

January 1, 2026

Re: 2026 Scholarship Program.

Dear Officers and Members of the Italian Catholic Federation,

Applications for High school graduates are now available online, and notifications have been sent to the high schools in your areas. Students will have the additional option to submit a fillable Scholarship Application available on our site and submit it by e-mail with the required documents.

Please select a Scholarship chairperson in your Branch or District to help promote this wonderful program. The chairperson may contact local high school counselors to bring awareness of the applications to their students. Spread the word through your parishes as well. Promoting the scholarship program is also a valuable membership incentive as we do give members and children or grandchildren of members priority in awarding these scholarships (provided that the cumulative GPA meets our minimum requirement of 3.2).

We are hoping that all Districts will have 100% participation. We understand that this past year has been challenging for all, especially regarding fundraising. Please try to set aside some amount for this worthy program. Please consider donating in memory of a loved one. This is a great way to honor your loved ones who have passed. Please see the enclosed form for donating to the first year scholarship fund. 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 \$500.00 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 then apply 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 April 10, 2026. Please fill out the scholarship donation page carefully. You may select a specific high school or area from which you'd like your scholarship to be awarded. Please also indicate whether the committee may at their discretion award to another high school, area or district if no applicants are from your designated area.

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 Website.

On behalf of the Central Council Scholarship Committee, thank you for your continued support.

Best Regards,

Carmen Kilcullen
Chairperson, Scholarship Committee