



For more than 60 years, Nutley UNICO and its member donors have supported Nutley students and families in their educational pursuits through local scholarship awards. To date, Nutley UNICO has contributed more than \$500,000 in scholarships. In 2026, Nutley UNICO, Inc. will offer twenty-nine (29) scholarships to Nutley students who will be attending an accredited college or university. All scholarships awarded will be distributed on a one-time basis.

For additional information please refer to Nutley UNICO website (www.nutleyUNICO.org).

A BRIEF HISTORY OF NUTLEY UNICO

by Dr. Frank Cocchiola, Jr., Past President

A group of concerned Nutley men first met in 1953 to discuss ways to develop Italian-American pride and concern for equity. They called their group the “Columbus Civic Club of Nutley” and met at 351 Passaic Ave. The men who were responsible for the genesis of our chapter included Dr. Robert Citrino, the first president of the Columbus Civic Club, which lasted until 1958; Larry Varone, the Columbus Civic Club’s fourth president, who followed, Frank Cocchiola, Sr. in that role and then became the first president of the Nutley Chapter of UNICO National in 1959. The inaugural UNICO dinner was held on Oct. 10, 1959 and was chaired by Frank Cocchiola Sr. The signature page of the original UNICO National Charter application signed on August 12, 1959 includes the names of 53 men whose influence on our town and on many of us personally is still felt today, among them Citrino, Samara, Orechio, Viola, Biondi, Negra, Ritacco, Zinicola, and Cocchiola to mention just a few.

Today Nutley UNICO is one of the largest chapters in the nation, and in 2002 we were recognized by UNICO National as the Model Chapter in the nation. In 2009-10 we elected our first female president, Marie Lucarella Solimo. Our legacy is in the efforts of our chapter to promote our Italian culture and heritage. Specific initiatives include the donation of the Columbus statue in front of Nutley Town Hall in 2000; the Brian Piccolo scholarship breakfast first held in 1994 and chaired by Jim Piro and Frank Cocchiola Sr., the Columbus Quincentennial program in 1992 coordinated by Al Ficocella. The chapter has had a national officer, Steve Mairella, a Past President and former chapter scholarship recipient in 1974, which served as UNICO National Secretary in 2002. We have had UNICO National award winners: including Dr. Vincent Grasso, a Marconi Award winner, Anthony Buccino, a William Paca Americanism Award winner and Dan Geltrude, an Ella Grasso Literary Award winner.

The UNICO motto is “Service Above Self”. Our organization believes in this creed and exhibits this through our national and local donations to causes that over the years have included earthquake relief funds sent to Torella Dei Lombardi in 1980 during the presidency of Potito (“Pat”) D’Antuono; annual contributions to UNICO National causes such as the Jimmy V Fund and Cooley’s Anemia research, as well as numerous local contributions to assist those in need within our own community; and, of course, our major commitment to education in the form of support for Italian Studies chairs at various universities, most notably Seton Hall and Montclair

State, and our local scholarships that yearly total approximately \$30,000, several of them sponsored by individual members in honor of their families and parents.

On June 29, 1961 one of our Charter Members, Carmen Orechio, said that “There is no room in the organization for anyone who wasn’t ready to be of service”, and “that it is time we were ready to stand up and be counted”. The founders of Nutley UNICO did stand up and we are still standing today in celebration of our Italian-American heritage and ethnicity. Our future is every bit as bright as our past!

HISTORY OF UNICO NATIONAL

UNICO was founded on October 10, 1922 in Waterbury, Connecticut. A group of 15 men, led by Dr. Anthony P. Vastola, came together to create what has become a very special and very proud organization. It was Dr. Vastola's dream to create an Italian American service organization to engage in charitable works, support higher education, and perform patriotic deeds.

The name UNICO was selected as best representing the nature and the character of this fledging organization. The name is the Italian word for unique, one of a kind. The founders believed that UNICO would be the only one of its kind because it placed service to the community before and above fraternity. At the same time they hoped that the rest of society would come to know and understand the real contributions of Italian Americans to our way of life. Its sole purpose was to unite all Italian Americans and motivate them to become more civic minded. In order to accomplish this, members would have to understand that they would have to make sacrifices, not for personal gain, but for service to others. In the ensuing years UNICO became an acronym that stood for Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity, and Opportunity.



