



7130 Highway C
Racine, WI 53403

ROMA LODGE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM **2026**

WHAT IS THE SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, Roma Lodge makes scholarships available to children of Roma Lodge members. The top-rated applicant will be awarded a \$4000 Scholarship, payable in \$1000 increments at the beginning of each of four academic years. A maximum of three one-time \$500 scholarships will be awarded to the second, third, and fourth place rated scholarship applicants. The scholarships can be applied to any course of study leading to a recognized baccalaureate degree at any accredited United States college or university of the recipient's choice.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All graduating high school seniors, who are biological or adopted children of Roma Lodge members, are eligible to apply for the scholarship. An applicant's father must be a member in good standing as of January 31st of the calendar year that application for the scholarship is made. The recipient's father must continue to be a member in good standing for the duration of the scholarship academic year. Applicants must be planning to pursue a full-time program of study (12 credits or more) at a college or university in the United States. A recipient of a Roma Lodge Merit Scholarship will not be eligible to receive any other scholarships offered through Roma Lodge.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The applicants must:

- Complete a high school college preparatory course of study
- Demonstrate a commendable academic record which will qualify for admission to the college university of their choice
- Demonstrate positive citizenship and leadership qualities through participation in school and community activities.
- Show potential for higher academic success by achieving ACT or SAT scores acceptable to the college or university of their choice.
- Submit an official high school transcript
- Submit an ACT or SAT scores report form
- Submit two letters of recommendation

Financial need will not be considered during the selection process.

OBTAINING APPLICATION FORMS

Scholarship Application Forms can be downloaded as a Word document from the Roma Lodge Members web page, www.romalodge.com/members/scholarships or a form can be emailed to you.

Contact Frank Bisotti, Scholarship Committee Chair, fbisotti@ameritech.net to request an email copy.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The recipients are selected by a panel of independent evaluators whom reside in Wisconsin. Roma Lodge officers or members do not take part in the selection of the recipients.

Selection is based on:

- High school academic performance – 50%
- Extra – curricular activities – 25%
- Community activities (employments, church activities, volunteer activities) – 25%

SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

Applications along with all supporting documentation must be received by Friday, **March 27, 2026**. Mail or deliver the applications to:

Roma Lodge Scholarship Committee
Attn: Frank Bisotti, Chair
7130 Spring St
Racine, WI 53406

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RECIPIENTS

Recipients of the Roma Lodge Merit Scholarships will be selected by May 1st and notified by early May of each year. Recipients will be recognized at their respective spring high school scholarship awards ceremonies, by a Roma Lodge representative, when possible.

DOLLAR VALUE AND PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Lodge will provide financial assistance in the form of one \$4,000 cash scholarship paid in \$1000 increments. Three scholarships will offer financial assistance in the form of a one-time \$500 cash scholarship to the applicants who place second, third, and fourth. Funds will be awarded to a scholarship recipient upon receipt of a copy of his/her: 1) formal acceptance to the college or university he/she will be attending and 2) high school diploma.

Letters of acceptance should be sent to:

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RENEWAL PROCEDURE

A recipient of the \$4,000 scholarship must apply for incremental \$1,000 payments for each of the three years succeeding the initial year the scholarship was awarded. A letter of request should be sent to the Scholarship Committee. The letter should include highlights of the recipient's academic year that was just completed. The letter must include official evidence (a transcript) that the recipient has maintained a grade point average of 2.5 or greater based on a 4.0 scale and evidence that the recipient is enrolled in a fall full-time program of study.

OTHER AWARDS

An individual cannot be the recipient of more than one of the two scholarships (Roma Lodge Merit, Missureli) Roma Lodge offers. Recipients may accept scholarships from other organizations.

RECIPIENT OBLIGATIONS

Recipients are responsible for making entrance arrangements with their colleges and for fulfilling entrance requirements. Recipients must maintain a 2.5 grade point average based on a 4.0 grade scale during the duration of the scholarship and must maintain an uninterrupted full-time course of study for the following four years leading to a degree.

SCHOLARSHIP CONTINUATION

Roma Lodge retains the right to alter or discontinue the scholarship without notice. Once a four year scholarship has been awarded, Roma Lodge will continue to finance that scholarship during the term thereof, provided the recipient meets the performance requirements of the scholarship program.

2026 ROMA LODGE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Frank Bisotti, Chair fbisotti@ameritech.net



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ROMA LODGE COLLEGE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Date of Application _____

APPLICANT NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

FATHER'S NAME _____
(Biological or adoptive)

MOTHER'S NAME _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING _____

Class rank at the end of last quarter _____

Cumulative grade point average _____

SAT score _____

Or

ACT score _____

Signature of Applicant _____

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HONORS / AWARDS:

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	OFFICE/CHAIRS	YEAR(S)
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Signature of Applicant _____

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

EMPLOYMENT

Place of employment _____

From: _____ to: _____ hours/week _____

Other employment _____

Signature of Applicant _____

FUTURE PLANS

CAREER CHOICE

First _____

Why? _____

Second? _____

COLLEGE CHOICE(S)

First _____

Why? _____

Second _____

DEGREES SOUGHT

First _____

Why? _____

Second _____

BRIEF ESSAY

In two or three paragraphs, explain why you feel you are deserving of this scholarship and add any other comments that you would like to make, such as the importance of an Italian heritage or Italian culture to you or to the world. You may use an additional sheet.

Signature of Applicant _____

***** EACH PAGE OF THE APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED *****

SUBMIT THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND THE FOLLOWING SUPPORTING INFORMATION TO THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

- 1). Official high school transcript
- 2). Photocopy of latest high school grade report
- 3). ACT or SAT scores report form
- 4). Two letters of recommendation
 - a) One from a school official
 - b) One from a community person that is not related to the applicant

APPLICATION IS NOT CONSIDERED COMPLETE UNTIL ALL COMPONENTS ARE FILED AND FATHER'S STATUS AS A "MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING" IS VERIFIED.

Signature of Applicant _____

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