

Italian Genealogical Group Scholarship

First Prize \$2000 Scholarship [several other prizes to be awarded]. Open to High School Seniors of Italian Heritage

Requirements for consideration of your application:

1. You must be of at least 25% Italian descent. [i.e. One grandparent is Italian]

2. Include signed, completed application form.

3. WORK REQUIRED:
 - FAMILY STORY - an essay containing the story of your family which could include their life in Italy, travel here, experiences here, etc. (See essay instructions for more detail.)

 - B- RESEARCH - You MUST include research – include copies of documents (do not send originals). Note on them from WHERE/ HOW they were obtained. Family photos ARE allowed BUT DO NOT constitute “research.” (See essay instructions for more detail.)

 - C. FAMILY TREE – complete the form (as much as possible) provided on the IGG website. 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.

4. You will be marked on THREE things: family story (40 points), research (40 pts) & family tree (20 pts). Scoring will be weighted by the amount of information recorded and documented. The grading rubric is available and can be used by the student to facilitate the understanding of requirements.

5. 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.

6. Completed application, essay, documentation and family tree must be mailed to:
IGG Scholarship Committee 416 North 5th St., Lindenhurst, NY 11757-3334

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

Applicants are asked to CONSENT to the printing of their essays in our IGG newsletter. Finalists may be subject to a telephone interview by one of our judges.

Scholarships will be awarded on the 2nd Saturday of June at our IGG meeting which 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.

All work becomes the property of IGG and will not be returned to applicant.

Scholarship applications and the family tree are available on our website, www.italianguen.org. 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.

(See following page for ESSAY instructions)

Essay Instructions

In a typed (double-spaced, 12-point, Arial) well-written, grammatically correct essay of 750-1000 words, tell the genealogical story of your family. Using records such as birth, marriage, and death certificates, immigration, census and military records, etc. as well as oral history, give an account of your family from its origins in Italy to their arrival and experience in the United States. Beyond telling what and when it happened, what did you learn about your family's experience that you found important, interesting, surprising or even inspiring?

In a distinct paragraph, explain how you did your research. For example, interviews with family members, documents, photos, online research including genealogical databases. Copies (not originals) of the genealogical records and transcripts of oral interviews must accompany your essay. (Note on each what they are, how they relate to your family and how you found them.)

SCHOLARSHIP GRADING

APPLICANT # _____

BASIC REQUIREMENTS (circle one)

1- application form	YES	NO
2- 25% Italian descent	YES	NO
3- Letter current IGG member	YES	NO
4- postmarked on time	YES	NO
APPLICATION ACCEPTED?.....	YES	NO

ESSAY (max 40 points) [circle finding – give mark in appropriate area]

INADEQUATE (0-5)

Organization – no sense

Spelling/grammar – bad

ADEQUATE (6-10)

Organization makes sense

Few grammar/spelling errors

EXCEPTIONAL (11-20)

Organization flows well

Points addressed & supported

Little or no grammar/spelling errors

SUB _____

FAMILY TREE (max 20 points) [circle finding – give mark in appropriate area]

INADEQUATE (0-10)

Chart not used

Missing information in boxes 1-7

ADEQUATE (11-20)

Used pedigree chart

Missing info in boxes 1-15 w/o explanation

EXCEPTIONAL (21-40)

Used pedigree chart

No missing info or explained

Grandparents/great-grandparents’

Town or province included

SUB _____

RESEARCH DOCUMENTATION (max 40 points)

INADEQUATE (0-10)

- Little/no documentation for pedigree chart
- Missing research steps
- Dates of research missing
- No explanation for missing info _____

ADEQUATE (11-20)

- Some documentation for pedigree chart
- Explanation of research steps unclear
- Dates of research incomplete
- Some explanation for missing info _____

EXCEPTIONAL (21-40)

- Complete documentation for pedigree chart
- Explanation of research steps clear/concise
- Dates of research documented
- Complete explanation for missing info _____

SUB _____



Final Marking

Applicant # _____

REQUIREMENTS MET??.....

MARK

Essay.....

Family Tree.....

Research Documentation.....

TOTAL.....