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ESTABLISHED

NUTLEY UNICO SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP



This award is aimed at recognizing students who achieve high levels of academic excellence in high school. Students should have distinguishable qualities of leadership, good character and who display a commitment to volunteering and community involvement.

This scholarship is offered to a student who believes that having the attitude and willingness to engage in learning will increase their chances to excel in college and in life. Nutley UNICO feels that this top scholarship will offer support to the financial challenges that should not define a student's enthusiasm to learn.

Scholarship Amount: \$4,000.00

Criteria: Required, see section C paragraph 6 of application.

Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee

Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)

ESTABLISHED IN 1999

NUTLEY UNICO PRIDE IN ACHIEVEMENT

The Nutley UNICO "Pride in Achievement" Scholarship was created to recognize those students who, while perhaps not being at the very top of their class, have made the most of their talents and abilities, often in the face of some type of adversity. This scholarship goes to students whose achievements are worthy of recognition as a "personal best."



They have demonstrated the character and work ethic that we identify with so many of our Italian immigrant ancestors. While need is a relevant consideration for all of our scholarships, this one weighs need a little more heavily, recognizing that students who rank

at the very top of their class often receive multiple scholarships, while those who do not, though often deserving, do not.

Scholarship Amount: \$3,000.00

Criteria: Required, see section C paragraph 6 of application.

Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee

Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)

ESTABLISHED

NUTLEY UNICO ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

This award places importance on the academic successes of the student who has taken advantage of the educational opportunities and experiences that high school programs offer. This scholarship recognizes students with leadership qualities both in and out of the classrooms and who have set goals for their college pursuits. Nutley UNICO offers this financial support to assist in the costs of a college education.



Scholarship Amount: \$2,000.00

Criteria: Required, see section C paragraph 6 of application.

Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee

Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)

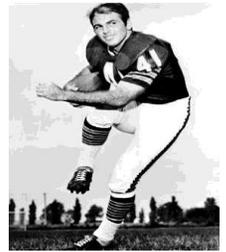
ESTABLISHED IN 1994

NUTLEY UNICO BRIAN PICCOLO ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP

The Brian Piccolo national award started in 1977 and Nutley UNICO is very proud to be associated with perpetuating the name of Brian Piccolo.

Brian Louis Piccolo, was born October 31, 1943 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts to parents Irene and Joseph Piccolo. He married Joy in

1964 and the three most important things in his life were Lori, Traci and Kristi, his daughters. He was a proud Italian American who was dedicated to his family, friends and determined to succeed in football.



In high school, Brian was an athlete of three sports, baseball, football and basketball. He had planned to play major league baseball right up to the time he received a scholarship to attend Wake Forest. While leading the team to a winning season at Wake Forest, he earned National titles for rushing and scoring. He signed with the Chicago Bears in 1964, and spent four active seasons with them. In his short season as a Bear, he made 5 TD's, gained 927 yards rushing and 537 yards pass receiving. Brian's illness finally overcame his will. After seven months of pain, suffering and many treatments the battle with cancer was over...on June 16, 1970 Brian Louis Piccolo suffered no more.

It has been stated that the measure of a man can be understood from one of Brian's quotes. "The first thing a guys got to have is determination, because a man's career is such a long road. There are many ups and downs along the road. You've got to believe in yourself, not to show anyone else, but just prove it to yourself".

Funds one male and female scholarship

Scholarship Amount: \$1,500.00 Each

Criteria: Minimum one (1) varsity sport and embodies the qualities of Brian Piccolo

Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee.

Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)



ESTABLISHED
IN 2007

NUTLEY UNICO MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP



Nutley UNICO recognizes and understands the importance of music in our lives. Music allows us to celebrate and preserve our cultural heritages, to explore the wonders of music expression, imagination and creation resulting in music appreciation.

