**Sons of Italy, Roma Lodge #1575**

**Scholarship Rules and Information**

***To be Eligible to Apply for the Roma Lodge Merit Award:***

* **Student must be a high school senior graduating from high school in 2020**
* **Student must attend a high school in Tulare County**
* **Student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher**
* **Must complete and return application** **and essay**
* **Must submit two distinct letters of recommendation**
  + The two letters of recommendation must contain the following:  The name of the applicant, comments on the applicant's character and abilities and an opinion of his/her ability to profit from a college education.  (A parent or close relative cannot be considered as a reference).  The name and occupation of each person writing a letter of recommendation is required.  Each letter must be signed.  Letters of recommendation must also be postmarked by March 1st.
* **Must submit a copy of current school transcripts by March 1 deadline.**
* **Must submit a recent 4x6 color photograph of yourself**
* **Do NOT send resumes or additional information that is not specifically requested in the application.  Additional materials will not be included in the review by the Selection Committee.**

**IF ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS ARE MISSING FROM YOUR APPLICATION PACKET AFTER MARCH 1, YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

**IT IS APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY TRANSCRIPTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED PRIOR TO MARCH 1 DEADLINE.**

**Frequently Asked Questions...**

**WHAT CRITERIA ARE USED TO SELECT WINNERS?**  Awards are made based on scholastic achievement, career goals, leadership skills and financial need.

**WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP?** The amount of the scholarship will be $500 and the number to be given is determined by the scholarship committee and may or may not change each year based on eligibility.

**WHEN IS THE DEADLINE?** All information requested on the application must be postmarked on or before March 1.  We will not process documents after this date.  You will be notified by mail of application results by March 30.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Scholarship application and all required material pertaining to it must be sent to:

**Melissa Watkins, Scholarship Chair**

**1982 N Belmont Road Exeter CA. 93221**

**mdepaoliwat@gmail.com**

* Applications and/or accompanying documents postmarked after March 1st will not be considered.
* All material provided must be on 8 1/2" x 11" paper and current application must be used or will not be accepted.
* Applicants will be notified by March 30.
* Recipients are asked to attend the May meeting of the Roma Lodge to receive their scholarship recognition. More information of the event will be provided once you are notified.
* If selected to receive a scholarship, recipients **must** submit a transcript/report card of quarter/semester grades, for at least 12 units, from the college of their choice to the Scholarship Chairperson before the scholarship funds will be awarded. Scholarship **must** be claimed within the first academic year following the award.