

HOLY CROSS SOCIETY

Graduate Grant Application
2025

Holy Cross Society Graduate Grant Committee
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The **Holy Cross Society** is a Sicilian-American Fraternal Organization composed of persons of Sicilian ancestry (including their non-Sicilian spouses) who are direct descendants from the Village of Santo Stefano di Camastra, Province of Messina, Sicily, Italy.

One of the many purposes of the **Holy Cross Society** is to offer Graduate Grants to further the education of Full Time College Students, Trade School or Military Training for the US service personnel who are descendants of the village of Santo Stefano di Camastra, Province of Messina, Sicily, Italy (or whose non-Italian parents or grandparents are members of the Holy Cross Society) Applicants who complete completion of one semester (12 credits minimum), in an accredited university, college or junior college or certificate of completion of basic training in the United States Military and whose parents are active within the Holy Cross Society are eligible for this one time award. Active Members are defined as a member who attends at least 4 regularly scheduled monthly meetings per year and volunteers at least one night at our annual celebration. Members over 75 years of age who previously satisfied active membership requirements are exempt from this requirement. If financially available, grants MAY be distributed to private high school and elementary students with the same descendant background where tuition is required.

GRADUATE GRANT INFORMATION

The Holy Cross Society will award Graduate Grants to recent high school graduates payable to them upon proof of enrollment and completion of one semester (12 credits minimum), in an accredited university, college or junior college or certificate of completion of Basic Training in the United States Military. Each year the number of the Graduate Grants awarded is based upon the donations made by the membership of the Holy Cross Society. Applications are reviewed and judged by the Graduate Grant committee for the selection of Graduate Grant winners. A **Passing grade** must be maintained by the students during high school and their first semester of college.

- ◆ **Scholastic achievement – GPA and CLASS RANK**
- ◆ **Family recommendation and character reference**
- ◆ **Extracurricular activities**

Applications will be judged on the following:

Applications must be complete and include the following:

- ◆ **A complete transcript of the applicant's high school scholastic record.**
- ◆ **A letter of recommendation from a school official which must also state the applicant's GPA and CLASS RANK.**
- ◆ **A personal letter of approximately 125 words explaining applicant's Sicilian origin, (or Holy Cross membership affiliation of their parents or grandparents), and applicant's plans for the future.**

The applicant's completed packet should be mailed to the **Holy Cross Society** at the address listed above, marked to the attention of the **Graduate Grant Committee**, and must be received not later than **March 15**. All applications become the property of the **Holy Cross Society** and all information submitted remains confidential. **Graduate Grant recipients will be notified during the month of April of the current year.**

Holy Cross Society Graduate Grant Committee
PO BOX 152R
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(610) 258-1259

APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE GRANT

I hereby apply for a Graduate Grant offered by the Holy Cross Society, and certify that I understand and meet the necessary requirements:

Name _____ Phone__ (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

High School _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

GPA _____ Class Rank _____

The School/Military Branch I am attending _____ The

Course of Study/Profession I am pursuing _____

Extra-curricular activities in which I have been involved:

I fully understand the deadline for this application is **March 15, 2025**, and that the contents of this application are confidential. I also understand that if I am awarded a Holy Cross Society Graduate Grant, it will be payable directly to the college of choice upon proof of full-time enrollment at an accredited university, college or junior college for the second semester or upon completion of basic training branch of military.

In compliance with the requirements for this Graduate Grant, I submit the following information:

- 1. A complete transcript of my high school scholastic record.**
- 2. A complete transcript of my College or Basic Training scholastic record**
- 3. A letter of recommendation from a school official which also states my GPA and CLASS RANK.**
- 4. My personal letter of approximately 125 words explaining my Italian origin, (or affiliation of my Holy Cross Society parents or grandparents), and my plans for the future.**

FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
(only if different from applicant)

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
(only if different from applicant)

Is anyone in your family a member of the Holy Cross Society? Yes ____ No _____

Name _____

Relationship _____

I certify that the information submitted herewith is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed _____ Date _____

(Applicant's Signature)

TO THE APPLICANT'S PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

1. Approximately what percentage of the applicant's support for college must you, the parents, provide for the first year?

2. Ages of your other dependent children.

Signed _____ Date: _____

FOR Holy Cross Society USE ONLY
All documents Received Yes /NO
Holy Cross Member Family Name: _____
Relationship of Student to Member: _____