With the passing of Luciano Pavarotti in 2007, Nutley UNICO created a music scholarship that would honor and pay tribute. Pavarotti was an Italian operatic tenor who also crossed over into popular music and eventually became one of the most commercially successful tenors of all time. Pavarotti summarized his life as follows:

“Penso che una vita per la musica sia una vita spesa bene ed e’ a questo che mi sono dedicato”

“I think a life for music is a well spent one, and that’s what I have dedicated mine to”

The award shall be given to a student who plans to study music or has been accepted in a music program as a major or minor at a recognized or accredited institution of higher learning. This scholarship shall assist to advance music education by encouraging the study of instrumental or vocal music.

Scholarship Amount: \$1,000.00

Criteria: Applicant who excels in the field of music and plans to major or minor in music in college.

Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee.

Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)

ESTABLISHED

NUTLEY UNICO ITALIAN LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Nutley UNICO recognizes the importance of preserving Italian culture and heritage, through the promotion of Italian Studies and the Italian - American education.

This scholarship offers financial assistance to a student who plans to major or minor in Italian Language, Italian Studies or a related field of study.

Funds one male and female scholarship

Scholarship Amount: \$1,000.00 Each

Criteria: Applicant who excels in the study of the Italian language.

Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee.

Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)

ESTABLISHED
IN 2008

NUTLEY UNICO VOCATIONAL TRADE SCHOLARSHIP

The Nutley UNICO Vocational Trade Scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance to a student who will enroll in an accredited career program or vocational program leading to a certificate or degree and will plan to go directly into employment in that field upon completion of that program. Some Vocational programs include but are not limited to automotive technology, graphic designer, accounting, child development, fashion design, medical assistance, and dental hygiene. The scholarship is need-based rather than grade based. The scholarship is not intended for general academic pursuit students intending to transfer to a four-year college or for graduate degree.

The scholarship is intended to support the vocational educational goals of the recipient and may be used for tuition or other expenses incurred in pursuit of the educational program

Scholarship Amount: \$1,000.00

Criteria: Applicant attending a post high school vocational or trade school.

Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee

Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)

ESTABLISHED
IN 1999

JOSEPH & TINA BATTAGLIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Joseph and Tina Battaglia believed that education was an important key to success in the world of business; with that in mind they encouraged their children (Al, Sam & Joe) to pursue college degrees. All three were able to achieve this and make their parents proud. Al was the second recipient of the Nutley UNICO scholarship in 1960.

In 1999 the Battaglia brothers established the Tina & Joseph Battaglia Scholarships to be awarded to a male and female student of Italian heritage. In 2005 Al’s son Jason and Sam’s son Joseph joined

the family efforts to increase the dollar value of the scholarships awarded to assist Nutley High School graduates in pursuit of the college degrees so that the belief of their grandparents will carry forward to future generations.

Funds one male and female scholarships

Scholarship Amount: \$1,500.00 Each

Criteria: Scholastic achievement and financial need

Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee in consultation with the Battaglia family

Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)

ESTABLISHED
IN 2002

ALFRED A. AND ANNA BIONDI SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created in 2002. Originally from the Ironbound section of Newark, the Biondi family felt it was fitting to give back to the community that has been their home since 1968. The scholarship is established in memory of Anthony A. Biondi, Jr.’s grandparents, Alfred and Anna Biondi, who founded the Biondi Funeral Home in the Ironbound section of Newark in 1941. Sixty-nine years later, the business continues under the direction of the Biondi family. The sciences have long been a central focus of study within the Biondi family.

The Biondi family recognizes that whether it is a sculptor transforming raw stone into a human figure, an athlete pushing the body to grueling physical limits, or a Nutley High School student taking the first steps toward a career goal, the mastery of a complex and challenging task is the true essence of this scholarship. In that spirit, there is no better way to give back to the community than by recognizing an outstanding Nutley student who aspires to pursue a science-based career.

Scholarship Amount: \$1,000.00

Criteria: Student who excels in field of science and majors in college, top 33% of class.

Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee in consultation with the Biondi family

Essay: 2 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)

Additional essay required (Describe how your Italian heritage has influenced you and your educational goals.)



