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**APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED TO: High School Guidance Office**

**or to Judi Ricucci at 22 Arlene Drive, Rockaway Township, NJ 07866**

**NO LATER THAN April 10, 2024 (Extension)**

UNICO is a national service organization of which Rockaway Township UNICO is a part. Our mission is to promote and enhance the image of Italian Americans; to be of service to the community; to promote Italian heritage and culture; to promote, support and assist charitable, scientific, cultural, educational, and literary projects; to promote members’ interest in public welfare and to cooperate with others in civic, social, and cultural development.

**Eligibility for one of two - $1000.00 scholarships**

Applicants must

* + Be of Italian-American descent
  + Have participated in service within the school and/or community.
  + Have attained GPA of 2.5 or better
  + Have been accepted into a college, university or vocational school for September of 2024
  + Be student at Morris Hills or Morris Knolls High Schools

**Or**

* + Be a resident of Rockaway Borough or Rockaway Township who attends private or vocational schools in the area.

**Judging of the Applications**

* + **40%** of the applicant’s score will be based on service to school and community
  + **60%** of the applicant’s score will be based on **an essay of 750-1200** words in which you share **your own story** of growing up in an Italian American culture. Focus on a well-developed essay of at least five paragraphs using the title below.

***My Italian heritage is distinctive, has made me unique and will fortify my future.***

* + Grade point average will be used as a tiebreaker.

**Form A Bio**

It is my understanding that the Scholarship Committee reserves the right to investigate the information contained in this application and should any of the information be deemed false, this application will become void.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Amount: $1000.00

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­\_\_\_\_\_

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**Guidance Certification:**

I certify that the above-named candidate has an overall GPA of at least 2.5 or higher and that the school activities listed in the resume are accurate.

**GPA**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**High School**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Guidance Counselor Signature** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Student Certification:**

I certify that I am a child of **Italian descent** and I **plan to attend an accredited institution of higher education** in the coming school year. I will supply a copy of my “Letter of Acceptance” to my chosen school to the Scholarship Committee prior to graduation. I realize I will be invited to a local meeting of UNICO for a presentation.

**I certify that all the information provided in my application is true and accurate.**

**I understand that I should notify Principal’s office if I cannot attend Awards Assembly in June.**

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Student Signature Parent Signature Date

Application Received By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Committee Use Only:** Applicant Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Form B Resume**

**Please attach a typed resume that includes the following categories if they apply to you:**

* Contact Information
* Academic ranking and GPA
* School Activities (Grades and Leadership Roles)
* Community Service in School (Grades and Leadership Roles and brief statement describing the service you provided and its duration)

For example: Leo Club Volunteer and President, organized and supervised social and educational activities for handicapped individuals in conjunction with the Lions Club of Rockaway. Grades 9-11, Grade 12 served as President, 8-10 hours monthly.

* Activities and Community Service Outside of School (Years and Leadership Roles and a brief statement describing the service you provided and its duration)

For example: Rockaway Township Food Closet Volunteer, solicited, sorted and distributed food to 90 families of need on a weekly basis. Grades 10-12, 4 hours weekly.

* Honors and Distinctions (Grades and Leadership Roles)
* Employment (Location, Position and Dates)

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**Form C Essay**

Keeping in mind the UNICO mission listed below, write an essay following the directions below.

UNICO MISSION STATEMENT: To promote and enhance the image of Italian Americans; to be of service to the community; to promote Italian heritage and culture; to promote, support and assist charitable, scientific, cultural, educational, and literary projects; to promote members’ interest in public welfare and to cooperate with others in civic, social, and cultural development.

* 60% percent of the applicant’s score will be based on **an essay of 750-1200** words in which you share **your own story** of growing up in an Italian American culture.
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* Please attach the essay to this application.
* Please head your essay with your name, your school, and the title listed below.

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