Amici

Naperville Area Italian American Club

Mission Statement

Amici Naperville Area Italian American Club is a non-profit social organization for those people who wish to further the appreciation of their Italian heritage and love of the Italian culture.

2015 Scholarship Program

In recognition of outstanding achievements by young persons of Italian descent seeking to make a positive impact in our world, this scholarship is being offered to students who wish to continue their education in any accredited higher learning institution or qualified vocational school.

It is open to high school seniors in the Class of 2015 with some Italian ethnicity who attend an accredited Naperville area high school *or* who are related to an Amici Club member living outside of greater Naperville. The student must have a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, have applied for admission to an accredited two or four year degree granting academic or vocational school, and have completed all scholarship application requirements.

An award in the amount of $1,000 will be granted to a single student and can be used toward education costs (books, tuition, study abroad, etc.).

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA: . **This is a merit-based award. It is a scholarship based on achievement; judged on personal initiative and demonstrated character, overall current and past academic achievements, extracurricular involvement, and supportive content of recommendation letters plus strength of the essay as it illustrates how applicant's ability for creative thinking were influenced by his/her Italian background.**

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This program and an application can be downloaded from our website - **www.amiciclub.org**

REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed application and accompanying materials (original 600-800 word personal essay plus 2 letters of recommendation and official high school transcript in sealed envelopes) must be postmarked or delivered no later than **April 15, 2015**. ***Please note that applications after April 15 will not be considered.***

2. **Personal Essay:** Essay must be typed and double spaced and must address the following topic:

"**How does the unique characteristic of your Italian heritage benefit you in attaining your educational and life goals?"**

Essay will be judged on the basis of creativity, uniqueness, originality and sincerity.

3. **Other criteria considered by the scholarship committee will include completeness and accuracy of application as well as academic and extracurricular achievement.**

Payment of the scholarship will go directly to the award recipient and is dependent upon acceptance by and proof of enrollment in the winner's chosen institution.

All scholarship materials must be submitted together in the order shown below. Please note: ***Deadline for postmarked or hand-delivered submissions is April 15, 2015*.** Completed applications must include:

1. Completed and signed scholarship application form;
2. Two letters of recommendation from appropriate sources in sealed envelopes;
3. Most current official high school transcript in sealed envelope;
4. Original essay written by the applicant.

Only applications that fully comply with stated criteria will be considered. Decision to award a scholarship will be made by the Scholarship Committee. There are no appeals. Committee decision will be made by May 2nd and winner will be notified immediately. Designated recipient for the **2015** Amici Club Scholarship and his/her immediate family will be invited to attend the club's general meeting for presentation of the award in **May, 2015**.

Disclaimer: The application and all materials provided by applicants will be used only for the purpose of awarding the **2015** scholarship. They will not be used for any commercial purpose nor provided to any outside firm for any reason.

Application materials must be postmarked by April 15, 2015 and mailed to:
Mary Piccin, Scholarship Chairman
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942 Montgomery Court
Naperville 60540
Questions? Contact Mary:
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