



Order Sons Of Italy In America
Southern Colorado Lodge No. 2738
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Form-2738SA (Rev. 01-2026)

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT/APPLICANT

Read instructions below. To ensure your application is received timely, please follow the instructions below.

ELIGIBILITY!

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP FROM THIS LODGE, YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS YEARS SCHOLARSHIP.

MAIL or DELIVER APPLICATIONS TO:

**ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
ATTN: GINO CARLEO
503 NORTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 5
PUEBLO, CO 81003**

2026

Scholarship Application Requirements

1. Deadline:

All applications must be submitted by **3:30 PM on January 9, 2026.**

Late applications will not be considered.

2. Notification:

Scholarship recipients will be notified via email or U.S. Mail on or before January 19, 2026.

3. Post-Award Requirements:

Recipients must adhere to the requirements outlined in Sections E, F, and G.

Failure to meet these requirements by the specified dates will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

Make sure to thoroughly review all sections and ensure your application is complete before the deadline! If you need help with anything specific, feel free to ask!

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name Last		First		Middle Initial	
Street Address		City		State	Zip Code
Date of Birth	Cell Phone	Home Phone		☐ Male	☐ Female
Email Address					
School Currently Attending					

II. PARENTS INFORMATION

Father's Last Name		First		Middle Initial	
Street Address		City		State	Zip Code
Cell Phone	Home Phone	Are they a current member of a Sons of Italy Lodge? If so, what State/Lodge No?			
Mother's Last Name		First		Middle Initial	
Street Address		City		State	Zip Code
Cell Phone	Home Phone	Are they a current member of a Sons of Italy Lodge? If so, what State/Lodge No?			

III. PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS INFORMATION		
Grandfather's Last Name	First	Middle Initial
Are they a current member of a Sons of Italy Lodge? If so, what State/Lodge No.?		
Grandmother's Last Name	First	Middle Initial
Are they a current member of a Sons of Italy Lodge? If so, what State/Lodge No.?		
IV. MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS INFORMATION		
Father's Last Name	First	Middle Initial
Are they a current member of a Sons of Italy Lodge? If so, what State/Lodge No.?		
Mother's Last Name	First	Middle Initial
Are they a current member of a Sons of Italy Lodge? If so, what State/Lodge No.?		
<i>Do you have any other relatives or friends, other than those indicated, that are current members of the Order Sons of Italy, Southern Colorado Lodge No. 2738? If so, please complete the following section.</i>		
V. RELATIVES AND FRIENDS INFORMATION		
Last Name	First	Middle Initial
Are they a current member of a Sons of Italy Lodge? If so, what State/Lodge No.?		Relationship to you?
Last Name	First	Middle Initial
Are they a current member of a Sons of Italy Lodge? If so, what State/Lodge No.?		Relationship to you?
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VI. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Applicants Rank	Class Size	Cumulative GPA	GPA Scale	Is the GPA weighted? ☐ Yes ☐ No
A.C.T. COMP	S.A.T Score	Year in School at this time?		

Name of School

Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Printed name and title of school official completing this form

Signature of School Official	Date
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College Major

VII. A LITTLE ABOUT YOU

What part of Italy are you ancestors from? _____

What is one thing on your bucket list? _____

VIII. SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

A. Attach a type written narrative that addresses the following:

- 1) Cultural Influence: How has your Italian heritage influenced your values, traditions, and identity? Please provide specific examples.
- 2) Community Involvement: Describe any involvement you have had in your local Italian community or cultural organizations. How has this shaped your experience?
- 3) Family Heritage: Share a story or tradition from your family that reflects your Italian heritage. Why is it meaningful to you?
- 4) Academic Goals: How do you plan to incorporate your Italian heritage into your future academic or career goals?
- 5) Challenges and Resilience: Have you faced any challenges related to your cultural background? How did you overcome them?

- 7) Cultural Appreciation: What aspect of Italian culture (e.g., art, cuisine, music) do you most appreciate, and why?
 - 8) Future Contributions: How do you hope to contribute to the preservation and promotion of Italian culture in your community?
 - 9) Inspiration: Who in your life, whether a family member or a public figure, has inspired you to embrace your Italian heritage, and how?
 - 10) Scholarship Impact: How would receiving this scholarship help you further explore and celebrate your Italian heritage?
- B. Attach a copy of your grade If you are currently in college include high school transcripts as well)**
- C. Attach all letters of recommendation including those from High School or College.**
- D. Attach a list of extracurricular activities and leadership experience.**

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS IF YOUR AWARDED ONE OF THIS YEARS SCHOLARSHIPS.

- E. PHOTO:** The applicant will be required to provide a quality 5 x 7 (or larger) senior photo (or equivalent) of themselves that will be used in printed material and video presentation. Please see the photo requirements at the end of this application.
- F. INTERVIEW:** You will be required to participate in a video interview that will used in conjunction with the Scholarship Awards Presentation. You will be required to complete this interview by the deadlines outlined. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 30, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Confirmation of those times and additional times will be announced in future correspondence with those awarded a scholarship.
- G. ATTENDANCE:** Your attendance at the Scholarship Awards Dinner that will be held from 6:00PM to 10:00PM on Saturday, March 7, 2026 is mandatory.

Please tell how your heard about this scholarship?

VIII. APPLICANTS SIGNATURE	
Signature of applicant	Date

Photo Submission Specifications:

TO SUBMITT A PHOTO BY EMAIL

- 1.) **File Format:** Submit your photo in JPEG (.jpg) or PNG (.png) format.
- 2.) **Resolution:** The photo should be at least 300 DPI (dots per inch) for optimal quality.
- 3.) **Dimensions:** Minimum size of 5x7 inches. Please ensure the file is not overly compressed.
- 4.) **File Size:** The file size should not exceed 10 MB to ensure successful email delivery.
- 5.) **Naming Convention:** Please name your file using the following format:
LastName_FirstName_Scholarship.jpg (e.g., Smith_John_Scholarship.jpg).
- 6.) **Background:** Choose a simple, neutral background that does not distract from your image.
- 7.) **Clothing:** Wear appropriate attire; professional or semi-formal clothing is recommended.
- 8.) **Quality:** Ensure the photo is well-lit, in focus, and represents you clearly.
- 9.) **Submission Method:** Attach your photo to an email and send it to both of the following:
ginocarleo@yahoo.com
alspinuzzi@msn.com
- 10.) **Deadline:** Submit your photo by Monday, January 30, 2026, 5:00PM.

TO HAND-DELIVER A PHOTO

- 1.) **Size:** Specify dimensions (5x7 inches or 8x10 inches).
- 2.) **Quality:** Glossy or Matte finish is acceptable, resolution 300 DPI or greater.
- 3.) **Format:** Specify if the photos should be printed in color or black and white.
- 4.) **Packaging:** Photos should delivered in an envelope and clearly marked with the first and last name of the Scholarship Recipient.
- 5.) **Deliver to:** Hand-delivered photos should be delivered to:
ATTN: GINO CARLEO
503 NORTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 5
PUEBLO, CO 81003
Hours between 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM M-F
- 6.) **Deadline:** Submit your photo by Monday, January 30, 2026, 5:00PM.