

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.

Application must be *received* by April 1st, 2021

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:
 - A. **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) and Family Tree (20 pts)**. Scoring will be weighted by the amount of information recorded and documented. The grading rubric 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 **sent via e-mail** in PDF format to:

scholarships@italiengen.org

You will receive a confirmation when they have been received - **please re-send if you do not hear back within one week.**

Submitting all materials as a PDF or multiple PDFs is our preferred format. If you are unable to send electronically, then you may send a hard-copy of your application/materials to:

IGG Scholarship Committee

c/o Michael Cassara

41-15 46th Street - #1C

Sunnyside, NY 11104

*NOTE: Hard-copy entries must be *received* by 4/1, please allow ample time for mailing.*

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

Finalists may be subject to a telephone interview by one of our judges. Applicants consent that the IGG may print their essays in our publications.

Scholarships will be awarded on the second 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] or virtually, via Zoom. Scholarship recipients are expected to be present (barring extenuating circumstances or excessive distance) to receive their award.

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

Scholarship application forms and the required family tree/pedigree chart are available on our website, <http://www.italiengen.org/scholarships>

Contact the scholarship committee at scholarships@italiengen.org for further information, or any questions.

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

Essay Instructions

In a typed (**14-point, Arial, double-spaced**) 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?

Research Instructions

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.)

Directions for Family Tree/Pedigree Chart

The Family Tree pdf provided has fields and can be filled out electronically. Remember, you must save your filled in Family Tree form with your name!!

You must send us a completed Tree as a PDF and include that with your application form and supporting documents.

Tips for completing the 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 **MAIDEN NAMES** for any female listed on your chart.
5. After you have compiled your four generation tree, you may add any additional generation information your research has provided on a separate page or page(s) (such as information for great-great grandparents, etc.) – but the 4-generation tree is our main requirement.



1. Name
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Place:

2. Name
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Italian Genealogical Group Scholarship Application

Please TYPE or PRINT all information legibly

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

High School _____

Address _____

College you will be attending
(if known) _____

Intended major _____

List your Italian family surnames _____

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.

I **CONSENT** to the IGG printing my essay in their newsletter.

I agree that if I utilize research previously done by another family member, it must be acknowledged as such.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Evaluation Rubric

(the information on the following pages is provided for your reference only, this is the rubric used by the scholarship committee to score each application.)

Requirements for application acceptance as follow:

1. Signed, filled out application form
2. 25% Italian descent (one grandparent is Italian).
3. Letter or recommendation from current Italian Genealogical Group (IGG) member

If any of the above **requirements are missing**, application will be **DISCARDED** as null and void. For this application **spelling counts**. Compose in a Word document and spell check the document. Spell check catches most spelling errors but not all (example: there/their/they're). Proofread your completed application before submitting it.

Family Essay (40 points available)

Inadequate (0-10 Points)	Adequate (11-20 Points)	Exceptional (21-40 Points)
<p>Essay organization does not make sense</p> <p>There are many grammatical and spelling errors</p>	<p>Essay organization makes sense</p> <p>There are few grammatical and spelling errors</p>	<p>Essay organization flows well</p> <p>The main points of the essay are addressed and supported</p> <p>There are little to no grammatical or spelling errors</p>

Family Tree (20 points available)

If you are unable to obtain any information re: names, dates or locations of ancestors, please include explanation of inability to document

Inadequate (0-5 Points)	Adequate (6-10 Points)	Exceptional (11-20 Points)
<p>IGG Family Tree chart not used</p> <p>Missing information in boxes 1-7</p>	<p>IGG Family Tree chart used</p> <p>Missing information in boxes 1-15 without explanation</p>	<p>IGG Family Tree chart used</p> <p>Boxes 1-15 completed or explanation included for not filling out information</p> <p>Grandparents and/or great-grandparents town or province of origin included</p>

Research Documentation (40 points available)

All research must be followed by documentation. Family stories are wonderful to make history come alive but are **not considered “research” for our purposes unless they can be substantiated by research documents.** Example: Aunt Tillie said that your grandparents emigrated to the U.S. in 1910 by ship landing on Ellis Island; you must obtain records confirming this information. Please include copies of documentation (**not originals, they will not be returned**). If you cannot complete or document information, explain how you researched and why you were unable to obtain documentation.

Inadequate (0-10 Points)	Adequate (11-20 Points)	Exceptional (21-40 Points)
Little or no documentation to support information on Family Tree Explanation of research steps missing Dates of research not included No explanation of missing information	Some documentation to support information on Family Tree Explanation of research steps unclear Dates of research incomplete Some explanation of missing information	Complete documentation to support information on Family Tree Explanation of research steps clear and concise Dates of research documented Complete explanation of missing information

BASIC REQUIREMENTS (circle one)

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|------------------------------|-----|----|
| 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

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ADEQUATE (6-10)

- Organization makes sense
- Few grammar/spelling errors

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EXCEPTIONAL (11-20)

- Organization flows well
- Points addressed & supported
- Little or no grammar/spelling errors

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

INADEQUATE (0-10)

- Chart not used
- Missing information in boxes 1-7

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ADEQUATE (11-20)

- Used pedigree chart

Missing info in boxes 1-15 w/o explanation

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EXCEPTIONAL (21-40)

Used pedigree chart

No missing info or explained

Grandparents/great-grandparents' town
or province included

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APPLICANT

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RESEARCH DOCUMENTATION (max 40 points)

INADEQUATE (0-10)

Little/no documentation for family tree chart

Missing research steps

Dates of research missing

No explanation for missing info

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ADEQUATE (11-20)

Some documentation for family tree chart

Explanation of research steps unclear

Dates of research incomplete

Some explanation for missing info

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EXCEPTIONAL (21-40)

Complete documentation for family tree chart

Explanation of research steps clear/concise

Dates of research documented

Complete explanation for missing info

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Final Marking

Applicant # _____

Requirements Met??..... YES

NO

MARK

Essay.....	_____
Family Tree.....	_____
Research Documentation.....	_____
TOTAL	_____