Yessian
276 San Nicolas Way
St Augustine, FL 32080-7711

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED/POSTMARKED
NO LATER THAN: MARCH 23, 2026**