

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF THE ITALIAN LEGIONS OF MERIT**  
**SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAMS**

**Leandro P. Rizzuto Scholarship**

To be awarded to one or more outstanding Italian American students to study at a U.S. accredited college or university located in Italy for up to one year of study in Italy, commencing in the Summer/Fall 2024 academic year. The student must be a graduating high school student or college student, demonstrate financial need and have and maintain a GPA of 3.5 out of 4 (or the equivalent) or higher. The scholarship amount is up to \$55,000.00 and the award and the amount will be in the sole discretion of the ASILM Scholarship Committee.

**Specific Criteria:**

- Have at least a parent or two grandparents or great grandparents of Italian ancestry
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Be accepted or enrolled on a full time basis in a U.S. accredited undergraduate college or university located in Italy.
- Have and maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 out of 4 (or the equivalent) and demonstrate academic excellence
- Demonstrate community or civic interest and be of high moral character
- Take steps to learn more about their Italian heritage
- Demonstrate financial need
- Submit a complete application together with all supporting documentation by April 15, 2024

**Scholarship Application and Attachments:**

- Complete an application form provided by the Scholarship Committee
- Provide high school or college transcript (must contain at least two full years of grades) and other academic information

- Submit an essay regarding (i) why they would like to study at a U.S. accredited college or university located in Italy, and (ii) what it means to be Italian American and why it is important to maintain your cultural roots
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher or professor with whom they have had regular contact
- Submit a resume listing academic background, extracurricular activities, organization memberships, and awards
- Submit the FAFSA Student Aid Summary

All completed application forms together with supporting documentation must be submitted by email on or before April 15, 2024 and addressed to [adambrosio@dunnington.com](mailto:adambrosio@dunnington.com).