ESTABLISHED
IN 2001

AMY BONADONNA MEMORIAL ART SCHOLARSHIP

The UNICO Amy Bonadonna Memorial Art Scholarship is given in memory of Amy Bonadonna, Nutley High School Class of 2000, who was killed in an automobile accident by a drunken driver on Dec. 23, 1999. Amy planned to become an art teacher and had been awarded a \$25,000 scholarship to attend Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY. The annual scholarship is presented by her father, a former Nutley High School English teacher, to one or more Nutley High seniors who intend to major in art or photography in college. Recipients must present a portfolio of their work and a brief essay outlining their plans for a career in art. Recipients are qualified by Nutley High School Art Department.



Scholarship Amount: \$1,500.00
Criteria: Student pursuing the field of art education or visual design at an accredited school. Review of student's art portfolio.
Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee in concurrence with Nutley High School Art Department and Bonadonna family.
Essay: 2 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)
 Additional essay required (Describe your career goals and reasons for choosing same.)

**SPECIAL APPLICATION REQUIRED. PLEASE CONTACT
NUTLEY HIGH SCHOOL ART DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN
APPLICATION**

ESTABLISHED
IN 2015

MARIO DiMAGGIO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created in 2014 by the DiMaggio family to honor Mario DiMaggio, a very active and dedicated UNICO member.

Because of Mario's strong belief in education and pride for his

Italian heritage, this scholarship should be awarded to a deserving Nutley High Student who has high academic achievements in the area of mathematics.

Scholarship Amount: \$2,000.00
Criteria: Applicant who excels in area of Mathematics
Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee in consultation with the DiMaggio family
Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)

ESTABLISHED

JOHN V. KELLY SCHOLARSHIP

John V. Kelly was born on July 11, 1926 to Joseph and Mary (Silvestri) Kelly in Jersey City, New Jersey. He had a tough Irish father once signed as a New York Yankee catcher and an old fashion Italian mother who taught him the importance of being a good compassionate Christian and to help those in need.

He served his country with honor as a Staff sergeant in the United States Army. He graduated from St. Peter's College with honors in Finance and Accounting. In 1971 he became President and Chairman of the Nutley Savings and Loan Bank, which grew, under his leadership to one of the top ranking institutions in the state. Nutley Savings was renowned for it's extensive community involvement and innovated practices at that time.

The Honorable John V. Kelly started his public service career in 1981 with his election to the New Jersey State Assembly. Serving for eighteen years he authored and signed one hundred and forty three bills into law. John Personally met with four sitting Presidents in the White House. Presidents Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, George Bush Sr., and George W. Bush. In 1988 John was elected Mayor of Nutley, serving as Director of Public Safety for eight years.

In Addition, he gave generously of his time, energies and resources as a member of and leader within a myriad of community and civic organizations such as Nutley UNICO. He provided finances to several organizations in order to set up college scholarships such as this one. His dedication to public service, commitment to his community and love of God and country demonstrated a true

gentleman of humble beginnings. As John always said, "Keep the Faith".

Scholarship Amount: \$1,000.00
Criteria: Scholastic achievement and financial need.
Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee in consultation with the Kelly family.
Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)

ESTABLISHED

ANTHONY BIONDI SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by the Biondi family in honor of Anthony Biondi, Sr. Mr. Biondi was a proud Italian American who deeply valued his heritage and the traditions, values, and contributions of the Italian people. As a dedicated member of Nutley UNICO, he believed strongly in service to community, family, and education, principles that have long defined Italian American culture.

This scholarship is intended for a student pursuing a career in a science-related field who recognizes the significant contributions Italians and Italian Americans have made to science, innovation, and human progress. From early pioneers in medicine, engineering, and astronomy to modern leaders in research and technology, Italian ingenuity and dedication to discovery have helped shape the world we know today.

The Biondi family recognizes that whether it is a sculptor transforming raw stone into a human figure, an athlete pushing the body to grueling physical limits, or a Nutley High School student taking the first steps toward a career goal, the mastery of a complex and challenging task is the true essence of this scholarship. In that spirit, there is no better way to give back to the community than by recognizing an outstanding Nutley student who aspires to pursue a science-based career.

