

# ***THE COLUMBIANS***

## ***An Italian American Philanthropic Organization***

### 2025 Scholarship Application

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*The Columbians* is a New Jersey-based Italian-American Philanthropic Organization. Since our founding in 1982, we have provided over \$2,000,000 in scholarship and financial hardship assistance to citizens of Northern New Jersey.

Our organization provides scholarships for students from \$1,000 to \$5,000 annually. In addition, the *Columbians* often offer ongoing financial support for college students who demonstrate outstanding scholastic performance and financial need.

Although consideration for our scholarship award is available to all senior students residing in Bergen or Passaic County, we are particularly interested in students who not only demonstrate excellence in academics, extracurricular activities, service to their community, and financial need but who demonstrate an interest in Italian: heritage, art, music, or culture.

Applications must be fully completed and received by May 1, 2024. We cannot consider incomplete applications or those not received on time.

### **Scholarship Application of The Columbians**

## *Celebrating the Italian Culture*

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANT**

1. All questions must be answered. If the 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 using separate paper.
3. Print legibly or type all other answers.
4. Please supply one (1) reference letter with the completed application.
5. Please read carefully and sign the final page with all required signatures.
6. Forward the following to the address below:
  - a. completed application;
  - b. reference letter;
  - c. Proof of financial need (either a copy of your parent's **IRS Form 1040**, including schedules A & B from the most recent year, or the **FAFSA Submission Summary**. PLEASE REDACT ANY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS;
  - d. Transcript (unofficial is acceptable); and
  - e. SAT / ACT Score Report (pdf from College Board).
7. Do not use binders or staples; clip all papers to the application.
8. Mail the completed application and correspondence to the address below.

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

The Columbians  
302 Union Street  
Hackensack, NJ 07601

ALL APPLICANTS & REQUIREMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1, 2025

APPLICANT

Applicant's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
High School \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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

**Optional**

Please share your Italian heritage (e.g., my grandfather was born in Laurenzana, Basilicata, Italy, and emigrated to the US in 1921).

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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
_____	_____	_____
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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  
(You may attach your resume.)

<b>School</b> _____ _____ _____ _____	<b>Community</b> _____ _____ _____ _____
<b>Church</b> _____ _____	<b>Hobbies</b> _____ _____
<b>Awards</b> _____	

**Employment Information**

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

## Other Scholarships

Are you receiving any other scholarships? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If Yes, list:

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Please answer the following two essay questions. Attach your essays to your application.

### **Essay #1**

Please share what you value about Italian heritage, art, music, or culture. Or share an Italian-American you admire and why? (300 word max.)

### **Essay #2**

Please explain why Christopher Columbus is important to many Italian-Americans. (300 word max.)

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.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US IN OUR DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. Please attach a completed copy of your family's IRS Form 1040 to your application, including schedules A&B for the previous year or the FAFSA Submission Summary. Please attach additional sheets if you feel additional information would benefit your application. If you wish to send your financial information to us separate from 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:

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*Applicant Signature & Date*

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*Father's Signature & Date*

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*Mother's Signature & Date*

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*Guardian's Signature & Date*

Address All Correspondences and Return All Applications To:

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