

## *THE JOHN FISCHETTI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2025*

### **Description of Scholarship:**

The Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans (JCCIA) is proud to offer the John Fischetti Scholarship, awarded to students who are of 50% or more of Italian ancestry and have been accepted into or enrolled in an undergraduate degree program majoring in journalism or media communications.

### **History:**

John Fischetti was a Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist whose work for many years graced the pages of the New York Herald Tribune, the Chicago Daily News and the Chicago Sun Times. He was also a man whose enthusiasm for life and generosity of spirit won him many friends.

### **Requirements:**

Competitive applicants must be of 50% or more of Italian ancestry, pursuing a degree in journalism or communications, have demonstrated academic achievement, and a resident of Illinois. Scholarship recipients are selected based on their Italian heritage, academic achievement, involvement in school and non-school activities, and the quality of their JCCIA John Fischetti Scholarship application. Applicants must submit proof of being admitted to and/or enrolled at an accredited institution of higher education.

### **Award Amount:**

This scholarship award amount may be up to \$2000.00 for a one-time annual scholarship.

### **Application Process:**

Applicants are required to submit a JCCIA John Fischetti scholarship application and required documents as indicated on the application form. Required documents include a 500-word essay, self-photo, copy of the applicant's transcripts (high school and or college), proof of college acceptance/admittance or current college transcript, two recommendation letters, and any published writings print or digital. All items must be submitted by the deadline application date as one digital pdf file to [jcc@jccia.com](mailto:jcc@jccia.com) otherwise the application may be denied.

### **Deadline for Application:**

Students must submit a complete JCCIA John Fischetti scholarship application and required documentation between February 15, 2025, and the deadline date of May 1, 2025, to be considered.

### **Award Notification:**

Award recipients will be notified by May 15, 2025 and will be presented with the award at the JCCIA Dante and DiFrisco Award Luncheon on May 22, 2025 which honors members of Chicago's news media who best exemplifies Dante's ideal of "being no timid friend to truth." This event is attended by many of Chicago's well-known print, radio, and television journalists. The scholarship recipient must attend the luncheon to receive the award personally.

### **Renewal:**

Non-renewable. Students may reapply annually for consideration in the annual selection process.