



INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2026 ITALIAN AMERICAN POLICE ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS RALPH DEBARTOLO SCHOLARSHIP

OVERVIEW: The Italian American Police Association of Illinois will award three \$1,000 college scholarships.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants include a member's child, stepchild, grandchild, foster child, or any child held in common with a member.

ACADEMIC & ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must maintain a "B" average in their academic studies and participate in at least one extracurricular activity.

ESSAY REQUIREMENT: Applicants must write a 200-word essay on the importance of:

- Being a person of Italian American descent, or
- Law enforcement.

TRANSCRIPTS: Applicants must provide a copy of their academic transcripts.

RECOMMENDATION LETTER: Applicants must include a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, employer, or community leader.

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted by Monday, November 2, 2026.

AWARD CEREMONY: Scholarships will be awarded at the Italian American Police Association meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2026.

CONTACT: Members or applicants with questions may email iapa-il@sbcglobal.net.