



Festa ITALIANA



March 5, 2021

Re: 2021 Festa Italiana Tampa Scholarship sponsored in honor of Nelson Italiano

Dear Guidance & College and Career Counselors, Parents/Guardians and Students,

We are writing to inform you of our 2021 Festa Italiana Tampa Scholarship sponsored in honor of Nelson Italiano. This is our nineteenth year offering this \$5,000.00 scholarship to area high school seniors. Here are the criteria:

1. Be a high school senior graduating in the Spring of 2021 at a Hillsborough County public or private high school.
2. Be admitted to a four-year college or university for the Fall of 2021.
3. Be of Italian descent - this is interpreted as having a parent, grandparent or great-grandparent who was born in Italy.
4. Have a grade-point average of at least 3.5 out of 4.0 (or the equivalent).
5. Be a United States citizen or a permanent resident alien.

This scholarship is limited to a Hillsborough County student, so students' chances are increased considerably. Please note that the applicant may reside in Pinellas or other counties. Applications will be blindly evaluated. This means, names, addresses, or distinguishing information that would reveal the applicant's identity on the application will not be made available to scholarship evaluators. Awardee will be asked to submit a written acceptance letter of the scholarship award and submit a current color photograph, both of which will be placed in the Italian Club newsletter. If you feel you are a good candidate for this application, we encourage you to obtain the application one of two ways:

- Download from Festa Italiana Tampa Website at www.festaitalianatampa.com.
- Contact Mark Stanish via email mark@italian-club.org

All applications, essays, and certifications must be typed. Completed applications are to be printed and mailed via USPS, and must be **postmarked by March 26th, 2021**. To submit an application, please mail to the Italian Club, Attention: Scholarship Committee, 1731 E. 7th Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Italian Club at (813)248-3316 or via email at Mark@Italian-Club.org.

Saluti,

The Festa Italiana Scholarship Committee

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

For current high school seniors graduating in the Spring of 2021, from a Hillsborough County public or private high school (applicant may reside in Pinellas or other counties). Scholarship winners will be notified via certified mail.

CHECKLIST FOR SUBMISSION

- ✓ **Application Must Be Typed, no handwritten applications will be accepted.**
- ✓ Completed 2021 Festa Italiana Tampa Scholarship application form
- ✓ Maximum 500-word essay, about "How has your Italian heritage shaped your life in a significant way?"
- ✓ Guidance & College and Career Counselor Reference Form
- ✓ Mail completed scholarship application including essay **postmarked by March 26th 2021**
- ✓ Completed application are to be mailed to: The Italian Club of Tampa, Attn: Festa Italiana Tampa Scholarship Committee, 1731 E. 7th Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605

Application MUST be typed & All portions of this application must be completed.

Applicant Information:

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: () _____ Birth Date: / /

Email Address: _____

High School Attending: _____ Graduation Date: /

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please list any extracurricular activities along with length of participation in each activity:

<u>Name of Activity/Program</u>	<u>Years Involved:</u>	<u>Description of Activity/Program</u>
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____

College you plan to attend: _____

Date you plan to enter college: _____

Current Employment History: _____

Other Scholarship Awards:

Please list other scholarships you have received or expect to receive. Please list all awards along with dollar amount. (Indicate if it is a one-time scholarship or annual. Use separate sheet if necessary)

	<u>Name of Scholarship:</u>	<u>Annual (Yes/No):</u>	<u>Amount Applied For:</u>	<u>Amount Received:</u>
1.	_____		\$ _____	\$ _____
2.	_____		\$ _____	\$ _____
3.	_____		\$ _____	\$ _____
4.	_____		\$ _____	\$ _____
5.	_____		\$ _____	\$ _____

Genealogy Information:

Please list names of parent(s), grandparent(s), great-grandparent(s) who were born in Italy (you don't need to use all 5 lines):

	<u>Name of Family Member</u>	<u>Relation to Applicant:</u>	<u>Region of Heritage:</u>
1.	_____		
2.	_____		
3.	_____		
4.	_____		
5.	_____		

Applicant Essay:

The celebration of Italian culture and heritage is at the very heart of the Festa Italiana, and is the backbone of the Italian Club's of Tampa mission statement. In 500 words or less, please describe how your Italian heritage has shaped your life in a significant way and what role it plays in guiding your future as you move into college. The essay must be typed and included on a separate sheet of paper with your name at the top.

Application Certification:

I certify that I am a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident (alien # _____) and am currently a high school senior in good standing. All requested references are enclosed and the information I have submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guidance & College and Career Counselor Reference

This part is to be completed by your high school Guidance Counselor. This part should be completed only after the applicant has fully completed the scholarship application. This form should be included with your application. DO NOT MAIL SEPARATELY.

Applicant

Name: _____

High School Attending: _____

Graduation Date: _____ / _____

School Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Student GPA: _____

Student rank out of total class size: _____ / _____

Did applicant receive any special recognition for school activities? If so, please explain:

Anything additional you feel would qualify this student for scholarship consideration?

I certify that the information contained herein is correct to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that the data related to scholastic performance is from a current and official transcript.

Applicant

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Title: _____

Application & all required attachments together must be postmarked by March 26th 2021 and sent to:

**The Italian Club of Tampa
Attn: Scholarship Committee
1731 E. 7th Avenue
Tampa, FL 33605**