



**ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270**

1248 Calkins Rd
Rochester, NY 14623

January 2025

Dear Scholarship Coordinator,

The scholarship committee from the local chapter of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA), Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270, would like to invite your senior students to apply for our 2024 scholarships. Included with this letter are the application materials and information regarding three different levels of scholarships that are available for your students: Local, NYS, and National level. Students are encouraged to apply for all three levels, but most follow the instructions for each. Submission for one level of scholarship does not constitute submission for all three. Criteria for each level is listed on the following page. The main criteria for all scholarships is that the student must be of Italian descent.

If you would prefer to distribute these forms electronically to your students, please contact me at vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com to request an electronic file. This includes an electronic application form.

Please remind students that they must have all aspects of the application completed and turned in by the deadline listed on each application in order to be considered. Also, students should read the requirements carefully. Specifically, the local scholarship requires 2 letters of recommendation, and at least one must be from someone outside the students school.

Thank you for your help in distributing these forms for us. We appreciate your assistance and look forward to our review of the scholarship applications from your students.

Information on past local winners and a downloadable local application can be found at www.sonsofitalyrochester.com/scholarships.

Sincerely,

Marisa Przepiora

Chairperson for the Scholarship Committee OSDIA Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com

Marjorie Focarazzo

District Scholarship Chairperson for the OSDIA NYS Grand Lodge
mafocarazzo@gmail.com

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Local Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarships

ELIGIBILITY: High school senior graduating from a Monroe County public, private, parochial or certified home school, or related to a lodge member if living in another county. Student must be of Italian descent (at least one grandparent must be of Italian heritage). Student must commence study at an accredited educational institution to continue learning in the fall following their high school graduation, including community/junior colleges, colleges, universities, and career, technical or vocational/trade schools. Preference is given to students associated with members of the lodge, but anyone who meets the above requirements is eligible and encouraged to apply.

FEES and DEADLINES: There is no fee to apply. **Application deadline is March 31st, 2025** and must be submitted to Marisa Przepiora by email at vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com or by postal mail to 2453 Wheeler Station Rd, Bloomfield NY 14469. Applications received after the deadline date will not be considered.

Applications are available on our lodge website: www.sonsofitalyrochester.com.

Questions? Please contact Marisa Przepiora at 585-750-8336 or vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com

New York State OSDIA Scholarships

ELIGIBILITY: Applicant must be of Italian descent and a resident of New York State. Undergraduate awards are for current high school seniors who will begin college study in fall 2025. Graduate awards are for college graduates who will begin graduate study in fall 2025. The scholarship awards are based on academic excellence and service. Students must have an average of 85% or above to apply.

REQUIREMENTS: The following **MUST** be submitted directly to the District Scholarship Chairperson for the applicants lodge or geographic district: (a) Official transcripts including first semester senior year grades, (b) SAT/ACT scores (if taken). (c) Class rank and size of graduating class should be included, if possible. (d) Two letters of recommendation from teachers or counselors. (e) 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.

FEES and DEADLINES: A \$10 non-refundable processing fee is required with each scholarship application, payable to the NY Grand Lodge Foundation. **All applications are due by March 31st, 2025** and must be submitted to:
Marjorie Focarazzo, 1248 Calkins Rd. Rochester, NY 14623

SPECIAL NOTE: State scholarship opportunities include three different applications: one general application for all students attending an accredited institution of higher education, one application for students who have an IEP or 504 plan, and one application for students who will be attending a trade school.

Questions? Please contact Marjorie Focarazzo at 585-749-5346 or mafocarazzo@gmail.com

National OSDIA Scholarships

The Sons of Italy Foundation sponsor their 2025 merit-based scholarships ranging from \$5000 to \$25,000. The description and specific requirements including the invitation to apply for each scholarship can be found on the Supreme Lodge's website: <https://osdia.org/initiatives/scholarships/>

General eligibility:

- US citizens of Italian descent who will be enrolled in an undergraduate program or graduate program at an accredited school of higher education for the fall 2025 term.
- \$35 non-refundable processing fee, which will include a one year at large membership to OSDIA, with all at-large membership benefits.
- Upon receipt of \$35 processing fee, the applicant will receive an email with a link to complete the application. All applications and materials, including letters of recommendation and transcripts through the December term, must be submitted online at the link provided, by the application deadline of **March 14th, 2025**.



ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270 - LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

ELIGIBILITY: High school senior graduating from a Monroe County public, private, parochial or certified home school, or related to a lodge member if living in another county. Student must be of Italian descent (at least one grandparent must be of Italian heritage). Student must commence study at an accredited educational institution to continue learning in the fall following their high school graduation, including community/junior colleges, colleges, universities, and career, technical or vocational/trade schools. Preference is given to students associated with members of the lodge, but anyone who meets the above requirements is eligible and encouraged to apply.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Official Application Form: Complete and submit the application form or a photocopy of the application.
2. Official Transcripts: A copy of the applicant's transcripts must be sent to the chair of the scholarship committee by the applicant's high school counselor.
3. Resume: Submit a current resume outlining extracurricular activities such as volunteer service, work experience, community service, sports honor received, etc.
4. Letters of Recommendation: Submit two letters of recommendation. One letter should be from someone associated with your school i.e. counselor, teacher, coach, etc.; and the other must be from someone outside of school i.e. employer, mentor, clergy, etc. Letters of recommendation from family members are not acceptable.
5. Essay: Submit an essay following the guidelines of this application form.
6. A photo of the applicant.

If so requested, applicant must be available to participate in an interview before the scholarship committee. The time and place of the interview will be announced once applications are reviewed.

The scholarship winner(s) will be presented his/her scholarship award in July. A check for the scholarship will be given to the students at the July event, made payable to the educational institution they will attend.

The scholarship recipients will be asked to address the group at the above event. Their parents and guests are also encouraged to attend the above meeting.

It is the responsibility of the scholarship applicant to ensure that all requested information is submitted to the Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Scholarship Committee Chairperson by the deadline of March 31st. Applications or materials received after the deadline date will not be considered for the scholarship.

Please submit your application and requested materials to:

vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com

-or-

Marisa Przepiora
2453 Wheeler Station Rd
Bloomfield, NY 14469

ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
(Please make sure print is clear and legible)

Name: (First) _____ (MI) _____ (Last) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Name and relation of any Vincent Lombardi Lodge members: _____

EDUCATIONAL SUMMARY

Name of High School Currently Attending: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Name of educational institutions to which student has applied. Please indicate any acceptance decisions known at time of application:

Essay description and requirements

The essay is a key piece of the scholarship application. For the essay we ask that you choose and interview a person of Italian descent. After reflection upon your conversation, please complete an essay of at least 500 words that meets these requirements.

1. Explain why you chose the person you did. (You may include your interviewee's name with permission).
2. Explain how this person's Italian-American heritage has influenced their life and life choices.
3. Discuss how this person's experience of Italian-American culture has influenced your understanding and appreciation of that heritage.
4. Describe the ways in which your understanding of Italian-American culture is either different from or similar to that of your interviewee.
5. If your interview was particularly vivid or surprising, explain why and reflect upon how the interviewee's remarks helped you to think about your own heritage.

2025 New York Grand Lodge Foundation Scholarship Application

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

APPLICATION FORM (Please Print Clearly or Type)

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Home Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

Sex: Circle one (Male/Female)

College to which you are applying: _____

Curriculum of study _____ 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 2025 semester. Graduate awards are for college graduates who will begin study in the Fall 2025 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. **ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION MUST BE INCLUDED.**
- 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, 2025.**
- 7) Awards will be presented at a ceremony within each respective district sometime in June/July 2025.

*** 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: _____

2025 NEW YORK GRAND LODGE FOUNDATION VOCATIONAL & TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP 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 study at a fully accredited vocational school in the Fall 2025 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, 2025.**
- 6) Awards will be presented at a ceremony within each respective district sometime in June/July 2025.

*** 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: _____

2025 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: _____

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.
- 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 State Grant Chairperson and POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2025.**
- 6) Awards will be presented at a ceremony within each respective district sometime in June/July 2025.

*** 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: _____