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

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September 15, 2025

Dear High School Senior:

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Sons and Daughters of Italy, award college scholarships to high school seniors through our Grand Lodge and Dante Commission on Education/Culture. Various merit based awards can be earned by **children who have been members of the Order for two (2) years prior to application or whose parent(s) (including social members) have been member(s) of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for two (2) years prior to application** and who will complete high school at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. **Children must be attending an undergraduate college/university, trade school, law enforcement or military training in the Fall of 2026.**

To be eligible to compete for a grant from the Dante Commission, you must have an overall **grade average** of, at least, **3.5, B+, or 88 GPA. Membership in the Order must predate the application by at least two (2) years**.

It is also required that you submit a one-page essay on **"what it means for you to be Italian".**

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.

Your completed application must be received at the Grand Lodge office by **April 30, 2026** to be considered. Please note that the President of the lodge to which membership in Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Sons and Daughters of Italy is based must also sign your application.

Sincerely yours,

Amato T. Sanita, Your President

Encs.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
Dante Commission on Education/Culture

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026

Qualifications:
- Only **High School Seniors** may apply.
- Applicant must have an overall average of **3.5, B+, or 88**.
- Applicant must be a **member or a child of a member (including social members)** of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, SDI
- Membership must predate application by at least **two years**.

Important:
The applicant's high school must send the following material directly to the Grand Lodge Office:
- High school transcript
- First semester marks of senior year
- SAT scores

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 High School ____

Address of School ____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Principal ________________________________ Phone ____________________

College Applicant Plans to Attend ____________________ Course of Study ______________

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, 2026.

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September 2025

Dear School Principal:

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Sons and Daughters of Italy, will provide merit based scholarships to members who will complete high school at the end of the 2025-2026 school year and enter an **undergraduate college/university, trade school, law enforcement or military training in the Fall of 2026.** Many factors are reviewed in the grant awarding process. Key among the elements considered are:

- High School grade point average.
- Major subject marks received for the first semester of senior year.
- The difficulty of the high school subjects taken.
- SAT - Verbal and Math scores (ACT scores if SAT results are not available)
- **It is very important that all transcripts be submitted on time so the student stays eligible.**

Each applicant must submit a transcript bearing the high 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, 2026** 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. Notification will be sent prior to date of commencement so that you may add him/her to your commencement program.

Again, thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Amato T. Sanita

President

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COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP 2026
TRANSCRIPT SUPPLEMENT FORM

Name of Student: _____
(Last) (First) (Initial)

Please provide the following information concerning the scholarship applicant:

1. Cumulative non-weighted grade average or G.P.A.:
Total - Grades 9, 10, 11 & 1st semester Grade 12 (7 semesters) _____ **or**
Total - Grades 9, 10, and 11 (6 semesters) _____

2. Major subject marks - 1st semester of Grade 12:

Subject	Mark	Subject	Mark
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

3. SAT Scores: *(Please indicate highest score received.)*
Verbal _____ Date _____ Math _____ Date _____

4. Is the study of the Italian language available at this high school? Yes ☐ No ☐

Name of High 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, 2026.