



Columbus Italian Club Educational Assistance Corporation Scholarship Opportunity

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Dear Guidance Counselor or Financial Officer:

The Columbus Italian Club (CIC) is a fraternal organization whose mission is to promote and preserve Italian culture and heritage in the Italian-American community. The Columbus Italian Club and Education Assistance Corporation is proud to once again sponsor the CIC Scholarship Award. For more than 30 years the Columbus Italian Club has provided over \$400,000 in scholarships to help students of Italian descent with their post-secondary educational expenses.

The CIC scholarship program makes awards annually, typically in an amount of between \$1,000 and \$3,000, to high school seniors of Italian descent who wish to further their education. The criteria to apply are as follows:

- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25 out of 4.00
- Must be of Italian descent
- Must be a graduating senior from a high school in Central Ohio
- Must attend, within 9 months of the award, a college or university that offers an associates or baccalaureate degree or a technical or trade school.

The evaluation of an applicant focuses on four principal areas: academics, life activities, financial need, and how well they prepare an essay on a current topic relevant to Italians and Italian Americans.

The Columbus Italian Club respectfully requests that you use your judgment and recommend students graduating from your high school this year that you believe are deserving of consideration and meet the application criteria. The student portion of completed applications are to be returned to you. We ask that you sign the certification page, enclose it with all application materials and email it in PDF format to dspensiero@gmail.com. **Applications must be received no later than April 30, 2026.** Please feel free to make additional copies of the application. The application is available online at [Scholarship Program – CIC \(columbusitalianclub.com\)](http://Scholarship Program – CIC (columbusitalianclub.com)).

We thank you in advance for your assistance. If you should have any questions (please school officials only), you may contact Darren Spensiero at (949) 632-8748 or dspensiero@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

The Columbus Italian Club and Columbus Italian Club Educational Assistance Corporation