

THE COLUMBIANS

An Italian American Philanthropic Organization

2010

Scholarship Application

The Columbians is a New Jersey based Italian-American Philanthropic Organization. Since our founding in 1982 we have provided over \$1,000,000 in scholarship and financial hardship assistance to citizens of Northern New Jersey.

Each year our organization provides from 35 to 50 college scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. In addition, *The Columbians* often provide ongoing financial support for college students who demonstrate outstanding scholastic performance and financial need.

Applications must be fully completed and received by Mr. Vincent Spina, Executive Director, by April 30, 2010. We cannot consider incomplete applications or those not received on time.

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Celebrating the Italian Culture

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANT

1. All questions must be answered. If answer is none, so indicate.
2. **YOU MUST USE THE FORM PROVIDED TO RESPOND. ESSAYS MUST BE TYPED.** You may paste your essay or use a separate piece of paper. Do not exceed the space provided or half a page if using separate paper.
3. Print legibly or type all other answers.
4. Please supply three (3) reference letters with completed application, at least one of the references should be from a non-academic source; i.e.; Community, Church, etc.
5. Please read carefully and sign final page with all required signatures.
6. Forward completed application, three (3) references, and a copy of your parents IRS Form 1040 including schedules A & B from last year (2009) to your School Counselor.
7. Please do not use binders or staples; simply clip all papers to the application.

NOTE: If you prefer, you may mail financial information directly to us at the address below.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

1. Please complete Page 4.
2. Attach transcript of grades to application.
3. Mail completed application and correspondence to the address below.
4. **NOTE:** Financial information may not be included in your package as the applicant may elect to mail it directly to us.

YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE RETURNED. MAKE COPIES FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS. NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS TO APPLICANTS WILL BE MADE BY WRITTEN COMMUNICATION ONLY. NO CALLS PLEASE.

The Columbians
Mr. Vincent M Spina
P.O. Box 614
Ridgefield, New Jersey 07657

ALL APPLICANTS & REQUIREMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 30, 2010

APPLICANT

Applicant's Full Name _____	
Address _____	
Town _____	Zip Code _____ Telephone () _____
High School _____	Expected Graduation Date ___/___/___
Date of Birth ___/___/___	Social Security # _____

Parent Information

Father's Full Name _____	Living _____	Deceased _____
Father's Occupation _____	Approximate Annual Income _____	
Father's Name of Employer _____		
Mother's Birth Name _____	Living _____	Deceased _____
Mother's Occupation _____	Approximate Annual Income _____	
Mother's Name of Employer _____		
*Please include amounts due from alimony support maintenance or child support payments.		

I learned about The Columbians Scholarship from: _____

Residence Information

I Reside With (Check One) Family _____ Other _____		
The Home in Which I Live Is (check one) Owned _____ Rented _____		
Years At Present Address _____		
List All Family Members Living At Above Address		
Name	Relation	Age
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List Colleges You Have Applied To, Or Intend To Apply To In Order of Preference
If You Have Already Been Accepted And Have Been Assigned A Student Number Please Indicate

1. _____ Accepted _____ Student # _____
2. _____ Accepted _____ Student # _____
3. _____ Accepted _____ Student # _____
4. _____ Accepted _____ Student # _____
5. _____ Accepted _____ Student # _____
Major Field of Intended Study _____
Career Goal or Ambition _____
Estimated Cost of College Education per Academic Year _____
This Does _____ Does Not _____ Include Living Expenses

Extracurricular, Community, Church, and Hobby Information

List Your Extracurricular, Community and Church Activities, Lengths of Participation and Offices Held

School _____ _____ _____ _____	Community _____ _____ _____ _____
Church _____ _____	Hobbies _____ _____
Awards _____	

