



Upper Keys Sons and Daughters of Italy

Steve Calcagni Dante Scholarship

Application 2025

Application Checklist

In order to be considered for a 2025 scholarship, you must complete and return this checklist and the attached application, **postmarked no later than March 31, 2025. No exceptions or extensions.** You must also include an official High School transcript (sealed or sent by the High School directly) and a 750-word essay on the topic below.

Please mark, showing which documents you are including with your submission:

- Scholarship Checklist
- Scholarship Application
- Official High School Transcript (sealed by school)
- Essay (750 words maximum)

The essay is an important component of your application. Please pay attention not just to the subject material, but to composition and grammar. The essay should be your own research (please provide references) and using your own words. It is wise to have someone proofread it (but not rewrite it for you).

The essay should be on Italian culture/heritage. Please choose a specific topic or area, such as the arts, including (but not limited to) theater, cinema, music, and literature, or science and medicine. Please describe your chosen topic and the effect it has had on your life. You may write how it has influenced U.S. society, but we are looking for your personal experience first. (While we enjoy a well-written essay on food & eating, other topics are encouraged.)

Also important is our deadline. Please show us that you know the importance of commitment and being on time by submitting your application by the due date. **Applications not post-marked or submitted by March 31, 2025, will not be considered.** It counts!

Applicant's Name _____



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(A) Applicant's Information

Name _____
(last) (first) (middle)

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____ Email _____

Address _____
(street number) (street name)

(city) (state) (zip code)

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Names and ages of sisters and brothers and, if attending college, name of college & where located

1. Name _____ Age _____ College _____

2. Name _____ Age _____ College _____

3. Name _____ Age _____ College _____

4. Name _____ Age _____ College _____

(B) School Information

Name of High School or Junior College Currently Attending _____

Date of Graduation from High School _____

GPA by Year: Weighted Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Unweighted Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

(get help with this if you don't know)

List School Activities, Clubs, and Offices in which you are involved _____

(C) List Community Organizations and Activities in which you have been involved.

(D) List Personal Activities and Interests

(E) List Colleges and Universities to which you have applied for admission, or the name of the Junior College which you are currently attending, including the state where located.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

(F) List the subject of your planned major and minor, or possibilities if you do not yet know.

Major _____ Minor _____

(G) List Scholarships and Financial Aid for which you have received or for which you have applied

(H) Recipients of this scholarship must be of Italian heritage. Explain how you qualify: which parent carries the Italian lineage, who in your family immigrated to the U.S. from Italy, etc. If you are not of Italian heritage, your parent or grandparent must be a member of the Upper Keys Sons & Daughters of Italy as of January 1, 2025 (memberships begun after this date do not apply for 2025 scholarship awards).

(I) List all present or past family members who are or have been members of the Order of Sons (and Daughters) of Italy in America. This is for informational use only and not a factor in the decision-making process.

(J) Terms of Application

By my signature below, I certify that I am of Italian descent, or my parent/grandparent is a member of UKSDI and intend to enroll as a full-time student in an accredited Junior College, College, or University immediately upon graduating from high school. If already attending a junior college, I plan to continue to attend the next semester.

(Applicant's Signature)

(Date)

(Parent's Signature)

(Date)

(Parent's email)

(parent's cell phone)

This application must be completely filled out. Incomplete applications will not be considered nor returned.

Call Elena Muratori at 305-395-9658 with any questions you may have.

Scholarship winners will be notified no later than June 1, 2025. Mail by U.S. Postal Service: the completed application, check list, and all applicable supporting documents, postmarked no later than March 31, 2025.

Mail To: **Upper Keys Sons & Daughters of Italy**
Attention Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 371552
Key Largo, FL 33037-1552