



## Club Paesano Italian American Scholarship

The Club Paesano established in Portland, Oregon in 1955, is one of the largest Italian American organizations in the Pacific Northwest. The mission of the club is to provide an engaging social network for the Italian American community in the Portland area through participation and volunteer opportunities. Over the past 70 years, Club Paesano has promoted the Italian American experience through celebrated shared traditions and events. It is with great pleasure that Club Paesano will be implementing its first Italian American Scholarship Program. The scholarship has been established to award high school students who demonstrate a desire to learn and to emulate Italian American attributes such as diligence and determination.

### **Eligibility:**

In order to be eligible for consideration of the Club Paesano scholarship, an applicant must meet the mentioned criteria as well as submit the following:

- Be an incoming college freshman who resides in the Greater Portland Metropolitan area or Southwest Washington;
- Be accepted to an accredited institution of higher learning (including universities, colleges, community colleges and trade schools);
- A United States citizen or permanent resident alien;
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 out of a 4.0 scale; An official transcript must be submitted;
- Complete and submit application and forms by the applicable deadline;
- Be of Italian American descent with at least one ancestor that can be certified to have emigrated from Italy.
- Submit two letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches, a professor, employers or service coordinators.
- Submit a current resume outlining extracurricular activities, work experience and volunteer services.
- Submit an essay which must not exceed 750 words

**Awards:**

The scholarship will be awarded to qualified applicants on a one-time basis. The number of scholarships will be determined. Each scholarship awarded will be in the amount of \$1000. The Club Paesano selection committee will review each applicant's transcripts, community service, resume and essay submission when making its determination. Each applicant will be scored from a 1-5 rating scale on: leadership, academic performance, extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation and essay.

**Application Procedure:**

If you are an eligible individual and are interested in applying, please complete the application found on the Club Paesano website. Return your completed scholarship no later than March 31, 2026. The recipients will be notified by April 30, 2026. The scholarship will be awarded on June 4, 2026 at Club Paesano/Cedarville Park at the Polenta dinner. The decisions of the Club Paesano Scholarship Committee are final. This is a one-time award and must be collected for the 2026 fall semester.

Please download the application and complete (and scan completed form, if necessary).

**Submit via PDF through email to: [rchabs23@hotmail.com](mailto:rchabs23@hotmail.com)**

**Deadline for submission and required documents is March 31, 2026. Please email your application to: [rchabs23@hotmail.com](mailto:rchabs23@hotmail.com)**

**Letters of recommendation and transcripts should be submitted in PDF to:**

**Club Paesano**

**Attn: Rick Cervi**

**Email: [rchabs23@hotmail.com](mailto:rchabs23@hotmail.com)**

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### Checklist:

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed and Signed Application\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Essay\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Resume\*

*\* Save and submit as PDF please*

Follow-up and ensure the following have been submitted:

\_\_\_\_\_ Official transcripts from high school or College

\_\_\_\_\_ Two recommendations from teachers, employers or service coordinators (please provide the address for submission to the individuals writing the recommendations).

**All paperwork must be submitted by March 31, 2026**

# Club Paesano Italian American Scholarship Application

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

Please do not include personal information such as drivers license or social security numbers.

Please identify Italian lineage by including any pertinent information such as names of those who immigrated to the United States as well as dates and regions from which your family originated. We do not require that you submit official documentation.

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Father: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATION

High School currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of College/University you will attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicated 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 Club Paesano Italian American Scholarship Fund if this application is accepted.

Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **Club Paesano Italian American Scholarship Essay**

Instructions: Please respond to the prompt listed. The essay must not exceed 750 words.

Italians who immigrated to a new country required great courage, diligence and determination. The generations that came before possessed an incredible work ethic and a desire to positively contribute to their communities. The Italian immigrant dreamed that generations to come would remain committed to the values of strong families and good citizenship while being able to achieve a better education.

Write about how you embody the values of hard work, diligence, determination and how you plan to use your education to a make a positive impact.

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## Transcript Request Form

Submit an official transcript of academic records, with affixed seal, from the high school presently attending.

**This official transcript must be returned by March 31, 2026 as follows:**

- **Email Rick Cervi ([rchabs23@hotmail.com](mailto:rchabs23@hotmail.com))**
- **Subject: Club Paesano Italian American Scholarship**

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

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

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

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

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

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

School address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Advisors Name and email: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE STUDENT'S TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 31, 2026**