Employment Information

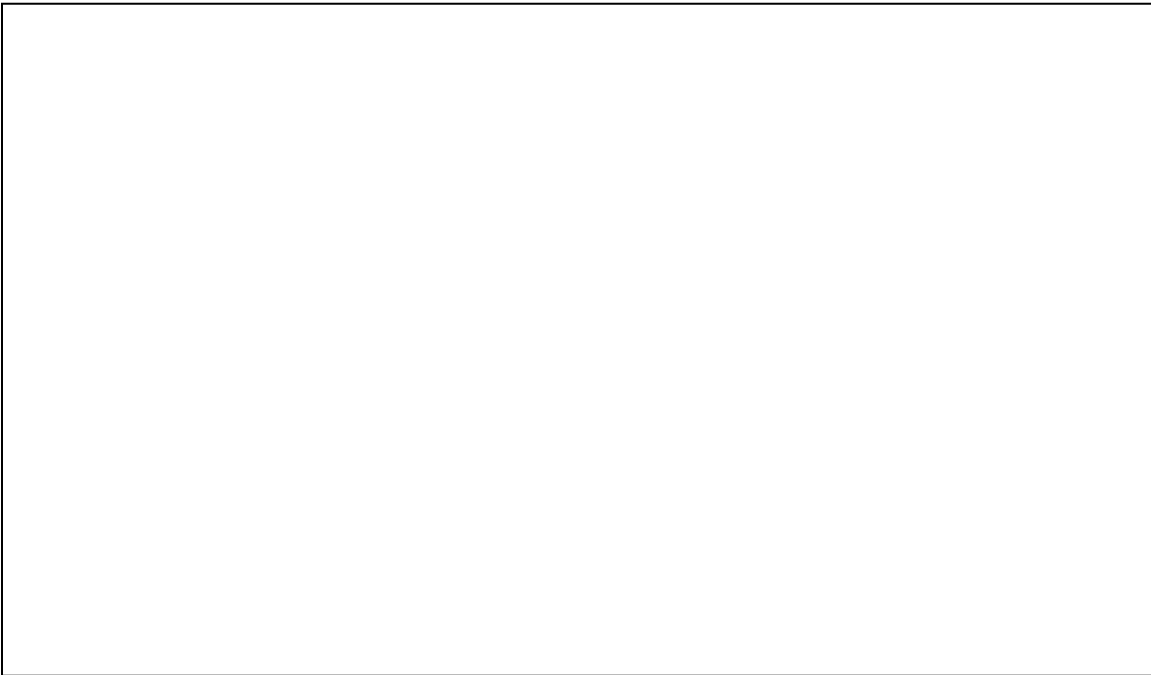
Are You Current Employed _____ Yes _____ No
If Yes, Where _____
Current Position _____
Approximate Hours Worked Per Week _____

You may provide the following essays on separate paper – neatness counts.

Please Indicate the Italian American You Most Admire and Why?

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the student to write their response to the prompt above.

Please Indicate What It Means To You To Be An Italian-American.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the student to write their response to the prompt above.

This Section Is To Be Completed By The School Counselor. Counselor To Mail Complete Package Including This Page With Transcript of Grades.

Student's Name _____

S.A.T Scores _____

High School G.P.A. _____

Additional Remarks – please make mention of community involvement or social responsibility:

Please Note:

All the information appearing on this application will be treated in the strictest confidence. Any inaccuracies will automatically disqualify the applicant from consideration. The decision of the Philanthropic Committee will be final. Publication of the relative merits of the candidates will not be made.

FINACIAL INFORMATION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US IN OUR DESCION-MAKING PROCESS. Please attach to your application a completed copy of your family's IRS Form 1040, including schedules A&B for year **2009**. If you feel any additional information would benefit your application, please attach additional sheets. If you wish to send your financial information to us separate form this application form, you may do so.

We, by the signatures below, attest to the truthfulness of all the statements made in this application and understand the contents thereof:

Applicant Signature & Date

Father's Signature & Date

Mother's Signature & Date

Guardian's Signature & Date

Address All Correspondence and Return All Applications To:

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