

# **Italian American St. Joseph Society, Inc.**

## **Scholarship Program**

The Italian American St. Joseph Society, Inc. ("IASJS"), is one of the largest ethnic organizations in the southeastern United States. From its inception through today, the IASJS has worked to educate Italian Americans in southeastern Louisiana and the Gulf Coast concerning the culture, history, traditions and benefits of Italian heritage. Over the past 52 years, the IASJS has stimulated the Italian community to remember and celebrate their shared experiences, traditions, identities, struggles, and aspirations.

### **Eligibility**

The IASJS has implemented a scholarship program in 2018 to reward those high school and college aged students who demonstrate a desire to learn and share the values of Italian culture with other younger people to foster and build a sense of community. In order to be eligible for consideration of an IASJS scholarship an applicant must meet the following criteria at the time of application submission:

- A high school or college student age 16 to 20;
- A United States citizen or a permanent resident alien;
- Enrolled in an accredited high school or college;
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 scale, or a 3.75 out of a 5.0 scale;
- Complete and submit application and forms by the applicable deadline;
- Have a parent or grandparent of Italian heritage;
- Be present for the scholarship award presentation in New Orleans, LA on March 18, 2022; and
- Not have an immediate family member who is (i) on the IASJS's Scholarship Selection Committee, (ii) an officer of the IASJS, (iii) a director of the IASJS, or (iv) a substantial contributor to the IASJS.  
\* "Immediate" is defined as father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, great-uncle, sibling, cousin, or in-law whether by blood, adoption, or marriage.

### **Awards**

The IASJS will present the Vince "Rocky" Russo Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 to a qualified applicant. The IASJS may also present up to two additional \$1,000.00 scholarship awards to qualified applicants. The IASJS Scholarship Selection Committee will review each applicant's transcripts, community service forms, and essay submissions in making its determinations. Applicants may also be interviewed by the IASJS Scholarship Selection Committee. The IASJS Scholarship Selection Committee reserves its right to amend its review process upon the provision of notice to the applicants.

### **Application Procedures**

If you are an eligible student interested in applying for an IASJS scholarship, please complete and return your completed scholarship application form and required documents to the IASJS by January 15 2024. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the IASJS's annual Celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph events on March 16 2024. The decisions of the IASJS Scholarship Selection Committee are final. The IASJS Scholarship Selection Committee will not release justification for recipient selections. This is a one-time only award, and all awards must be collected by the beginning of the 2022 fall semester.

**Deadline for submitting the IASIS Scholarship Application and required documents is January 15,2024. Please return application and required forms to:**

**Italian American St. Joseph Society, Inc.  
C/O Melvin Ferlita  
320 Jade Ct  
Madisonville, La. 70447**

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## **Scholarship Application Checklist**

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Be sure to **INCLUDE** the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed **and** Signed Application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Essay Statement
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photo and Photo Release Consent Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Community Service Form (Achievements and Involvements)

Follow-up and be sure the following have been submitted on your behalf:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Official Transcripts Form (College)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Official Transcripts and Counselor Recommendation Form  
(High School Only)

**ALL paperwork must be postmarked by January 15, 2024.**

Please mail all of the above documents to:

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**320 Jade Ct.**  
**Madisonville, La 70447**

# Italian American St. Joseph Society, Inc. Scholarship Application

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents/Guardian: Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Italian American St. Joseph Society, Inc. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATION

High School/College/University Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

If High School:

Date of Expected Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Accredited College/University  
You Will Attend Pursuant to Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

If College/University or High School Senior, Please Indicate Course of Studies or Intended Studies:

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this application contains no misstatements or omissions of facts and that I will comply with the regulations of the Italian American St. Joseph Society, Inc. Scholarship Fund if this application is accepted.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out and sign the above form and submit with a photo to:**

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C/O: Melvin Ferlita  
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**Italian American St. Joseph Society, Inc.**  
**Scholarship Application Essay Form**

Instructions: Essay must be at least 300 words. Please present your understanding of Italian values and how you share them with other young people on a daily basis.

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# **Italian American St. Joseph Society, Inc.**

## **Scholarship Application Photo Release Consent Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (full legal name), give the Italian American St. Joseph Society (“IASJS”) my permission to use the enclosed photograph to promote my approved IASJS Scholarship Application. I understand that my photo will be used by the IASJS to announce my scholarship acceptance and will be used for publicity purposes only.

Applicants Signature (if Applicant is 18 years old or older): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian’s Signature (if Applicant is less than 18 years old): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardians Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **Italian American St. Joseph Society, Inc. Scholarship Application Community Service Form**

**A SEPARATE FORM MUST BE USED FOR EACH ORGANIZATION.**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Services Provided by Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Hours Per Week Volunteered: \_\_\_\_\_

Did Applicant Receive Special Recognition/Award:        \_\_\_\_\_ Yes        \_\_\_\_\_ No

If Yes, Please Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Did Applicant Demonstrate Leadership Qualities:        \_\_\_\_\_ Yes        \_\_\_\_\_ No

If Yes, Please Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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# Italian American St. Joseph Society, Inc.

## College Transcript Request Form

Submit an official transcript of academic records, **with affixed seal**, from college or university presently attending.

**This official transcript must be returned by January 15, 2024 to:**

**Italian American St. Joseph Society, Inc.**

**C/O Melvin Ferlita**

**320 Jade Ct**

**Madisonville La 70447**

Student's Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's Name and E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE STUDENT'S TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 15, 2024.**

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## High School Transcript and Counselor Request Form

**STUDENT SECTION:** Please fill in the information below and submit this form to your Guidance Counselor.

Student's Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor/Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADVISOR/COUNSELOR SECTION:** Please fill out the form below and submit, including an official transcript of high school records with affixed seal and S.A.T or A.C.T. scores by **JANUARY 15, 2024** to:

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**Madisonville La 70447**

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Student's Name) has attended the above named school from \_\_\_\_\_ (month and year) to \_\_\_\_\_ (month and year).

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This candidate ranks \_\_\_\_\_ in a class of \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ semesters.

S.A.T./A.C.T. Scores and Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION:** Please rank the student in the following categories:

	<u>Below Average</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Above Average</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
Academic Promise	0	0	0	0
Character and Personal Promise	0	0	0	0
Overall Recommendation	0	0	0	0

Additional comments concerning this student: \_\_\_\_\_



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Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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