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January 15, 2024

Washington High School  
Attn: **High School Guidance Counselors**  
6000 College Pkwy  
Pensacola, FL 32504

The **Buona Fortuna Lodge** of **The Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy** in Pensacola has two scholarships available for High School Seniors in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties who plan to attend college next school year.

There are two \$2,000 scholarships at the present time and there is a possibility for additional scholarships if funding becomes available. Application deadline for this local program offering is April 15, 2024.

We also offer 10 scholarships available through our National Organization, OSDIA. Please refer to <https://www.osdia.org/initiatives/scholarships/>. The application deadline for these program offerings is March 7, 2024.

It is the goal of the **Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy** in America to promote, enhance and encourage the studies of Italian heritage and culture. These scholarship programs are designed to benefit worthy students of Italian descent or partial Italian descent, who display academic excellence and leadership qualities. Scholarships will be awarded based on eligibility, scholastic achievement, and participation in school and community programs. These scholarships are for students graduating from High School in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties or home schooled in those counties.

The application packet for these scholarships is attached to this letter. We are requesting that High School Guidance Counselors let their Senior's know about these scholarships so that they may apply.

When completed the applications can be scanned and e-mailed to [buonafortunascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:buonafortunascholarships@gmail.com) no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If you have any questions, please e-mail to the above address. Our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/sonsofitalybuonafortuna/> can also be visited for more information.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Joe Del Signore  
Buona Fortuna Lodge Scholarship Chair  
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**2024 National Scholarship Initiatives – Available at [OSDIA.org/initiatives/scholarships](https://OSDIA.org/initiatives/scholarships)**

**Deadline: March 7, 2024**

**General Studies Scholarships:** Individuals of Italian descent\* enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program or a graduate program at an accredited academic institution for the Fall 2024 term. Study Scholarship

**Henry Salvatori Scholarship:** Established by the late philanthropist and businessman for whom it is named, the Henry Salvatori Scholarship for General Study is a grant awarded to a college-bound high school senior who demonstrates exceptional leadership, distinguished scholarship, and a deep understanding and respect for the principles upon which our nation was founded: liberty, freedom, and equality.

**Italian Language Scholarship:** Individuals of Italian descent\* in their junior or senior year of undergraduate study for the Fall 2024 term, majoring or minoring in Italian language studies at an accredited academic institution, and individuals pursuing a Master's in Italian language studies or Italian American studies.

**National Italian American Bar Association (NIABA) & Sons Of Italy Foundation Scholarship:** Individuals of Italian descent\* enrolled in a law school program at an accredited academic institution for the Fall 2024 term. The applicant must be a rising first, second- or third-year law student.

**George L. Graziadio & SIF Scholarship:** Individuals of Italian descent\* enrolled in the Graziadio School of Business at Pepperdine University for the Fall 2024 term.

**Barbara And Thomas Lupo Scholarship:** Individuals of Italian descent\* enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program or a graduate program majoring in a health-related major (Medicine, Nursing, Public Healthcare, Psychology, etc.) at an accredited academic institution for the Fall 2024 term.

**Multiple Sclerosis / Bellino Scholarship:** Individuals of Italian descent\* who are children of a parent diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Candidates should be graduating from high school and planning on attending an accredited college.

**The American University of Rome Study Abroad Scholarship:** The American University in Rome (AUR) scholarship is for studying abroad Italian-American students at its campus in Rome, Italy. The recipient will attend as a full-time matriculating student.

**The Pietro Secchia Scholarship at John Cabot University:** The Pietro Secchia Scholarship is awarded to qualified Italian-American study-abroad students at John Cabot University in Rome, Italy. This scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic merit, financial need, and the desire to further your knowledge of Italian heritage.

**The Italian American Baseball Foundation (IABF) and SIF Scholarship:** Eligibility: The IABF & SIF scholarship is awarded to deserving student-athletes who express pride in Italian culture and heritage.

