

# New York State Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America Foundation Announces the 2023 Grant Program

The NYOSDIA Foundation will distribute over \$83,000 in scholarship and grant money to New York State Residents entering college or graduate school in the fall of 2023. Applications and directions for completion of each can be downloaded from this website and mailed to the appropriate chairperson: (see last page for contact details for each district chairperson)

District I – Suffolk County – Joanne Spera

District II – Nassau County – Angelo Grande

District III – New York City - Rosemarie Stathes

District IV – Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties – Margaret Forte

District V – Rockland County and surrounding area – Maria D’Aguino

District VI – Albany, Saratoga, Montgomery Counties and Schenectady area – Francis Pugliese

District VII – New York Northern, Central and Southern tier – Josephine Federico

District VIII – Western NY (Rochester, Geneva etc.) – Marjorie Focarazzo

All Graduate school applications – Susan Alicea

For additional information, please contact Chairperson Donna Torrissi at [torrisi5@optonline.net](mailto:torrisi5@optonline.net) or telephone (845) 554-6723.

New York OSIA Grand Lodge Foundation  
2023 Grant Application

Michele Ment, Foundation President ~ Donna Torrissi, Chairperson



**APPLICATION FORM (Please Print or Type)**

Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: Mo. \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  Male  Female

College/Curriculum to which you are applying \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date Entering \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Address of High School \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY MEMBERS OF OSIA LODGES SHOULD COMPLETE THE LODGE IDENTIFICATION SECTION BELOW!  
THIS IS NOT REQUIRED FOR OTHER APPLICANTS.**

Lodge Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_, located (mailing address) \_\_\_\_\_

hereby supports the scholarship application of the above student.

Member \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_

President of Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of President \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION ON THIS FORM.**

1. Undergraduate awards are for current high school seniors who will begin full time undergraduate study in the Fall 2023 semester.
2. The following **MUST** be submitted directly to the District Scholarship Chairperson for the applicant's lodge or geographic district: (a) Official transcripts including first semester senior year grades and SAT/ACT scores. (b) Official documentation of special need (c) Two letters of recommendation from teachers or counselors. (d) A student essay (**no more than 350 words**) summarizing educational and career goals, school and community service and a discussion of the significance of your Italian heritage.
3. Applicant must be a resident of New York State and of Italian heritage.
4. A \$10.00 application fee, made payable to the NY Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc., must be included with application.
5. **Application, fee and supporting material must be sent to the District Scholarship Chairperson POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2023.**

→ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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