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### **Marie Palello Scholarship Application 2025**

**In order to be given priority consideration for the Marie Palello Scholarship, the applicant is required to:**

- Be of 50% or more of Italian extraction and a resident of Illinois
- Have demonstrated leadership and community service experience
- Have high academic achievement

**To apply for the scholarship, the following requirements apply:**

1. Applicant must be enrolled or admitted into an accredited institution of higher education and show proof of his/her acceptance/enrollment.
2. Applicant must provide high school and/or college transcripts to JCCIA.
3. Applicant must have high academic achievement.
4. Applicant is encouraged to send two letters of recommendation.
5. Applicant must demonstrate leadership and community service.
6. Applicant must submit an essay (500 words or less) detailing their leadership and community service experience and how the scholarship will help fulfill their goals.
7. Applicant must include a current photo of themselves.
8. All application materials must be submitted electronically to [jcc@jccia.com](mailto:jcc@jccia.com) as one complete file between June 1, 2025 and the deadline date of September 15, 2025.

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

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

**CITY, STATE, ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PREFERRED EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GENDER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BIRTH PLACE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BIRTH DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE INDICATE HOW YOU ARE OF ITALIAN EXTRACTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**HIGH SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **HIGH SCHOOL G.P.A.:** \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION – MONTH/YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_

UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATION YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ UNDERGRADUATE G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATE SCHOOL (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATE SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATE G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_

BREIF SUMMARY OF YOUR LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE:

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NOTE: PLEASE ATTACH TO THIS FORM:

- CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT (WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE)
- COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LETTER (IF APPLICABLE – NOT REQUIRED IF COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS ARE SUBMITTED.)
- TWO RECOMMENDATION LETTERS
- A CURRENT PHOTO OF YOURSELF
- YOUR 500 WORD ESSAY WHICH:
  1. INTRODUCES YOURSELF AND YOUR BACKGROUND;
  2. OUTLINES YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP;
  3. DESCRIBES YOUR LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE.
  4. DETAILS WHY THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL HELP YOU FULFILL YOUR GOALS.

#### Verification and Release

I attest that the information I have provided is complete and accurate and I agree that The Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans may verify this information. I agree that the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans may disclose information contained in this application to any donors who assist with this educational scholarship. If the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans awards a scholarship to me, I hereby authorize the organization, on a royalty-free basis, to include my likeness and story as part of its publicity and fundraising initiatives.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_