

**Montclair State University  
Department of Spanish and Italian**

**Italian Scholarships 2014 Application Form.**

**Electronic submission ONLY.**

**Deadline: Thursday January 30, 8pm.**

Please use your computer to complete all sections of this form.

If left incomplete, your application will not be considered for the chosen award(s). If any information is not applicable to you, type N/A in the space provided.

Please check the box(es) corresponding to the scholarship(s) you are applying for:

- \_\_\_\_\_ **The Cav. Joseph Coccia, Jr. Memorial Intermediate Italian Scholarships  
(2, \$500)**
- For two students in their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Italian who demonstrate high achievement in the language.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **The Coccia Foundation—Saddle Brook UNICO Chapter Scholarships for  
Excellence in Italian Language  
(4, \$250)**
- Awarded to majors and/or minors in Italian.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Coccia Foundation Graduate Study Award for a Career in the Teaching of  
Italian  
(1, \$1000 or 2, \$500)**
- Awarded to majors in Italian who have applied to graduate studies and/or who belong to the Teacher Education program and plan to teach Italian as their profession.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **District VII UNICO Italian - An Award for Excellence in Italian Studies  
(1 – amount *tba*)**
- For a student (senior preferred) who demonstrates high achievement in Italian or who will attend the 2014 Montclair in Florence Program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Passaic Valley UNICO Chapter Scholarship for Study Abroad  
1 \$1,000)**
- Passaic Valley UNICO Chapter Scholarship for Study Abroad. For a student who is attending the Montclair in Florence Program. The recipient should submit an academic transcript as well. Attendance at the awards ceremony organized by Passaic Valley Unico Chapter (date/time *tba*) is required.

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**Study Abroad award: Angelo and Mary Cali Fund for Italian Studies  
(5, \$2000)**

Reserved for students who will be attending the 2014 Montclair in Florence Program. A minimum 3.2 grade point average required for the award.

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**DiMattio-Celli Family Study Abroad Scholarship**

UNICO Foundation, Inc. will grant \$1,250 scholarships to two students attending accredited study abroad programs, in Italy, associated with a college or university in the United States. The purpose of the DiMattio Celli Family Study Abroad Scholarship is to assist young scholars by defraying the cost of studies in Italy. **Candidates must meet the eligibility requirements stated on each of the respective applications.** A candidate must reside in the home state of an active UNICO Chapter. Applications may be acquired from and submitted through a State Chapter, the District Governor or the UNICO National Office. **A candidate must be a United States citizen of Italian heritage.** For more information, please contact the UNICO National Scholarship Director, Joan Tidona at [jntidona@unico.org](mailto:jntidona@unico.org). To find a local Chapter, please visit <http://unico.org/search.asp> or contact UNICO National at 973.808.0035. **IMPORTANT:** 1) the deadline to submit materials to the Italian Committee for this scholarship is Friday January 24; 2) materials from the MSU student chosen to compete for the DiMattio-Celli Scholarship will be forwarded to UNICO Foundation, Inc., by February 15. Students interested in this scholarship are urged to contact Joan Tidona to get forms and instructions.

**Awards Ceremony:**

Recipients of the scholarships **must be present in person** at the Awards Ceremony on campus on **Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014** (Adelina Granito Ferraro Lounge, formerly known as Courtyard Lounge, University Hall, 5:30-7:00 pm) to thank the donors, or else the scholarship will be withdrawn. (District VII UNICO and Passic Valley UNICO Chapter scholarship winners **must** attend an additional ceremony.)  
Recipients are also required to thank the donors in writing immediately after the award is conferred.

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Please provide the following information:

**Last name:                      Middle Name:              First Name:**

**Complete Permanent Address (including daytime phone number):**

**School Address (if different):**

**Email address and CWID:**

## Current Academic Status

\_\_\_\_\_ Freshman

\_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior

\_\_\_\_\_ Senior

\_\_\_\_\_ Graduate student

\_\_\_\_\_ Credits Completed

\_\_\_\_\_ Credits in Progress for Spring Semester

\_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA as of this semester

\_\_\_\_\_ GPA in your major

Academic Major:

Academic Minor:

## Background Information

High School Attended

Year Graduated

City

State

### Italian curriculum at MSU.

Please list the courses you have completed in Italian and the corresponding final grade.

### Extracurricular activities

List extracurricular activities at MSU and in the community that pertain to the Scholarship.  
(Feel free to explain why you think these activities are relevant for your application.)

### List any honors and/or awards

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### Employment

List any full-time or part-time jobs, including summer jobs. Include name of employer, dates and duties.

## Essay(s)

Please explain why you should receive the scholarship(s) you applied for. Provide a 500 words maximum, single spaced essay for each scholarship you apply for. Essays must address the specific criteria of each scholarship and cannot be identical. For example, if you apply to all scholarships, you must provide at least 3 essays: one on achievement (i.e., discussing your excellence in Italian studies and in your Italian proficiency); one pertaining to the teaching of Italian as your future career; one about the benefits of studying abroad, indicating anticipated academic and personal growth.

Each essay must be added to this form.

## Certification. Please check:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby agree to provide additional information in support of my application if requested by the committee.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby certify that the statements provided in this application are true and correct.

## Electronic submission only.

Please follow directions carefully:

1. Please save the form in Rich Text Format, Word or PDF.
2. Send it as an attachment from your official MSU email to Dr. Andrea Dini, Chair of the Scholarship Committee ([dinia@mail.montclair.edu](mailto:dinia@mail.montclair.edu)) **by Thursday January 30, 2014, 8 pm**. Submissions from email addresses other than your official MSU email will not be accepted.
3. Attach a "return receipt" if you wish an acknowledgement of your electronic submission: in your new mail message click on *Options* and next to *Receipt* choose "Read." No email to acknowledge receipt will otherwise be sent.

## Selection

The Scholarship Committee will choose the most suitable candidates for these awards by January 31, 2014. Results will be communicated to the awards recipients via email.

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