

January 1, 2018

Dear Officers and Members of the Italian Catholic Federation:

January marks the beginning of our 2018 Scholarship Program. Applications have been sent out to the high schools. A representative of the District needs to be chosen to provide instructions, promote the program and assist the Branches, while I.C.F. Branches and Districts work at special events to raise money to provide funds for our Scholarship Program. We have found it beneficial to advertise in the Parish Bulletin. We are grateful to all of you who give of your time and talent to make scholarships available for our young graduating seniors.

We hope that your gift this year, be it a full \$400.00 1st year scholarship, multiple scholarships or a partial donation, will give you great satisfaction in knowing that you provided financial assistance to a deserving graduate. Extremely important is the fact that by donating a scholarship through the Italian Catholic Federation Program, the first year winner is eligible to compete for a 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year scholarship through our advanced program.

Branch, District, and Individual donations should be submitted to the I.C.F. on or before March 15, 2018. You will note that we have copies of the Scholarship Application available and a form to be completed if you want your donation designated for a specific area. The Committee will do everything possible to comply with your request. **However, please be advised that there are many other factors that influence the Committee's decision, namely the applicant's need. We would ask that you do not give the name of a student for your scholarship as this is contrary to our judging procedure. The judging and selection of the scholarship recipient is at the sole discretion of the Scholarship Committee. Please select more than one option for where to give your scholarship, as often times the one selection does not have an applicant. Use #1 as the favorite choice on down.** If you require any additional forms or information, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail us at the I.C.F. office or visit our Web site.

On behalf of the Central Council Scholarship Committee, thank you for your continued support and may you be blessed in abundance for your support again in 2017.

Most sincerely,

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

Chairperson, Scholarship Committee

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