

# Columbian Club Charitable Foundation Scholarship Application

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*The merit-based scholarships will range from \$2,500.00 to \$5,000.00. These dollar amounts and numbers of scholarships may vary according to funding available the sole discretion of the Columbian Club Charitable Foundation Committee.*

1. The Columbian Club Charitable Foundation must receive applications no later than October 15, 2023. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**
2. Applicants must be currently enrolled or entering as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> year college student or a Graduate student at the time of application. Applicant must be a US Citizen, a permanent resident of the State of Illinois, and of Italian American lineage.
3. A list of documents required for consideration:
  - Complete Application.
  - Recent transcript to school attended.
  - Two Letters of Reference. Letter must have the writer's contact information listed in their signature of the document for verification.
  - Continuation of acceptance into school. (If entering as a first-year student)
  - 2x2 passport style photograph. Must be high resolution consisting of professional attire. (These photo's will be published in different newsletters and magazines.)
  - Biological personal statements (see below)
  - Resume (if applicable)
  - Transcript of school now attending with GPA and class rank.

Biological Personal Statements:

- a. Attach an original essay of 250 words or less (double spaced) advising how you made the impact in someone's life over the past year, highlighting ant Italian American influence in the process.
  - b. Attach an original written essay of 300 words or less (double spaced) explaining why you need a scholarship, and if awarded one, how will it assist you in future endeavors.
4. ***All required documents must be submitted to the Columbian Club Charitable Foundation as a complete PDF file. Please make sure all documents are in order as requested. Files missing documents will not be reviewed.***
  5. All applicants chosen as a scholarship recipient will be notified by November 1, 2023. **Note: You must attend our Installation Dinner Awards ceremony to accept your scholarship. The Awards dinner will be held January 27, 2024, at Medinah Country Club @ 5:30 pm. We will also ask our scholarship winners to volunteer for our Clubs annual Golf outing in July of 2024.**

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Michael Russotto.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

**Current School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street City State ZIP

**Current Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Address & Phone Valid Until \_\_\_\_\_**

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street City State ZIP

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Alternate Contact Info of Relative (In case you cannot be reached)

Name & Relationship	Phone	E-mail
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**Occupation or Profession for which you are preparing:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College or University Applied to:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please enclose or forward a copy of the Letter of Acceptance as soon as it is received)

**Tentative/Current Major:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of School now attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street City State ZIP

**Rankin Class (High School Seniors Only) \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ or SAT Score \_\_\_\_\_**

## Scholastic Honors Received

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_

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## REFERENCES:

The Columbian Club Charitable Foundation requires two letters of reference including one from a current or former teacher.

The letters should be signed by the donor and must include contact information for verification. These letters of reference must be added to your PDF file submitted for scholarship consideration.

## APPLICANT STATEMENT:

I hereby affirm that all the information contained here is correct; that I am a U.S. citizen, a permanent resident of the State of Illinois, of Italian Lineage and currently matriculating or accepted in an accredited institution.

I authorize the release of my academic records to the Columbian Club Charitable Foundation only for the purpose of evaluating my application for the student scholarship program.

I give the Columbian Club permission to publish my photo enclosed with this application, in their Annual Dinner Program when scheduled and in any newspaper announcements, should I be awarded a scholarship.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP AND PAST COLUMBIAN CLUB CHARITABLE FOUNDATION AWARDS:

Name of Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Use: \_\_\_\_\_

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(If additional scholarships have been received, please list on separate sheet)

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Student Loans

How many \_\_\_\_\_ Dollar Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Other Financial Aid

## FAMILY INFORMATION:

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Paternal Grandparents Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Paternal Grandparents Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maternal Grandparents Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maternal Grandparents Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children in your family: \_\_\_\_\_ List their Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of brothers and/or sisters now attending Elementary School High School College: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship, if any, to any Columbian Club of Chicago Member: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RECORD

To consider and evaluate this application, a school official must complete this ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RECORD form.

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Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### TO THE ADMISSIONS OFFICIAL:

The student named below is applying for the Columbian Club Charitable Foundation student scholarship. In order to consider this candidate's application, it is necessary to have this ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RECORD form completed by a school official in its entirety and stamped with the school's official seal.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street City State ZIP

Current Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICIAL SCHOOL SEAL:

Elementary School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Institutions Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Calculate on a 4.0 scale)

School Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_