

*SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA*  
*ST AUGUSTINE LODGE #2780*

***Scholarship Award Process 2018:***

**Initial Qualifying Factor:** Scholarship may be provided for any St. Johns County high school student with a demonstrable Italian-American heritage (of any proportion) and will be judged utilizing the following general criteria. Applicants must currently reside in St. Johns County and plan to be in a program of study in the fall of 2018 at an accredited institution of higher education. This includes a four-year college or university, a two- year community college, or a vocational/technical school.

**1. Additional Criteria:**

- a. Candidates will be judged based on academic achievement (minimum 3.0 in high school).
  - b. Recipient must be currently enrolled full-time in St. Johns County.
  - c. Partial preference for this scholarship is provided to students whose parents do not have a baccalaureate degree.
  - d. Applicants must be of good character, and have contributed to community, church, school, or home/family in some active demonstrated way.
  - e. This scholarship criterion has a need-based, partial preference component for a degree seeking, St. Johns County Florida resident. Applicants with demonstrated financial need (expected family income based on FAFSA) will also be given some consideration.
  - f. High school undergraduate students who demonstrate substantial financial need, and are accepted in postsecondary educational institutions and whose parents have not earned a baccalaureate or higher degree, should clearly so state.
2. If there are no qualifying St. Johns County students applying, the scholarship may be awarded to an out of St Johns County, Florida student.

**3. Instructions:**

- a. Complete the attached application form.
  - b. Enclose an official high school transcript.
  - c. Provide two letters of recommendation from your high school counselor and/or teachers.
  - d. Provide news clippings or other evidence of your activities and participation in community support.
4. In order to be eligible for the current year, all applications and supporting documents must be submitted to:

Scholarship Committee  
Sons of Italy Lodge #2780  
c/o Yessian  
276 San Nicolas Way  
St Augustine, FL 32080-7711

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED/POSTMARKED  
NO LATER THAN: APRIL 19, 2018**