Scholarship Amount: \$2,000.00
Criteria: Scholastic Achievement and Financial Need
Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee
Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)



ESTABLISHED
IN 2009

NANINA'S CULINARY ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is intended to help a student pursue their dream and passion for the culinary arts. Food is the one thing that has always been and will continue to be a big part of the Italian culture and the daily lives of Italian Americans.



Nanina's in the Park has provided the financial support that will assist in nurturing the skills of an aspiring culinary chef. Recommendations from the culinary instructors and others knowledgeable about the applicant's merits, commitment to a career in a food service or related profession, class involvement, volunteer activities and financial need will be considered.

Scholarship Amount: \$1,000.00

Criteria: Applicant who be attending a culinary preparation or chef's school.

Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee in consultation with the Maurillo family.

Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)

ESTABLISHED
IN 2005

PENNONI ASSOCIATES STUDY OF ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

Celestino R. (Chuck) Pennoni, the son of Italian immigrants, founded Pennoni Associates Inc. in 1966. Our corporate culture at Pennoni is very important. Our business goal since the beginning has been to give back to the communities and organizations that we have had the privilege to serve. It is this connection that sustains us through good times and bad. Our number one goal has been and remains quality service, in other words "service above self". When we adhere to that philosophy we distinguish ourselves as leaders. We certainly understand the importance of providing educational opportunities to the next generation. The UNICO scholarship program allows us to assist in a very personal way. Since the

scholarship is dedicated to students pursuing a career in engineering, it also allows Chuck Pennoni to give back to the profession that he loves.

Scholarship Amount: \$2,000.00

Criteria: Applicant majoring in field of engineering.

Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee in consultation with engineering firm of Pennoni Associates.

Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)

ESTABLISHED
IN 2002

RITACCO FAMILY GRANT

It is the intent of the Ritacco family to give back to its community so that future generations will have an opportunity to reach the goals they set out to achieve. Starting with our dad, a retired Nutley Fire Captain and 10 letter athlete and Nutley High School Hall of Fame member class of 1941, his children Michael an 8 letter athlete class of 1966, Pat a 4 letter athlete class of 1974, the late Cora class of 1960 and Linda class of 1979 who all valued the education they received and which helped them in their respective professions. The Ritacco Family Grant assists a student who has participated in both athletic and scholastic areas with a positive goal for their future.

Scholarship Amount: \$1,200.00

Criteria: Applicant who excels in Athletics and Academics.

Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee in consultation with the Ritacco family.

Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)

ESTABLISHED
IN 2012

FRANK A. COCCHIOLA SR. COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP



The Frank A. Cocchiola, Sr. Service to Community/School Scholarship was initiated in 2012 by his children in recognition of his 34 years of public service to the Town of Nutley. Frank, a lifelong Nutleyite, was a board of education member for 6 years and

a Commissioner for 28 years. He retired from the Commission at the end of his term in 2000. His legacy as an elected official was carried on by his daughter, Joanne, who was the first woman elected to the Nutley Board of Commissioners in May of 2000. She followed this by becoming the first female Mayor in Nutley history in 2004, then the first Mayor to be reelected to office since Harry Chenoweth. Frank's concern for and interest in all "things Nutley" is well known. The scholarship will be awarded to a Nutley HS graduate who exhibits similar traits.

Scholarship Amount: \$1,500.00

Criteria: A student who has exhibited exemplary community service dedicated to improving the Township of Nutley and possesses strong leadership skills.

Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee in consultation with the Cocchiola family.

Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)

ESTABLISHED
IN 2013

ANGELO M. ARCUTI MEMORIAL GRANT



Angelo M. Arcuti was a lifelong resident of Nutley and graduated Nutley High School in 1939. He went on to achieve a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Seton Hall and advanced his education goals with a Master's Degree in Business from his undergraduate alma mater. Having been involved in community service as a member of Nutley UNICO, Knights of Columbus, VFW, Amvets and a WWII veteran, Angelo exemplified "service above self". The Angelo M. Arcuti Memorial Grant honors his life of dedication to his family, entrepreneurship and public service. His commitment to being successful was strongly supported with passion, generosity and a desire to guide others to success. Leading by example earned Angelo a reputation as one of having integrity and a go to - get it done quality. The Arcuti family believes teaching "a strong work ethic is a key ingredient to many of life's successes and a gift worth passing on".

