GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS

ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA

Charitable and Educational Trust

APPLICATION FOR
2027 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

(Prior years' applications will not be accepted)



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APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

1. Name: _____ Telephone: _____

2. Mailing Address: _____

   City, State, Zip: _____ Date of Birth: _____

3. Email Address: _____

4. Are you a current Member or Junior Member of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts? Y _____ N _____
   (The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts also includes Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont)
   If yes, Lodge #_____

5. Are any of your parents or grandparents members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts?
   (Note: Carefully read item # 4 under Scholarship Rules)
   If no, please skip to Question # 6 Y _____ N _____

   Relative # 1 Name: _____ Lodge # _____

   Relationship: Parent _____ Grandparent _____ If deceased, year of death: _____

   Relative # 2 Name: _____ Lodge # _____

   Relationship: Parent _____ Grandparent _____ If deceased, year of death: _____

   Relative # 3 Name: _____ Lodge # _____

   Relationship: Parent _____ Grandparent _____ If deceased, year of death: _____

   Relative # 4 Name: _____ Lodge # _____

   Relationship: Parent _____ Grandparent _____ If deceased, year of death: _____

6. High School Currently Attending: _____
   (SCHOOL) (CITY) (STATE)

7. Name of College you plan to attend: _____
   (You do not need to be officially accepted – just list your preferred choice)

8. Field of Interest: _____
   (MAJOR) (MINOR)
   (Please include the concentration for all Majors if possible - i.e.: Education – Early Childhood, Art Education, etc.)

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

IMPORTANT

ALL FIVE (5) ITEMS LISTED UNDER SECTION 'C' OF THE 'SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST' **MUST BE MAILED IN ONE ENVELOPE AND POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2027 TO**:

Charitable and Educational Trust, OSDIA
ATTN: Scholarship Chair
85 River Street Suite 2
Waltham, Massachusetts 02453

(SEE SCHOLARSHIP RULES AND CHECKLIST ON FOLLOWING PAGES)

SCHOLARSHIP RULES

1. A maximum of twenty, one thousand dollar ($1,000), scholarships shall be awarded annually by the Charitable and Educational Trust of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. Additional scholarships of varying amounts provided by donors are awarded under the same guidelines and/or guidelines established by the donor.

2. The Scholarship Commission shall recommend to the State Council at least twenty principals and six alternates. One principal award each shall be made to a student majoring in the following subjects: art, music, and Italian. One principal award shall be granted to a properly qualified student planning to pursue their education in a recognized and accredited vocational or technical school, which may be a two-year degree or certificate granting institution. A maximum of four scholarship awards shall be granted to properly qualified students who are residents of a state within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, regardless of affiliation with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

3. Any money donated by filial lodges, other organizations, or individuals, to the Charitable and Educational Trust of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, for the purpose of scholarships, shall be awarded to properly qualified applicants through the recommendation of the Scholarship Commission to the State Council.

4. Except for those scholarships to be awarded to properly qualified students regardless of affiliation with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, applicants must be:

   (a) Current members in good standing of the Junior Division or of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts <u>for at least two years at the time of application</u> or

   (b) Children or Grandchildren of current members in good standing of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts <u>for at least two years at the time of application</u>.

      i. This provision includes deceased members who were in good standing at the time of their passing, who were members of the Grand Lodge for at least two years, and whose death was between 2022 and 2027.

5. If all twenty scholarships are not awarded because of an insufficient number of properly qualified candidates, the value of the unawarded scholarships shall remain in the Charitable and Educational Trust of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America.

6. Each scholarship award shall be made payable in full directly to the recipient at the beginning of the first semester of the first year upon receipt of confirmation of enrollment as a full-time student on College/University letterhead and a copy of the first semester tuition bill.

7. Scholarship awards are limited to members of the Senior Class of any secondary school and shall be awarded on the following basis:

   (a) Scholastic Ability
   (b) Character
   (c) Activities

8. Scholarship consideration shall be given <u>only to applicants planning to attend four-year degree granting institutions</u> (with the exception of a two-year vocational and/or technical institution) approved by the Scholarship Commission and accredited by the State Board of Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or corresponding agencies of other states.

9. Should the applicant decide to enter a college other than the one for which the scholarship has been granted, they must submit its name to the Scholarship Commission for approval no later than September 1, 2027.

10. Applications **<u>must be postmarked no later than FEBRUARY 1, 2027</u>** and mailed to:

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11. If the scholarship awards cannot be used within the immediate scholastic year due to unforeseen circumstances, the Scholarship Commission may make other recommendations. No award shall be made if, in the judgment of the Scholarship Commission, no applicant is properly qualified.

SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

A. Be sure you have read the rules carefully. Answer each question on the application to the best of your ability. If you have any questions, please email us at info.massosdia@gmail.com.

B. All applications become the property of the Charitable and Educational Trust of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, and cannot be returned.

C. A complete application must contain the following five (5) items:

1. The 'Application for Scholarship Award' form filled out completely and signed by the applicant.
2. A signed letter of recommendation from your high school principal, school counselor, or teacher. **This letter must be signed and on school letterhead.**
3. A letter from the applicant that addresses the following topic: How do you celebrate your heritage, and why is it important to recognize, preserve, and celebrate individual or family heritage?
4. A resume detailing extracurricular involvement, leadership positions, community service, employment, and any awards/accolades received, including dates of involvement.
5. An official transcript of grades dated and signed and/or certified by the appropriate high school official. Transcripts must include all grades as of, and be dated on or after, **December 1, 2026**.

OPTIONAL:

Official SAT and/or ACT scores, printed directly from the College Board website or on the applicant's official high school transcript. **(NO SELF-REPORTED SCORES WILL BE ACCEPTED.)**

D. Your application will be disqualified if all five (5) items listed above are not received in **one envelope, postmarked no later than FEBRUARY 1, 2027. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE**.

E. Recipients only will be notified by email by March 31, 2027.

Please note: The scholarship must be used in the academic year for which it has been awarded, or it will be forfeited.

Materials should be mailed to:
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Please mail only the **"Application for Scholarship Award"** portion of this packet.