

THE DR. VICTOR A. BACILE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM (2026)

In concert with the goals of The Italian Center, an academic scholarship fund was started in 1990 by a member named Dr. Victor A. Bacile. These scholarships have been given every year since the academic scholarship fund was founded.

The trustees of the Dr. Victor A. Bacile Scholarship Program are proud to announce the details of our 2026 scholarship. This year we will be offering up to four scholarships of \$4,000 each. The scholarships will be available to college students who have completed their freshman year and are in their second, third or fourth year of study.

To be eligible, a student must be registered full-time (12 credit hours or more) and must have completed their freshman year of study at an accredited college or university leading to an Associate or Baccalaureate degree. To apply for one of the scholarships offered annually, the applicant must have successfully completed the noted number of credit hours toward a baccalaureate degree:

- 2nd year – minimum of 20 credits – maximum of 48 credits
- 3rd year – minimum of 49 credits – maximum of 72 credits
- 4th year – minimum of 73 credits – maximum of 100 credits

The applicant must either be a member of the Italian Center, or a spouse, son or daughter of a member. Children or spouses of deceased members in good standing are also eligible. Recipients from prior years are not eligible.

*All applications and transcripts must be received by **September 30, 2026**.* All applications and college transcripts must be mailed to: **Dr. Victor A. Bacile Scholarships, The Italian Center, 1195 Route 376, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.**

For more information about the scholarship, please contact: John Chiavelli at (845) 464-8016 or Joe Pantaleo at (845) 462-4080. An email can also be sent to scholarship@theitaliancenter.com.

THE DR. VICTOR A. BACILE SCHOLARSHIP (ELIGIBILITY)

1. To be **eligible** to apply for this scholarship a student must be a **member** in good standing of the **Italian Center, or a spouse, a son or a daughter of such a member**. In the latter case the related member must sponsor the application. In all cases the member must be verified and unless deceased will be contacted.

Note: Effective 2007, the surviving children and spouses of a deceased member of the Italian Center are eligible for scholarships under the following conditions: 1. The sponsor member was a member in good standing at the time of death. 2. Spouses will lose eligibility upon a subsequent marriage or other civil union (unless he or she is a member in good standing of the Italian Center or the new spouse is a member in good standing). 3. All other conditions under the scholarship program for application acceptance have been met (e.g., the applicant is not barred by any normal condition).

2. The recipient must be a registered full-time (12 credit hours or more) student in the second, third, or fourth year of study at an accredited college or university.

3. To apply for one of the scholarships offered annually, the applicant must have successfully completed the noted number of credit hours toward a baccalaureate degree.

- 2nd year – minimum of 20 credits – maximum of 48 credits
- 3rd year – minimum of 49 credits – maximum of 72 credits
- 4th year – minimum of 73 credits – maximum of 100 credits

4. All selections are final and will be made by a committee consisting of recognized community representatives who are anonymous and are not members of the Italian Center.
5. Academic standing, citizenship, and community service are the major criteria by which the applicant will be judged.
6. A student is not eligible to receive this award more than once. This scholarship is a one-time award and proceeds are payable directly to the student's college or university on behalf of the recipient.
7. A student attending college where there is no tuition charged, i.e., military academy or those who have won a full tuition scholarship to a college or university is not eligible for this award.
8. Awards will be made at the Italian Center during a scheduled awards luncheon.

THE DR. VICTOR A. BACILE SCHOLARSHIP (INSTRUCTIONS)

The Applicant must complete the Dr. Victor A. Bacile Scholarship Application, including submitting an essay of approximately 200 words using one of the four topics noted on the essay form.

Applications must be placed in a standard binder or cover for submission and mailed to the below address (postal dated) by September 30, 2026. The applicant must also submit academic transcripts from the college(s) attended or request that the transcripts be sent directly to the below address. An application is not complete without all of the academic transcripts.

Dr. Victor A. Bacile Scholarships, The Italian Center, 1195 Route 376, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

The application will not be returned to the applicant. All materials (application, transcripts, photos, correspondence, etc. regarding the application and its processing become the property of the Dr. Bacile Scholarship Committee. Submission of the application gives the committee permission to discuss the applicant and obtain all pertinent information on the applicant from all sources appropriate (e.g., schools, references, member sponsor).

Note: Any wantonly and purposely false or misleading or incomplete statement in the application or supporting materials, or in interviews, or in discussions with the committee by the applicant or anyone speaking on the applicant's behalf, subjects the application to invalidation and the committee may bar the applicant from future participation, and also if a scholarship is awarded demand immediate repayment of such by the applicant to the fund and the applicant must comply without recourse.

YOU MUST HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREED TO THE ELIGIBILITY AND INSTRUCTIONS STATED HEREIN. DO NOT PROCEED WITH THE APPLICATION UNLESS YOU HAVE. BY PROCEEDING YOU AFFIRM YOU UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ALL REQUIREMENTS AND STIPULATIONS. ALSO, SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION GIVES THE COMMITTEE PERMISSION TO DISCUSS THE APPLICANT AND OBTAIN ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION ON THE APPLICANT FROM ALL SOURCES APPROPRIATE (E.G., SCHOOLS, REFERENCES, MEMBER SPONSOR).

THE DR. VICTOR A. BACILE SCHOLARSHIP (APPLICATION)

Student's Full Name: _____

Student's Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Citizenship: _____

Student's Contact Information: _____
Phone/Mobile/E-Mail

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Address: _____

Parent or Guardian Contact: _____
Phone/Mobile/E-Mail

Italian Center Member's Name: _____

Member's Address: _____

Member's Contact Information: _____
Phone/Mobile/E-Mail

High Schools Attended:

(Name of School) (Date of Entrance/Period Attended)

(Name of School) (Date of Entrance/Period Attended)

(Name of School) (Date of Entrance/Period Attended)

Colleges Attended:

(Name of College) (Date of Entrance/Period Attended)

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Participation in Extracurricular Activities (Indicate Year):

High School:

College:

Honors and Awards (Include Honor Courses):

High School:

College:

Offices Held in Class or School/College Organization(s):

High School:

College:

After School Activities and/or Awards:

Civic Activities and/or Awards:

Other Activities or Interests:

Important: The essay should be completed on the last page of the application.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the application, transcripts, essay and all other supporting materials are correct, complete and truthful to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

ESSAY OF APPROXIMATELY 200 WORDS USING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

1. What does your Italian heritage mean to you? How has it influenced your outlook and approach to life?
2. Describe a problem, traumatic situation or ethical dilemma you've dealt with in your life. What was the significance to you and what was your reaction? What skills were employed? Was your academic background useful? Describe the steps or thought process used to identify a solution. What was learned?
3. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
4. Describe a topic, idea or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?