Scholarship Amount: \$1,200.00



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Criteria: A student who exhibits exemplary community service and plans to pursue the study of business management in college.

Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee in consultation with the Arcuti family.

Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)

Please include in your essay your reasons and influences for pursuing field of business management and career goals.

ESTABLISHED IN 2015 **PETER C. SCARPELLI SCHOLARSHIP**

It is the intent of the Scarpelli Civic Association in conjunction with the Scarpelli Family to offer eligible Nutley individuals with special needs who will pursue post-secondary education, a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. Priority will be given to individuals diagnosed on the autism spectrum or as part of a multiple disability classification. Absent any potential scholarship recipients meeting the priority classification criteria, the scholarship will be offered to a special education applicant.

The Scarpelli Civic Association (SCA) is a local, charitable organization founded by Peter Scarpelli, Sr. in 1975, continued by Mayor Peter Scarpelli, and recently re-organized under the leadership of Dr. Joseph Scarpelli. The main objective of the Scarpelli Civic Association is to promote autism awareness and support within the Nutley community.

Scholarship Amount: \$1,000.00

Criteria: Please see above.

Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee in consultation with the Nutley High School Special Services Department and the Scarpelli family.

Essay: No Essay Required

ESTABLISHED IN 2018 **CRUPI FAMILY / DOG, CAT & BIRD CLINIC SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was created in 2018 by the Crupi Family and their family operated Dog, Cat & Bird Clinic as a way to assist Nutley students who will pursue post-secondary education in the field of

Health Sciences. It is the intent of the Crupi Family to give back to its community so that future generations have an opportunity to achieve success.

Scholarship Amount: \$1,500.00

Criteria: Scholastic Achievement in Science with an intended career in the Health Sciences and financial need

Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee in consultation with the Crupi Family.

Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)

ESTABLISHED IN 2018 **JAMES M. PIRO SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was created in 2020 by the Law Firm of Piro, Zinna, Cifelli & Genitempo, LLC as a way to honor founding partner James M. Piro. Nutley students who will pursue post-secondary education in the professional field. It is the intent of the Law Firm and the Piro Family to give back to its community so that future generations have an opportunity to achieve success.

Funds one male and female scholarships

Scholarship Amount: \$1,250.00 Each

Criteria: Scholastic Achievement and financial need

Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee.

Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)

ESTABLISHED IN 2023 **FRAGINALS TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was created in 2023 by the Fragnals family to assist students pursuing post-secondary education in the field of computer science and technology. It is the intent of Fragnals Family to provide future generations with an opportunity to achieve success.

Scholarship Amount: \$1,500.00

Criteria: Scholastic Achievement with an intended career in the Computer Sciences and Technology Field.

Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee.

Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)

ESTABLISHED IN 2024 **CARNICELLA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was created in 2024 by the Carnicella family to assist students pursuing post-secondary education in the field of business with a concentration in sales and marketing. It is the goal of Carnicella Family to give back to the community in order to assist future generations with an opportunity to achieve success.

Scholarship Amount: \$2,000.00

Criteria: Scholastic Achievement and financial need

Selection: Selection to be made by Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee.

Essay: 1 Required (See section C paragraph 6 of application)

ESTABLISHED IN 2025 **CHIARA RUSSONIELLO MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established in 2025 by Donald Russoniello in honor of his late wife, Chiara Zanon Russoniello. It is intended for a student with demonstrated musical ability, whether as a singer, instrumentalist, or in another musical discipline, who appreciates and recognizes the significant contributions Italians have made to the world of music. Applicants will be required to submit a special essay discussing how Italians, both past and present, have influenced music on a global and cultural level.

Scholarship Amount: \$3,500.00

Criteria: Achievement in the study of Music

Selection: Selection will be made by the Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee in consultation with the Russoniello family.

