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Armand Dellovade, 1999
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Woman of the Year
Joanna Lachina, 2025
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Theresa Rocco, 1998
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November 2, 2026

Dear Senior School Counselor,

Last Spring the *Pittsburgh Chapter* of the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame (NIASHF) awarded individual scholarships of $4,000 each to four very deserving 2026 high school senior student athletes. In the last 39 years, the NIASHF has awarded scholarships to more than 230 Western Pennsylvania high school seniors. We invite you to forward the enclosed application to your graduating senior student athletes and encourage them to apply. The criteria for selection are as follows:

1. **High academic achievement**
2. **Financial need**
3. **Athletic ability at the varsity level**
4. **Anticipated June 2027 graduation**

The NIASHF does not discriminate on the basis of sex, creed, ethnic background, national origin or physical disability.

Please forward the enclosed application to qualified student/athletes who may be interested in applying for our scholarships.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS FEBRUARY 26, 2027

Thank you for your continued support, time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

NIASHF Scholarship Committee

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Instructions to applicants:

The NIASHF scholarships will be awarded to four very deserving 2027 high school graduating student athletes. The award consists of $4,000 in scholarship funds, awarded as $1,000 per year for four years provided the recipients successfully complete full time course loads each semester. The criteria for selection are as follows:

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4. **Anticipated June 2027 graduation**

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The application deadline is February 26, 2027.

Please complete all 4 pages either typing or using a black pen.

A completed application will include:

- **All 4 pages of the application, including the essay**
- **A high school transcript**
- **A copy of the parent(s) most current tax return with the social security numbers blanked out ... the 2025 tax return is fine, or the 2026 tax return if available.**

Please send the completed application to the following address:

National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 275
Glenshaw, PA 15116

Thank you.

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Scholarship Application

Please print using black pen or type – Entire form must be filled out completely to be eligible for consideration.
All information will remain confidential.

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____ **City/State** _____ **Zip Code** _____ **County** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Applicant Cell Phone** _____ **Parent Cell Phone** _____

Applicant Email Address _____ **Parent Email Address** _____

High School _____ **Graduation Date** _____

Athletic Information:

Sport(s) _____

Coach: _____ **Phone ( )** _____

Coach: _____ **Phone ( )** _____

Position(s) Played: _____

Team record during years that you participated: _____

Outstanding stats or performances by applicant: _____

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Athletic References: Name and address: _____

Phone ( ) _____ **Title:** _____

Academic Information

GPA _____ **Class Rank** _____ **Out of** _____ **SAT Score** _____ **ACT Score** _____

Academic References: Name and address _____

Phone ( ) _____ **Title:** _____

Honors Received: _____

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Any other pertinent information: _____

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Financial Information

Name of Applicant_____ **Date of Birth**_____

Address_____ **Phone( )**_____

City/State_____ **Zip Code**_____

Applicant lives with: Parents____ **Guardian** ____ **Father**____ **Mother**____

Father Deceased____ **Mother Deceased**____ **Separated/Divorced**____

Father's Occupation_____ **Employed By:**_____

Mother's Occupation_____ **Employed By:**_____

Number of Dependent Children living at home _____

Number of Dependent Children in High School (include applicant)_____ **Middle School**_____ **Elementary**_____

Other Dependents_____

PRESENT INCOME INFORMATION

Estimated 2026 annual income:_____

Please include total income before taxes for both parents (includes social security, Pension, Welfare Benefits, Child Support)

Do you own your home? No_____ **Rent Amount**_____

Yes____ **Purchase Price**_____ **Present Market Value**_____ **Unpaid mortgage**_____ **Utilities** _____

Other Real Estate: Purchase Price_____ **Present Market Value**_____ **Unpaid mortgage**_____

Bank Account Balance: Checking_____ **Savings**_____

Vehicles Owned: Year and Make_____

Annual Medical Expenses (Include Medical Insurance Premiums, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, etc.

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Children in School (Include Applicant on the first line):

	Name	Age	School	Grade	Tuition
1.	_____	____	_____	____	_____
2.	_____	____	_____	____	_____
3.	_____	____	_____	____	_____
4.	_____	____	_____	____	_____

List any other scholarships or financial aid already awarded to the applicant or any of the other children:

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I/We declare that the information on these pages is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge.

Father's Signature (or Guardian)_____ **Date:**_____

Mother's Signature (or Guardian)_____ **Date:**_____

Application deadline is February 26, 2027.

Additional Items Required

Please send:
This application and the essay on attached page 5
High School Transcript
Most recent Income Tax Return with social security number blanked out
Copy of Photo Identification Card if you are on public assistance
Mailing address is on page 5.
Thank you.

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ESSAY

Please use the following space to describe in two paragraphs the reasons why you feel that you are deserving of our scholarship. This information will assist the Scholarship Committee in making our decision. **Essay may be only one page in length. Please print (with black pen) or attach a one page typed document.**

Please mail entire application form and attachments no later than February 26, 2027 to:
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