



Gulf Coast Italian Culture Society, Inc. Scholarship Committee

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*To preserve and promote the cultural heritage of
our Italian ancestors*

APPLICATION FOR **GCICS** SCHOLARSHIP

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

(A) **Applicant's Personals**

NAME _____ **SEX** _____

(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

ADDRESS _____

(NUMBER & STREET)

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

TELEPHONE # _____ **E-MAIL ADDRESS** _____

DATE of BIRTH _____ **PLACE of BIRTH** (Town/City/State) _____

(B) **Family Data**

FATHER'S NAME _____ **OCCUPATION** _____

PLACE of EMPLOYMENT _____

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME _____ **OCCUPATION** _____

PLACE of EMPLOYMENT _____

If parents' address differs from yours enter theirs here _____

Enter below the requested information as appropriate for each of your siblings

1. **Name** _____ **Age** _____ **College** _____

2. **Name** _____ **Age** _____ **College** _____

3. **Other** _____

PLEASE NOTE: This Application consist of 4 pages, [Sections (A) - (I)].
Incomplete Applications will **NOT** be considered or returned. Make sure you
comply with the Application Guide Check List.

Application must be postmarked no later than February 28, 2026

(C) Scholastic Data

NAME of YOUR HIGH SCHOOL _____

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE _____

UNWEIGHTED GPA – Year by Year : FR _____ ; SO _____ ; JR _____ ; SR _____

SAT SCORES: VERBAL _____ ; MATH _____ **COMBINED** _____

COMPOSITE ACT SCORE: _____

List your participation in School Clubs, Offices, and Activities:

(If additional space is needed for any Section, please attach additional sheet listing your name and identifying Section letter and title at top right corner)

(D) Italian Ancestry

(1) Scholarship Recipients must be of Italian descent (full or partial). Enter below, as fully as feasible, the ancestral data requested, for your stated relatives:

| NAME (Last, First) | BIRTH PLACE (City/Town; State or Italian Region; Country) |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <u>Your Father's</u> | |
| _____ | _____ |
| <u>Your Mother's (Maiden)</u> | |
| _____ | _____ |
| <u>Your Paternal Grandparents'</u> | |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| <u>Your Maternal Grandparents'</u> | |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

(2) Enter such other information, e.g., other ancestors' data you deem appropriate, to establish your Italian descent qualification

(E) Essay

Attach your Essay, minimum 500 to 700 words. Topic - Assess the life and works of **Vince Lombardi, Coach and Leader in American Sports**, how he contributed to the advancement of our society and made it better. (Footnotes and citations, to include sources consulted **besides** Wikipedia, shall not be considered in calculating the essay's 500 word limit).

(F) Colleges & Universities

(1) List the Colleges & Universities to which you have applied for admission & indicate those that have accepted you:

(2) List your planned major and minor concentrations:

MAJOR _____; MINOR _____

(G) Personal & Community Interests

(1) List Community Organizations & Activities in which you have been involved:

(2) List your interests, hobbies, pastimes, and leisure activities:

(H) Work Experience

List any work experience and indicate if you are currently employed:

(I) Certification & Terms of Award

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW I, THE APPLICANT, CERTIFY THAT I AM OF ITALIAN DESCENT; THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE GUIDE TO THE PREPARATION OF THE 201# APPLICATION AS WELL AS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE APPLICATION, AND THAT I INTEND TO ENROLL AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, IMMEDIATELY UPON GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY UNUSED PORTION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE RETURNED TO THE GULF COAST ITALIAN CULTURE SOCIETY, Inc. (GCICS), IF I CEASE TO ATTEND CLASSES AND/OR WITHDRAW FROM THE SELECTED INSTITUTION, WITHOUT IMMEDIATE ENROLLMENT AND/OR TRANSFER TO ANOTHER ACCREDITED INSTITUTION.

IT IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT UPON SUBMISSION, THE ESSAY BECOMES THE PROPERTY OF GCICS, WHICH MAY BE EDITED, PUBLISHED OR DISPOSED AS THE GCICS SEES FIT. THE APPLICANT MAY BE ASKED TO READ HIS/HER SUBMISSION DURING THE AWARD CEREMONIES. FURTHER, APPLICANT COMMITS TO ATTEND THE SCHOLARSHIP GALA AS A GUEST OF THE GCICS.

_____, 2026
(Applicant's Signature & Printed Name) (Date)

_____, 2026
(Parent's / Guardian's Signature & Printed Name) (Date)

Every item of this application must contain a response. Incomplete applications will neither be considered nor returned.

Scholarship winners will be notified no later than March 31, 2026

MAIL COMPLETED, FOUR (4) PAGE APPLICATION, ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 28, 2026 WITH THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION SPECIFIED ON THE GUIDE TO 2026 APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

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ABOUT US. Founded in 1990, the Gulf Coast Italian Culture Society, Inc. (GCICS) is an IRS recognized tax exempt §501.(c).(3) non-profit organization whose members spring from all walks of life and ancestral diversity, bonding together to enjoy Italian culture and promote its dissemination and preservation.

The GCICS is also committed to support future community leaders by offering merit scholarship to area college bound high school seniors of (all or partial) Italian ancestry. For additional details on GCICS we invite you to check our website: www.gcics.org.