

2026 New York Grand Lodge Foundation Scholarship Application

Arthur Spera, Foundation President – Joanne Spera, Scholarship Chairperson

APPLICATION FORM (Please Print Clearly or Type)

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Home Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Sex: Circle one (Male/Female)

College to which you are applying. _____

Curriculum of study _____ Date entering: _____

Name/Address of High School: _____

Graduation Date: _____

FAMILY MEMBERS OF OSDIA LODGES MUST COMPLETE THE LODGE IDENTIFICATION SECTION BELOW. THIS IS NOT REQUIRED FOR NON-AFFILIATED APPLICANTS.

Lodge Name & Number: Duca Degli Abruzzi Lodge #443 Location: 126 Odell Ave, Endicott, NY 13760

OSDIA Member: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

President of Lodge: Matt Coletta President's Signature: Matt Coletta

Address of Lodge: 126 Odell Ave, Endicott, NY 13760 Phone#: 607-785-2567

DIRECTIONS TO APPLICANT: CHECK ONE: UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATE

Check only if applying for: Italian Studies Returning Student Education Studies Business Undergraduate
Graduate/Science/Engineering Religious Studies Music/Arts

APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE "ALL" INFORMATION ON THIS FORM

- 1) Undergraduate awards are for current high school seniors who will begin full time undergraduate study in the Fall 2026 semester. Graduate awards are for college graduates who will begin study in the Fall 2026 semester. If chosen as a recipient, awards will be made payable to the **student and the institution, as per Federal Regulations.**
- 2) The following **MUST** be submitted directly to the District Scholarship Chairperson for the applicant's lodge or geographic district: (a) Official transcripts **including** first semester senior year grades and SAT/ACT scores. (b) Class rank and size of graduating class should be included, if possible. (c) **Two letters of recommendation** from teachers or counselors. (d) A student essay (**no more than 350 words**) summarizing educational and career goals, school and community service and a discussion of the significance of your Italian heritage. (e) **Completed Checklist. ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION MUST BE INCLUDED.**
- 3) **Scholarships are awards for academic excellence and service. Students are required to have a MINIMUM AVERAGE of 85% or above.**
- 4) Applicant **MUST** be a resident of New York State and of Italian heritage/lineage.
- 5) **A \$10 application fee, made payable to the NY Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc., MUST BE INCLUDED WITH APPLICATION.**
- 6) **Application, fee and supporting material MUST be sent to the District Scholarship Chairperson and POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2026.**
- 7) Awards will be presented at a ceremony, location to be determined, sometime in June/July 2026.

*** Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

PLEASE CALL THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE AT 516-785-4623 FOR INFORMATION ON YOUR DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRPERSON

District Chairperson: Josephine Federico District: VII

Address: 4966 Driftwood Drive, Liverpool, NY 13088