

**Italian Genealogical Group 2017 Scholarship
First Prize \$ 2000 Scholarship [several others to be awarded]
Open to High School Seniors of Italian Descent**

Requirements for consideration of your application:

1. You must be of at least 25% Italian descent. [One grandparent is Italian]
2. Include signed, filled out application form.
3. **RESEARCH ESSAY** - You must submit an original, grammatically correct, typed (double-spaced, 12 Point) essay of 500 (minimum) to 750 (maximum) words showing evidence of your personal Italian family history research. **It should include HOW you did your research and found the information you used.**
4. You **MUST** include research – actual copies of documents. Note on them from **WHERE** they were obtained
5. **FAMILY STORY** – in addition to the “research essay”, there should be an essay containing the story of your family (could include their life in Italy, travel here, experiences here, etc.)
6. Fill out the family tree form (as much as possible) provided with the application. Tree must include non-Italian ancestors as well. Fill in all known information. Then print out for submission with your application. **The IGG Tree MUST be used. Names and DATES must be included.**
7. **Family photos ARE allowed BUT DO NOT** constitute “research.”
8. You will be marked on **THREE** things: research (40 pts) & family tree (40 pts), Family Story (20 pts.) Scoring will be weighted by the amount of information recorded and documented.
9. Your application **must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from an IGG member.** Perhaps your relative or friend might like to join us so that he or she can give you that recommendation.
10. Completed application, essay, documentation and family tree must be mailed to:

IGG Scholarship Committee 416 North 5th Street, Lindenhurst, NY 11757-3334

Note: Failure to include any of the above will result in **disqualification** of your application.

Applications **MUST** be **POSTMARKED** by **April 1, 2017.....No Exceptions!**

Finalists may be subject to a telephone interview by one of our judges.

Scholarships will be awarded on Saturday, June 10th, 2017, 10:30 AM at the IGG meeting. This meeting will take place on the lower level of the Bethpage Public Library [47 Powell Ave, Bethpage, NY 11714]. Scholarship recipient must be present barring extenuating circumstances or excessive distance.

Scholarship applications and the family tree are available on our website, www.italiengen.org after January 1st. Contact the scholarship committee at scholarshipigg@gmail.com for further information, and be sure to put IGG Scholarship on the subject line.

Winners' names and schools will be announced on our website and essays will be published in our newsletter.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR RESEARCH ESSAY

*Tell the story of how you obtained your information, from beginning to end. (For example, interviews with family members, family documents, photos, online research, including databases found on our website or available at your local library, etc. Remember, family information about your family tree needs to be verified by research! Please include copies (not originals) of all documents you have found with your research, including photographs. **Documents and photos will not be returned. Do not send in CD's.***

2017 Italian Genealogical Group Scholarship Application

Please PRINT all information legibly.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

List Your Italian Family Surnames: _____

High School: _____

Address: _____

College you will be attending: _____

Intended Major: _____

How did you learn about our scholarship? _____

IGG member who will offer a recommendation for you: _____

To the best of my knowledge, I affirm that the information on this form is complete and all accompanying documentation is accurate.

I further attest that this research is **MY OWN ORIGINAL** research.

If you are utilizing research previously done by another family member, it must be acknowledged as such.

Signature: _____ Date _____

REMEMBER, INFORMATION TYPED INTO THE FAMILY TREE FORM PROVIDED IS NOT SAVED!!

YOU MUST PRINT OUT A COMPLETED TREE AND INCLUDE THAT WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM.

TIPS FOR COMPLETING A PRINTABLE PEDIGREE CHART

1. List your name in position #1 on the left side of the chart.
2. Positions 2 and 3 will list your father and your mother.
{INCLUDE DATES – birth, marriage, death}
3. Continue building to the right, including grandparents, great-grandparents.
4. Always use **CAPITAL LETTERS** when writing names on these charts.
5. Always use **MAIDEN NAMES** for any female listed on your chart.
6. After you have printed out your four-generation tree, on the back of the page, you may add any next generation information your research has provided. (Such as information for great-great grandparents, etc.)