



Columbus Citizens Foundation, Inc.

2020 College Scholarship Program

Introduction

The Columbus Citizens Foundation is a non-profit organization in New York City committed to fostering an appreciation of Italian-American ancestry and achievement. The Foundation, through a broad range of philanthropic and cultural activities, provides opportunities for advancement to deserving Italian-American students through various scholarship and grant programs. Since its founding in 1929, the Foundation has organized New York City's Columbus Day Parade.

It is the Foundation's hope that future generations of Italian Americans will honor those who came before them by upholding the values of love of country, family and a tireless work ethic. It is in this spirit that the Columbus Citizens Foundation offers four-year college scholarships to entering freshmen. Scholarships, while generous, are partial assistance and will not cover payment for all school costs.

Scholarship Criteria

To be eligible to apply, students must:

- **Be entering the freshman year of college (apply while student is a senior in high school)**
- Be planning to attend a four-year accredited universities in the United States and Canada
- Be a United States Citizen/Resident of same status
- Be at least 25% Italian
- Maintain at least an 85% or 3.0 overall academic average
- Be pursuing a full-time course of study on a matriculating basis
- Live in a household where the total gross income does not exceed \$25,000 per capita (\$25,000 per person in the household)

For example, a family of four whose before-tax household income is \$100,000 (4 x \$25,000) or less would be eligible to apply. Household income is based upon the before-tax income of the applicant's parent(s)/guardian(s), which includes gross W2 salary, child support, social security, net income from self-employment and all investment income.

CCF College Scholarships

CCF has scholarships available to following schools (and more!):

Boston College

Brooklyn College

Brown University

Colgate University

Columbia University

Culinary Institute of America

Fordham University—Rose Hill

Georgetown University

Hobart and William Smith

Manhattan College

New Jersey Institute of Technology (Architecture)

Pace University (Lubin School of Business)

St. John's University

Stevens Institute of Technology

Wagner College

Wake Forest University



Mandatory Interview in New York City

Each semi-finalist is required to appear in person for an interview at CCF in New York City. Any costs associated with travel, meals and accommodations for the semi-finalists and anyone accompanying them to the interview will not be reimbursed by the Foundation. **An invitation to be interviewed does not indicate that you will receive a scholarship.**

Deadline

Applications and all supporting documents must be submitted to FACTS by **Friday, February 7, 2020**. First, submit the application to FACTS online and second, submit the supporting documents directly to FACTS by fax or scan/upload to your FACTS application:

Fax: (866) 315-9264 **Scan/Upload:** Documents may be uploaded *as PDF files* on the FACTS website.

Required Support Documents

The following six (6) documents are required in addition to your online application.

****Include your name and applicant ID# at the top of each page so that your documents are matched with your application.***

- 1. Letters of Recommendation:** You must submit **two (2)** letters of recommendation that specifically address why you should be selected as a CCF scholarship recipient. Do not submit recommendations used for college admission. One recommendation should be school-related and written by a teacher, principal, guidance counselor, etc. The second recommendation should be written by an individual from a community organization, church, employer, coach, or youth group, etc. Do NOT send more than two letters of recommendation.
- 2. CCF Essay (approx. 300 - 500 words):** Write an essay that includes a) what you think of the CCF mission and what it means to you to be of Italian descent. b) the name of a noteworthy Italian American, his or her accomplishments, and why this individual has your respect and/or admiration and c) an explanation that helps us understand what a scholarship from CCF means to you and your future.
- 3. Copy of College Application Essay:** Include one (1) essay you submitted as part of a college application.
- 4. Academic Performance Verification Form and Attachments:** Your school guidance counselor or principal must complete an Academic Performance Verification Form (see next page). It is your responsibility to make sure that you submit the completed form and the required attachments (transcripts/report card, proof of SAT/ACT scores and if applicable, a letter of recommendation).
- 5. Completed FAFSA Form:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- 6. Financials:** FACTS will request documents to verify your household income.

Call Rule

Please wait 1-2 weeks before calling FACTS to see if they received the required documents.

CCF will contact you by mail regarding the status of your application once all applications have been reviewed.

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ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION FORM

Instructions: This form must be completed by the applicant's school principal or guidance counselor. Complete all fields even if the information appears in accompanying documents. Return this form to the applicant with attachments for submission to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment.

Student's Name (please print)

High School Name

School Address

High School Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)

Class Rank

Out of

Student's SAT Scores:
(If applicable)

Combined

Math

Critical Reading

Writing

Student's ACT Scores:
(If applicable)

Composite

Math

Reading

English

Science

Required Attachments:

- _____ Transcript/Report card attached
- _____ Proof of S.A.T. Scores OR Proof of ACT Scores
- _____ Letter of recommendation (optional: if requested by student)

I certify that the information provided is accurate, and I have provided this information to the student named above for inclusion in the student's scholarship application package.

Your Name

Phone Number

Fax Number

E-mail Address

Your Title (Principal / Guidance Counselor)

Signature

Date