



Over the past century, UNICO and its members answered the call to those in need, from providing relief to Italian earthquake victims and their communities to supporting the families after the 911 attack in New York City. The organization also supports numerous educational initiatives, including providing student scholarships and promoting the study of Italian language in high schools. UNICO has endowed chairs at several universities to promote Italian American Studies and the rich history of Italy.

UNICO promotes a positive image of Italian Americans, one of the largest ethnic groups in the nation. The more than 16 million Italian Americans are interwoven into the fabric of the United States and have profoundly contributed in all areas of our nation, from the arts to business to science and law. UNICO celebrates these Italian American contributions and achievements while promoting the durable bond between the United States and Italy.

The Italian Cultural Center is extending the opportunity to The Springfield UNICO to offer their Scholarships on our website.

Springfield UNICO invites eligible students to submit applications for these Scholarships.

2024 Scholarship Awards

\$ 1,500 Brian Piccolo Award Scholarship – Male

\$ 1,500 Brian Piccolo Award Scholarship – Female

In 1986, the Springfield Chapter of UNICO National awarded its first Brian Piccolo Scholarship Award which honors deserving athletes of Italian-American heritage who demonstrate many of Brian Piccolo's outstanding qualities, among them courage, leadership, hard work, loyalty, teamwork, sportsmanship and, in general, good character both on and off the playing field. It is an honor for Springfield UNICO to continue to bestow scholarships to deserving male and female athletes in Brian Piccolo's name. The awards are for accomplishments and achievements on the athletic fields while displaying the exemplary qualities of Brian Piccolo.

\$ 1,000 Carmine Capuano Community Service Scholarship

\$ 1,000 Frank J. Stirlacci Community Service Scholarship

The Community Service Awards are granted to students who have been demonstrably active in providing volunteer service to their school and community at large, while displaying character traits such as leadership, caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility.