

**This year we will be awarding six scholarships ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 totalling more than \$30,000 to deserving college or university students in our local community.**

The Fund was established in 1985 to enable and encourage gifted students of Italian American origin to pursue their educational goals and has already provided more than \$100,000 to a number of talented young men and women. Our goal is to encourage students and young professionals to continue to promote and preserve the Italian and Italian American heritage and culture through education and networking. Each year, we award students who promote the Italian American heritage while supporting academic excellence. Our annual scholarship ceremony is held at the Bronx Zoo, where we also honor Italian American professionals. Past honorees have included notable leaders such as Justice Antonin Scalia and Honorable Geraldine Ferraro.

An ideal candidate should demonstrate academic achievement, extra-curricular engagement and a strong interest in promoting the Italian heritage and language. **The following link to our website provides more information on the FIERI program, as well as, provides the scholarship application – <https://www.fierifund.org/>. Applications are due Friday, April 4th, 2025. Please direct any questions to Krista Gresia ([kgresia22@gmail.com](mailto:kgresia22@gmail.com)).**

**Now, how else can you help? First, if you know of any eligible students, please share the application.** We encourage you to share this with friends and/or colleagues who may have students that are eligible. Second, I invite you to attend our annual scholarship breakfast, which will be on Sunday, April 27, 2025 at the Bronx Zoo. This year we will be celebrating 40 years of service to our community! More details on how to purchase tickets to come. Lastly, if you would like to make a donation to the FIERI Scholarship Fund, please contact John Calvelli at [jfrcalvelli@gmail.com](mailto:jfrcalvelli@gmail.com). We greatly appreciate any and all help.