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IAA of Monmouth County, New Jersey

Scholarship 2026

The Italian American Association of Monmouth County Scholarship fund was established in 2007 to enable and encourage high school seniors of Italian descent to pursue their educational goals with a college education. Finalists must demonstrate a serious interest in Italian culture, language and community involvement. This year, the IAA of Monmouth County is proud to offer the following scholarships to help defray the increasing expenses of a college education:

5 awards valued at \$500 each

Award Ceremony

The recipients of the awards will be required to attend the IAA Scholarship Awards Ceremony Wednesday, May 27, 2026. Location to be determined. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

For further information, additional applications or details, please contact Cheryl Scuzorzo, (732) 771-6785, or visit our website at <http://www.iaaofmc.com>

Applicants must be:

- College bound graduating high school seniors with an minimum academic average of 3.0
- Residents of Monmouth County, NJ
- U.S. citizens of Italian descent.

Applicants must show:

- A serious interest in Italian language and culture
- Academic achievement and merit.
- Involvement in community, academic and/or social activities.

Applications must be accompanied by:

- Official high school transcript
- Minimum of one academic letter of reference
- Minimum of one character letter of reference
- Essay responses

Please return the scholarship application by April 30, 2026. Mail it to:

IAA of Monmouth County

P.O box 224

Marlboro, New Jersey 07746

Attention: Scholarship Committee



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Part I General Information:

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ E-mail _____

High School Name and Address: _____

Colleges Applied to: _____

Intended Major (s) _____ Intended Minor (s) _____

Part II Short Answers – Please attach short answers to your application. Include your name on the top of each page. (Total of 150 words suggested).

- List extracurricular activities (include position held and length of involvement and approximate hours per week).
- List any awards, scholarships or any other type of recognition of achievement, which you have received.
- List any full time, part time or volunteer work performed.
- List any Italian courses taken.

Part III Essay: Please attach essay answers to your application. Include your name on the top of each page.

Essay topic:

The Italian heritage is rich with culture. Some elements of culture include food, art, beliefs, clothing, activities, holiday, religion, inventions, architecture and traditions.

- Name two elements of Italian culture. Describe how these are demonstrated in your life.
- How will you show honor and appreciation for your Italian Culture?
- How will you carry these elements of Italian culture into the next generation?

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____