

Italian Cultural & Community Center (ICCC)
THE ALFONSO FERRANTINO SCHOLARSHIP
ITALIAN STUDIES CONCENTRATING IN ITALIAN HISTORY
AND/OR CULTURE

General Policies and Procedures

The ICCC will award one (1) one-time non-renewable \$5,000 scholarships to college students who are currently enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, or Ph.D. program, majoring or minoring in Italian Studies Concentrating in Italian History and/or Culture.

Completed applications must be submitted by the deadline specified to be eligible for consideration. The deadline is November 15, 2023, at 5pm. Recipients are chosen by the Scholarship Committee. Finalists may be invited to participate in an interview with the committee. It is a great honor to receive a scholarship which is applied to the cost and associated expenses of the student's studies. Recipients are required to provide a three-to- five-minute video about their educational experience, which may be used in part or in whole to promote the ICCC scholarship program. Recipients will also receive a one-year complimentary membership to the ICCC.

1. Information is provided to area colleges and universities via the ICCC website and is made available on the ICCC website.
2. Students enrolled full-time at any four-year college or university, including Graduate School and PhD programs with a physical campus location in the State of Texas are eligible to apply. Students enrolled full-time at any four-year college or university, including Graduate School and PhD programs, with a physical campus located in the United States are also eligible to apply if applicant, the applicants' parents, or the applicants' grandparents have been active members of the ICCC Houston for at least the past two years. An ICCC staff member will confirm membership.
3. Completed applications are due in the ICCC office on the date stated on the application. The only way applications can be accepted is via mail, overnight delivery, and brought in-person. The deadline is strictly observed.
4. An assigned ICCC staff member will review each application as it is received to ensure that the application has been properly completed. When the application is considered complete, and the applicant is deemed qualified, a copy of the original is made, but the applicant's name, as well as all referenced to his/her name will be removed and replaced with a code number. The staff member will keep a master list so that codes can be matched with names once finalists are chosen.
5. At a meeting of the Scholarship Committee the scholarships will be awarded. If, during a Scholarship Committee meeting, any Committee member becomes aware, in any way, that his/her relative is an applicant, the Committee member must remove himself/herself from the selection process for that year.
6. Once the Committee selects its recipients, the Chairperson identifies them to the Board of Directors. The recipient of the scholarship is then notified by a letter, which describes the procedure for awarding the scholarship. All checks are sent to the university's financial office. The scholarship recipient must furnish the ICCC office with his/her university's name, the university's mailing address, his/her student ID number, and his/her social security number so the funds are not misdirected. The foregoing information will be contained in the body of the check and it is the scholarship recipient's obligation to ensure that it is provided to the ICCC office in a timely manner. Upon receipt of a copy of the recipient's current registration, a check for \$5,000 will be sent to the university.