



National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame

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Dennis Astorino, 2001
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Armand Dellovade, 1999
Lou Coccoli, Jr., 1997
George Zambelli, 1996
Joe Piccirilli, 1995
Louis Picconi, 1994
Joseph Laquatra, 1993
John Milantoni, 1992
Ernest D. Preate, Jr., 1990
Eugene J. Barone, 1989
Stephen A. Zappala, 1988
Richard S. Caliguiri, 1987
Edward J. DeBartolo, Sr., 1986

Woman of the Year

Lidia Bastianich, 2018
Stella Cindrich, 2008
Theresa Rocco, 1998
Sr. Joanne Marie Andiorio, 1991

October 21, 2024

Dear Senior School Counselor,

Last Spring the *Pittsburgh Chapter* of the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame (NIASHF) awarded individual scholarships of \$4,000 each to four very deserving 2024 high school senior student athletes. In the last 37 years, the NIASHF has awarded scholarships to more than 230 Western Pennsylvania high school seniors. We invite you to forward the enclosed application to your graduating senior student athletes and encourage them to apply. The criteria for selection are as follows:

1. High academic achievement
2. Financial need
3. Athletic ability at the varsity level
4. Anticipated June 2025 graduation

The NIASHF does not discriminate on the basis of sex, creed, ethnic background, national origin or physical disability.

Please forward the enclosed application to qualified student/athletes who may be interested in applying for our scholarships.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS MARCH 1, 2025

Thank you for your continued support, time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

NIASHF Scholarship Committee

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Instructions to applicants:

The NIASHF scholarships will be awarded to four very deserving 2025 high school graduating student athletes. The award consists of \$4,000 in scholarship funds, awarded as \$1,000 per year for four years provided the recipients successfully complete full time course loads each semester. The criteria for selection are as follows:

1. High academic achievement
2. Financial need
3. Athletics ability at the varsity level
4. Anticipated June 2025 graduation

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The application deadline is March 1, 2025.

Please complete all 4 pages either typing or using a black pen.

A completed application will include:

- All 4 pages of the application, including the essay
- A high school transcript
- A copy of the parent(s) most current tax return with the social security numbers blanked out ... the 2023 tax return is fine, or the 2024 tax return if available.

Please send the completed application to the following address:

**National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 275
Glenshaw, PA 15116**

Thank you.



National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame Pittsburgh Chapter

National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship Application

*Please print using black pen or type – Entire form must be filled out completely to be eligible for consideration.
All information will remain confidential.*

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____ City/State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____

Home Phone: _____ Applicant Cell Phone _____ Parent Cell Phone _____

Applicant Email Address _____ Parent Email Address _____

High School _____ Graduation Date _____

Athletic Information:

Sport(s) _____

Coach: _____ Phone () _____

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Position(s) Played: _____

Team record during years that you participated: _____

Outstanding stats or performances by applicant: _____

Athletic References: Name and address: _____

Phone () _____ Title: _____

Academic Information

GPA _____ Class Rank _____ Out of _____ SAT Score _____ ACT Score _____

Academic References: Name and address _____

Phone () _____ Title: _____

Honors Received: _____

Any other pertinent information: _____



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Financial Information

Name of Applicant _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Phone() _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Applicant lives with: Parents ___ Guardian ___ Father ___ Mother ___

Father Deceased ___ Mother Deceased ___ Separated/Divorced ___

Father's Occupation _____ Employed By: _____

Mother's Occupation _____ Employed By: _____

Number of Dependent Children living at home _____

Number of Dependent Children in High School (include applicant) _____ Middle School _____ Elementary _____

Other Dependents _____

PRESENT INCOME INFORMATION

Estimated 2024 annual income: _____

Please include total income before taxes for both parents (includes social security, Pension, Welfare Benefits, Child Support)

Do you own your home? No ___ Rent Amount _____

Yes ___ Purchase Price _____ Present Market Value _____ Unpaid mortgage _____ Utilities _____

Other Real Estate: Purchase Price _____ Present Market Value _____ Unpaid mortgage _____

Bank Account Balance: Checking _____ Savings _____

Vehicles Owned: Year and Make _____

Annual Medical Expenses (Include Medical Insurance Premiums, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, etc.)



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Children in School (Include Applicant on the first line):

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
1.	_____	___	_____	___	_____
2.	_____	___	_____	___	_____
3.	_____	___	_____	___	_____
4.	_____	___	_____	___	_____

List any other scholarships or financial aid already awarded to the applicant or any of the other children:

I/We declare that the information on these pages is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge.

Father's Signature (or Guardian) _____ Date: _____

Mother's Signature (or Guardian) _____ Date: _____

Application deadline is March 1, 2025.

Additional Items Required

Please send:

This application and the essay on attached page 5

High School Transcript

Most recent Income Tax Return with social security number blanked out

Copy of Photo Identification Card if you are on public assistance

Mailing address is on page 5.

Thank you.



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ESSAY

Please use the following space to describe in two paragraphs the reasons why you feel that you are deserving of our scholarship. This information will assist the Scholarship Committee in making our decision. **Essay may be only one page in length. Please print (with black pen) or attach a one page typed document.**

Please mail entire application form and attachments no later than March 1, 2025 to:

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Scholarship Committee

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