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*Buona Fortuna and Russo Scholarships*  
**2024 Scholarship Eligibility Requirements**

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- ★ Association with the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America is not a prerequisite. However, the applicant must be of Italian descent or partial Italian descent (at least one grandparent or great-grandparent etc. was Italian).
- ★ Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.00 (unweighted)
- ★ Applicants must have a minimum SAT total score of 1200 -or- must have a minimum ACT Composite score of 23.
- ★ Recipients must be accepted as a full-time student at an accredited junior college, college or university and must enroll immediately following graduation from high school.

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*Buona Fortuna and Russo Scholarships*  
**2024 Scholarship Application Checklist**

*To be considered for a 2024 scholarship, you must complete and return this checklist and the attached four (4) page application via email no later than April 15th, 2024. If you have additional questions please contact Joe DelSignore at [buonafortunascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:buonafortunascholarships@gmail.com).*

Please indicate which documents you are including with your submissions.

You must include each of the following documents:

- Scholarship Checklist
- Scholarship Application (4 pages)
- Official High School Transcript (through fall semester)

You must also include one of the following documents:

- Copy of S.A.T. Scores
- Copy of A.C.T. Composite Score

You must also include a 750-word (maximum) essay on one of the following topics:

- “Cultura Italiana: The Impact of Italian American Culture on American Society”
- “La Famiglia: The Importance of Italian American Family Values in Modern Day America”
- “From Humble Beginnings: What it Means to be Italian American in 2024.”

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2024 APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

**(A) APPLICANT'S INFORMATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first) (middle)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and street)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(city) (state) (zip code) (phone number)

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**(B) FAMILY INFORMATION**

FATHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

LIST NAMES AND AGES OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND INDICATE IF ANY ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING COLLEGE.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ In college \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ In college \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ In college \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ In college \_\_\_\_\_

**(C) SCHOOL INFORMATION**

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF GRADUATION \_\_\_\_\_

GPA YEAR-BY-YEAR: WEIGHTED FR \_\_\_\_\_ SO \_\_\_\_\_ JR \_\_\_\_\_ SR \_\_\_\_\_

GPA YEAR-BY-YEAR: UNWEIGHTED FR \_\_\_\_\_ SO \_\_\_\_\_ JR \_\_\_\_\_ SR \_\_\_\_\_

PSAT SCORES: VERBAL \_\_\_\_\_ MATH \_\_\_\_\_

SAT SCORES: VERBAL \_\_\_\_\_ MATH \_\_\_\_\_

ACT COMPOSITE SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST SCHOOL CLUBS, OFFICES, AND ACTIVITIES YOU ARE INVOLVED IN

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**(D) PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS AND HOBBIES**

LIST COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.

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**(E) WHAT ARE YOUR INTERESTS, HOBBIES, PASTIMES AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES?**

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**(F) WORK EXPERIENCE**

LIST ANY WORK EXPERIENCE(S) AND INDICATE IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED.

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**(G) COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF APPLICATION**

LIST THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR ADMISSION. STATE IF YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

IN WHAT SUBJECTS DO YOU PLAN TO MAJOR AND MINOR (IF APPLICABLE)?

MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_ MINOR \_\_\_\_\_

**(H) ITALIAN HERITAGE**

RECIPIENTS OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP MUST BE OF ITALIAN DESCENT. DESCRIBE AND EXPLAIN HOW YOU QUALIFY.

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**(I) TERMS OF APPLICATION**

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I CERTIFY THAT I AM OF ITALIAN DESCENT AND INTEND TO ENROLL AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN AN ACCREDITED JUNIOR COLLEGE, COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY IMMEDIATELY UPON GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

This application must be completely filled out. *Incomplete applications will not be considered or returned.* Scholarship winners will be notified no later than May 27th, 2024. There will be two scholarships awarded.

Please **e-mail** the completed, four (4) page application, checklist, and all applicable supporting documents no later than April 15th, 2024, to the following e-mail address:

[buonafortunascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:buonafortunascholarships@gmail.com)