

***Dante Commission on Education/Culture***  
***Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Sons and Daughters of Italy***

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February 2022

Dear Eighth Grade Student:

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Sons and Daughters of Italy, awards scholarships to eighth grade students through our Dante Commission on Education/Culture. This year 14 grants of \$500 each will be awarded to Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania children who have been **members of the Order for 2 years prior to application or whose parent(s) is a member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania**, who will complete 8<sup>th</sup> grade at the end of the 2021-2022 school year and plan to enter a private or parochial high school in the Fall of 2022.

To be eligible to compete for a grant from the Dante Commission, you must have an overall **grade average** of at least **B or 85**. Membership in the Order must predate the application by at least two (2) years.

If you are interested in applying for a grant, complete the attached scholarship application. Give the enclosed letter and forms to your school principal to complete. Also be sure to provide a stamped envelope addressed to the ***Dante Commission on Education/Culture***. Remind your principal or guidance counselor to send the transcript and forms directly to our office. In addition, a typed 250-300 word essay described in the attached rules.

Your completed application must be received at the Grand Lodge office by **April 30, 2022** to be considered. Please note that the President of the lodge to which membership in The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Sons and Daughters of Italy is based must also sign your application.

Sincerely yours,

***Stephen M. DeFrank***

President

Dante Commission on Education/Culture

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**HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**  
**APPLICATION 2022**

**Qualifications:**

- Only **8<sup>th</sup> grade students** may apply.
- Applicant must have an overall average of **B or 85**.
- Applicant must be a **member or a child of a member** of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, SDI
- Membership must predate application by at least **two years**.
- 250-300 word essay stated on the Eligibility Requirements.

**Important:**

The applicant's middle school must send the following material directly to the Grand Lodge Office:

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade transcript
- First semester 8<sup>th</sup> grade transcript

**All of the above items must be received before the application can be processed.**

**DO NOT INCLUDE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

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(please print or type)

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name) (First) (Initial)

Applicant's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Address of School \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Principal \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

High School the Applicant Plans to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

Application is based on the following membership in the Grand Lodge of PA, SDI: *(check all items that apply)*

- I am a member     My father is a member     My mother is a member

Name of Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Month & Year Enrolled \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Lodge President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION AND MATERIALS MUST BE RETURNED BY APRIL 30, 2022.**

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**HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**  
**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS 2022**

The Dante Commission on Education/Culture awards 14 merit-based grants of \$500.00 each. These grants will be awarded to one eighth grade student per SDI district who is enrolled to attend his or her freshman year in a private/parochial high school in September 2022. If no qualified applicant exists within a district, the grant shall be awarded to the next highest scoring applicant within the other districts. These grants will be funded by the Charitable & Education Trust, which supports the efforts of the Grand Lodge on behalf of quality education for Italian-American youths.

**Eligibility**

- 1) Only eighth grade students may apply.
- 2) Applicant must have overall average of B (85) during their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade years.
- 3) Applicant must be a member or a child of a member of the Grand Lodge of PA, SDI
- 4) Membership must predate application by at least two years.

**Requirements for Grant Competition**

- 1) Completed application must be received at the Grand Lodge by **April 30, 2022**.
- 2) The academic institution attended during 2021-2022 must submit official transcript. All transcripts must be stamped by the institution and included in a separate, sealed envelope. Transcripts of the applicant's 7<sup>th</sup> grade and the first semester of 8<sup>th</sup> grade marks must be received at the Grand Lodge office by **April 30, 2022**.
- 3) A typed 250-300 word essay describing their unique life and contributions to America must be submitted about one of the following Italians:

Giovanni Caboto (John Cabot)  
Saint Frances X. Cabrini  
Christopher Columbus  
Enrico Fermi  
Filippo Mazzei

Antonio Meucci  
Dr. Maria Montessori  
Enrico Tonti  
Amerigo Vespucci  
Francesco Vigo

The essay must include a bibliography with a minimum of two sources, of which at least one source is print (i.e. book, magazine article, etc.). If computer source is utilized, website/author must be listed. Essays will be qualified on three criteria: a) Adherence to topic, b) Quality of presentation and originality, and c) Mechanics (grammar and spelling). Grading of essays and selection of winning candidates is made by the Dante Commission.

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Dear School Principal:

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Sons and Daughters of Italy, will provide fourteen (14) scholarships of \$500 each to members or children of members who will complete eighth grade at the end of the 2021-2022 school year and attend a private or parochial high school in the Fall of 2022. Many factors are reviewed in the grant awarding process. Key among the elements considered are:

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade transcript marks.
- Major subject marks received for the first semester of eighth grade.
- A 250-300 word essay submitted by applicant.

Each applicant must submit a transcript bearing the middle school's seal and the attached transcript supplement form also bearing the seal of the institution and signed by the principal. The transcript supplement form will assist the selection committee in assuring fairness when comparing academic histories.

Please submit all documents for the student to the above address. The forms must be received by **April 30, 2022** for the student to be considered for a grant.

Please accept our appreciation for your assistance in helping to identify scholarship recipients. You will be notified if the applicant will receive a scholarship.

Again, thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

***Stephen M. DeFrank***

President

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**HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP 2021-2022  
TRANSCRIPT SUPPLEMENT FORM**

**Name of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Initial)

**Please provide the following information concerning the scholarship applicant:**

1. Cumulative 7<sup>th</sup> grade average of classes: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Major subject marks - 1st semester of 8<sup>th</sup> grade:

| <u>Subject</u> | <u>Mark</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Mark</u> |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| _____          | _____       | _____          | _____       |
| _____          | _____       | _____          | _____       |
| _____          | _____       | _____          | _____       |

3. Is the study of the Italian language available at this school? Yes  No

Name of Middle School \_\_\_\_\_

Address of School \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Principal \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Principal \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*School Seal*

***This completed form, signed and stamped with the school seal, and an official transcript  
must be postmarked and sent to the above address by APRIL 30, 2022.***