



Essay Categories (Select one of the three categories below to write your essay)

1. **ITALIAN HISTORICAL FIGURE:** Select a prominent historical figure from Italian history or an American of Italian descent and explain his/her contribution to history.
2. **ITALIAN REGIONS:** Describe a region of Italy or compare two Italian regions with reference to history, geography, people and traditions.
3. **ITALY:** Describe Italy as a country utilizing demographic, cultural, political and social characteristics.

Each essay must be at least 800 but no more than 1,000 typed words and submitted in 4 copies. The essay will be judged on criteria listed below. Judging will be based more on content and flow rather than grammatical correctness although it is assumed proper writing skills will be used. You must identify the category selected at the beginning of the essay.

Winners must attend and read their essay at the general membership meeting on May 15, 2011. A lunch for recipients will be provided. Failure to attend will result in forfeiture of the award. The scholarship award will be made in the name of both the winner and the college of choice.

The essay must be submitted with the application material to the following address:

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Criteria for Judging:	POINTS
1. Does the essay relate to one of the three eligible categories?	10
2. Is the relationship to the Italian heritage clear and evident?	20
3. Does the essay flow clearly and concisely?	10
4. Is there an indication of family history or tradition included in the writing?	10
5. Is this essay 800 to 1,000 words?	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>60</b>