

Sons of Italy, Roma Lodge #1575

Merit Award Rules and Information

To be Eligible to Apply for the Roma Lodge Merit Award:

- Student must be a high school senior graduating from high school in 2025
- Student must attend a high school in Tulare County and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Must complete and return application and essay
- Submit two distinct letters of recommendation
 - The two letters of recommendation must contain the following: The name of the applicant, comments on the applicant's character and abilities and an opinion of his/her ability to profit from a college education. (A parent or close relative cannot be considered as a reference). The name and occupation of each person writing a letter of recommendation is required. Each letter must be signed and sealed. Letters of recommendation must also be postmarked by March 1st.
- Submit a copy of current school transcripts by March 1 deadline.
- Submit a recent 4x6 color photograph of yourself
- Please do not send resumes or additional information that is not specifically requested in the application. Additional materials will not be included in the review by the Selection Committee.

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS ARE MISSING FROM YOUR APPLICATION PACKET AFTER MARCH 1, YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
IT IS APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY TRANSCRIPTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED PRIOR TO MARCH 1 DEADLINE.

Awards are made based on scholastic achievement, career goals, leadership skills and financial need. The amount of the scholarship will be \$500 and the number to be given is determined by the scholarship committee and may or may not change each year based on eligibility. All information requested on the application must be postmarked on or before March 1. You will be notified by mail of application results by March 30.

Scholarship application and all required material pertaining to it must be sent to:

Melissa Watkins, Scholarship Chair
1982 N Belmont Road Exeter CA. 93221
mdepaoliwat@gmail.com

- Applications and/or accompanying documents postmarked after March 1st will not be considered.
- All material provided must be on 8 1/2" x 11" paper and current applications must be used or will not be accepted.
- Recipients are asked to attend the June meeting of the Roma Lodge to receive their scholarship recognition. More information about the event will be provided once you are notified.
- If selected to receive a scholarship, recipients **must** submit a transcript/report card of quarter/semester grades, for at least 12 units, from the college of their choice to the Scholarship Chairperson before the scholarship funds will be awarded. Scholarship **must** be claimed within the first academic year following the award.