Essay: 1 Required (See essay description above)



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Scholarship Qualifications and Instructions

ELIGIBILITY

- A. Italian Origin:** Candidate shall be a United States Citizen of Italian Ancestry, i.e. must have at least one grandparent of Italian origin. If deemed necessary, Nutley UNICO, Inc. Scholarship Committee may request documentation of proof of ancestry. First Preference is given to students of Italian Heritage. Second preference is given to non-Italian students who have excelled in Italian Language or Italian cultural studies and who meet all other criteria. Third preference is given to all other students who meet the other criteria.
- B. Residency Requirements:** Candidate must be a full-time resident of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey.
- C. Educational Requirements:** Candidate must be an active senior at any public or private high school. The applicant must submit either the SAT or ACT test scores and must be recommendable to an accredited College or University by his/her school. The Candidate must be in good standing and rank in the top 33% of his/her class academically.
- D. Financial Need:** Financial need and hardships may be taken into consideration. In assessing needs, the number, ages and schooling requirements of siblings and extraordinary family expenses may be considered.
- E. Extra-Curricular and Community Participation:** The extent to which a candidate has contributed to the life and welfare of school and/or community will be taken into consideration in the assessment of merit.
- F. Family Members:** Family members of Nutley UNICO may apply, so long as they meet all eligibility requirements.
- H. Essay:** Applicant must submit a written essay as described in Section C item number 6 of scholarship application. All additional essay requirements are indicated in the criteria listed for each scholarship. Please refer to Nutley High School NAVIANCE website or www.nutleyUNICO.org for criteria details.
- I. Timeframe:** Scholarship recipient must pursue his/her course of study within one (1) year from the date award is issued or request for a deferment in writing from Nutley UNICO. Continued enrollment and proof thereof is a condition to disbursements of scholarship awards paid in installments.

STANDARDS FOR CONSIDERATION

In addition to the criteria described herein, applications will also be judged on citizenship, leadership, character, personality, and community service. Exhibits demonstrating notable achievements in these areas may be attached to support application, e.g. letter of recommendation(s), etc.

All responses on application that require additional space should be type written on a separate 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper attached to application.

Mandatory information and documents that must accompany scholarship application:

1. All sections within scholarship application must be completed to the best of applicant's ability;
2. Section B must include the official school personnel signature;
3. Section D must include applicant and parent or legal guardian signature;
4. Minimum one (1) letter of recommendation(s) from Nutley High School representative, i.e. guidance counselor, teacher, etc.;
5. Written essay as outlined in the application and as may be required for each respective scholarship award criteria the applicant is applying for.

Applications that do not conform to these requirements or are incomplete will not be considered.

Optional information: Letters of recommendation from members of community groups, employers, etc. not affiliated with school system.

Filing of Scholarship Application(s): Applicant must submit one (1) completed copy of scholarship application including all required attachments. The application should clearly indicate all scholarships being applied for by marking the appropriate box adjacent to the scholarship name at the top of the application. Applicants can check multiple awards on single application. Applications not clearly marked will not be accepted.

Nutley High School students must submit their completed application to Nutley High School Guidance Department. Nutley residents who do not attend Nutley High School but meet eligibility requirements must submit their completed application directly to Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee at P.O. Box 43, Nutley, N.J. 07110.

Application Deadline: Nutley High School students must submit their applications pursuant to the deadline set by Guidance Department. Please refer to NAVIANCE website or Nutley High School Guidance Office.

All Nutley High Students **MUST** file a NHS Scholarship Application in addition to the UNICO Scholarship Application.

All non Nutley High School students must submit their application to Nutley UNICO no later than **March 2, 2025**.

Award Decisions: Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee reserves all rights with selection and administrating of all scholarship awards. Nutley High School does not participate in the selection process.

In the event that it is determined by the Scholarship Committee that no qualified candidates meet the criteria for a scholarship, Nutley UNICO reserves the right to not select or issue the award.

Nutley UNICO reserves the right to award or not award the scholarships, in its sole discretion.

Award Funding: Awards will be funded upon proof of enrollment.

Additional Conditions: Nutley UNICO reserves the right to rescind a scholarship at any time, if the awardee, in UNICO's sole determination, engages in illegal or undesirable activities, and the awardee shall have no recourse against the Scholarship Committee or Nutley UNICO, Inc. in such an event.

Scholarships: Please refer to www.nutleyUNICO.org for specific criteria accompanying each individual scholarship listed on the scholarship application.

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