

Hillsborough Chapter of UNICO
438 Route 206
Suite 3 #111
Hillsborough, NJ 08844



January 31, 2023

Dear Athletic Directors, Coaches, Guidance Counselors and Parents:

The Hillsborough Chapter of UNICO National is pleased to announce we are accepting applications for our annual Brian Piccolo Award for 2023. UNICO is the largest Italian-American service organization in the United States. We encourage you to visit our National website at www.unico.org and our chapter's website www.HillsboroughUNICO.org for information regarding our organization. The award is given annually, by UNICO local chapters, throughout the country to high school student athletes of Italian-American heritage who exhibit the qualities modeled by Brian Piccolo in his life and career (courage, friendship, loyalty, teamwork, dedication, sense of humor and anti-bias). We are happy to recognize and support our Hillsborough young Italian-American student athletes who aspire to greater achievements by earning their college degree.

The criteria for our scholarship are as follows:

- Graduating high school student athlete
- At least one parent/grandparent of Italian heritage
- Athletic Achievement
- Academic Achievement
- Record of Community Service

The Hillsborough student athlete who successfully receives this award will be given an engraved plaque and a \$1,000.00 scholarship from the Hillsborough Chapter of UNICO.

The ten chapters representing District X will be participating in this event to recognize student-athletes from their towns. The UNICO District X Brian Piccolo Award Ceremony Brunch will be held on **Sunday, April 23, 2023**, at the Gran Centurions Hall, 440 Madison Hill Road, Clark NJ 07066. Attendance to the event will be required by the student and at least one parent or guardian. The award winner and up to two family members will be guests of the Hillsborough Chapter at the event. Additional tickets for the event can be purchased for other family and friends.

Please encourage your graduating student athletes, who qualify, to apply for our scholarship. **Completed applications must be returned no later than March 24, 2023.** Additional applications are available on our website at: www.HillsboroughUNICO.org

Please contact Frank DelCore, Chapter Vice President at 908.304.2550 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your participation and we look forward to a continued partnership with our school athletic departments.

Respectfully yours,

Frank DelCore and Carl Suraci
Brian Piccolo Award Committee, Hillsborough UNICO Chapter

BRIAN PICCOLO MEMORIAL AWARD 2022 Hillsborough Chapter Application

Please complete and return by March 24, 2023 and email to:

HillsboroughUNICO@gmail.com (preferred)

Or mail to:

Hillsborough UNICO – Piccolo Committee

438 Route 206, Suite 3 #111

Hillsborough, NJ 08844

Please type or print:

Student Full Name _____
Last First Middle

Student Address _____
Street City State Zip

Date of Birth _____ Phone No. _____

Email Address _____

High School _____ Percent of Italian Heritage _____

Father's Name _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

This application consists of four parts: athletics, academics, community service and Italian heritage with athletics being the main criteria. Please complete the information requested and attach to this form.

Part I - Athletics: List the sports in which you have participated during your high school years. Be sure to include the year played (i.e., 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th), position played, leadership position on the team and all honors and distinctions earned.

Part II - Academics: The award committee will take into consideration your high school courses, grades and test scores. In addition, briefly describe any scholastic honors or awards you have earned during your high school years. Include in this part of the application any academic information that you believe sets you apart.

Part III - Italian Heritage: In essay form, describe what your Italian heritage means to you and how it has affected your life.

Part IV - Community Service: Describe all community service activities in which you have been involved and your involvement during your high school years.

Optional: Teacher, counselor and/or coach recommendations.

PLEASE NOTE: By submitting this application the nominee agrees to attend, in person, the Award Ceremony Brunch on Sunday, April 23, 2023. A total of three complimentary tickets to the event are available to the recipient.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Answers requiring additional space may be continued on a separate 8 1/2 x 11 sheet.

Part I - Athletics: Varsity Sport(s) in High School: Lettered, Awards Received, Leadership Positions

Grade 9 _____

Grade 10 _____

Grade 11 _____

Grade 12 _____

Part II - Academics:

Participation, Honors & Awards: Academic and extra-curricular school activities and organizations

Immediate Post Graduation Plans: _____

Part III - Italian Heritage: In essay form, describe what your Italian heritage means to you and how it has affected your life. Include Italian Lineage, family names, Italian cities and regions of origin.
(Approximately 200 words, to be completed on a separate 8 1/2 x 11 paper.)

Part IV - Community Service: Personal and community activities conducted out of school. Your special interests, hobbies, or additional information relevant to activities.

OPTIONAL: Letters of Recommendation from Counselor, Teachers, Coaches (attach separately)

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At least one parent, or guardian, is expected to attend.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Athletic Director: _____ Date: _____

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT'S GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

1. Expected Graduation Date: _____
2. Scores on **SAT**: _____ or **ACT**: _____
3. Scholastic Average (GPA) _____

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____

MANDATORY: _____ **Date:** _____
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE

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