The Mario Cugia Italian Studies Scholarship Program awards a $600 scholarship to a 3rd year university student and a $1,000 scholarship to a 4th year university student majoring in Italian Studies.
The Italian Catholic Federation

The Italian Catholic Federation is a National Roman Catholic Fraternal Organization composed of persons of Italian ancestry (including their non-Italian spouses) who are of the Roman Catholic Faith. One of the many programs of the Federation is to offer college scholarships to further the education of students who achieve a total cumulative GPA of at least 3.2 and meet all of the requirements in either #1 or #2: 1) Are Roman Catholic and of Italian Descent and live within the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Arizona, California, Illinois and Nevada, only where Branches of the Federation are established. or 2) Are Roman Catholic but need not be of Italian Descent or live where Branches of the Federation are established if either Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is a member of the “Italian Catholic Federation” - membership of a Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is mandatory for #2.

Scholarship Information and Requirements

In 1998, to honor Mario Cugia, Past President and Life Member of the Italian Catholic Federation Central Council, an Italian Studies Scholarship Program was created. Supplementing the Federation's Scholarship Program for lower division students, the Mario Cugia Scholarship has been established to encourage and support majors in Italian studies.

The program offers two scholarships: (1) a $600 award to a 3rd year university student declaring a major in Italian, and (2) a $1,000 award to a 4th year university student continuing his or her studies in Italian.

Applicants must be of the Roman Catholic Faith, of Italian descent or - if non-Italian - children or grandchildren of current members of the Italian Catholic Federation and must have declared a major in Italian Language, Literature, History, Art or other aspect of Italian culture.

Applicants will be evaluated on (1) Scholastic Achievement, (2) Financial Need, (3) Leadership Role, (4) Extracurricular Activities and Charitable Efforts and (5) Family Membership/Activities in the I.C.F. (if applicable).

Application Procedure

Applicants must complete and include the following:

1. A complete transcript of the student's scholastic record.

2. A personal letter of approximately 150 words explaining the applicant's Italian origin (or I.C.F. affiliation of their non-Italian Roman Catholic parents, guardians or grandparents), why the applicant's Catholic Faith is important to them and describing the applicant's plans for the future.

3. I learned about the Italian Catholic Federation Scholarship from: (check all that apply)
   1. _____ An I.C.F. Member  2. _____ Online  3. _____ High School Counselor
   4. _____ Another Source ___________________________(i.e. Church Bulletin, Etc.)

The student's completed application packet must be mailed to the Italian Catholic Federation at the address below, marked to the attention of the Scholarship Committee, by August 1st. Applications become the property of the I.C.F. All information submitted remains strictly confidential. Scholarship winners will be notified by September 1st.

Italian Catholic Federation
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621
Mario Cugia Italian Studies Scholarship Application

I am applying for (check one) ☐ $600 3rd Year Scholarship  ☐ $1,000 4th Year Scholarship

Cell Phone: _(   )________________

Name:______________________________________ Phone: _(______   )________________

Address:_________________________________ City:____________ State:_______ Zip:________

Parents' Address if different:__________________________________________________________

University/College:_______________________ City:____________ State:_______ Zip:________

GPA:_________ E-mail:______________________________________________________________

Major Course of Study:_________________________ Minor:______________________________

Other relevant studies:_________________________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________________________________

Extracurricular/Charitable Activities, Affiliations, Experiences and Achievements relevant to this application:

___________________________________________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________________________________

Are you presently employed? Yes_____ No_____ Employer Name & Address:____________________

___________________________________________________________________________________

If yes, how many hours a week?________ Job responsibilities:_______________________________

___________________________________________________________________________________

I certify that the information submitted herewith is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and that I am a Roman Catholic.

Applicant's Signature:________________________ Date:________________________

SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR FAMILY INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT'S PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.
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Family Information

Father's Name:________________________________ Occupation:_________________________________
Address:____________________________________ City:__________________ State:_______ Zip:________

Mother's Name:______________________ Occupation:__________________________________
Address: (if different than above)_____________________________________________________________

Name of the Roman Catholic Church you attend:__________________________ City:_________________

Are you a member of the Italian Catholic Federation?                Yes______   No______   Br. #______
If no, does another family member currently belong?                Yes______   No______
If yes, please indicate the Name, Relationship and Branch number of affiliated family member:
Name:______________________________ Relationship:_______________________ Br. #______

Financial Information

Do you contribute to the cost of the applicant's education?        Yes_____   No______
If yes, how much financial support will you be providing during the school year?      $______________
Ages of your other dependent children and the schools they attend:
_______________________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________________

Does the applicant have financial support/assistance from sources other than your income and his or her employment?    Yes_____   No______
If yes, what additional source (s)___________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________________

The income level of the family is: A. ______ Under $50,000  B. ______ $50,001 - $100,000
C. ______ $100,001 - $150,000  D. ______ $150,001 and above  (Please be sure to check one.)

Signature of Parent/Guardian:_____________________________________  Date:______________