



**UNICO NATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.
ELLA T. GRASSO LITERARY SCHOLARSHIP
2016-2017**

UNICO Foundation, Inc. will grant two scholarships valued at \$1,000 each, to students attending an accredited campus based college or university in the United States.

The purpose of the Ella T. Grasso Literary Scholarship is to acknowledge the author of an exceptional essay or short story about a positive Italian American experience.

ELIGIBILITY

1. **Citizenship**—The candidate must be a United States citizen of Italian heritage, having at least one grandparent of Italian ancestry.
2. **Sponsorship**—An applicant must reside in the home state of an active UNICO Chapter. Every UNICO Chapter, in good standing, may sponsor candidates for each of the UNICO Foundation scholarships. Applications may also be submitted through the District Governor or the UNICO National Office.
3. **Educational Requirements**—A candidate must be currently enrolled, full time, in an accredited campus based college or university in the United States. The candidate must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Proof of enrollment must be provided prior to issuing the scholarship award check.
4. **Family Members**—UNICANS and their family members may apply through their respective Chapters.
5. **Timeframe**—The candidate must continue study within the academic year of the scholarship grant; any deviation will result in forfeiture.

RULES OF APPLICATION

- The candidate must submit an **original, titled, unpublished essay or short story of not less than 1,500 nor more than 2,000 words.**
- Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, originality, literary merit and suitability for publication. **The topic must relate to a positive Italian American experience.**
- Entries must be **double-spaced, typewritten on 8 ½ by 11 inch paper and submitted in duplicate.**
- Entries become the property of UNICO National for purposes of publication in ComUNICO or any supplement. Authors retain the right for publication elsewhere.
- Each entry must include the **application form** and the **required signatures.**

Along with the scholarship application and literary submission, we require the following:

1. An official transcript showing the most recent grades. (May be sent separately.)
2. A Chapter letter of endorsement and presentation may be included. (Optional)

Applications that do not conform to the foregoing requirements will not be considered.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

The UNICO Foundation, through this program, seeks students of outstanding literary talent who show appreciation for the value of an education and are willing to achieve success. It is to be noted further, that along with the maintenance of the required scholastic standards as a condition precedent in awarding the scholarship, the National Director of Scholarships and UNICO Foundation, Inc. Trustees reserve unto themselves the right to cancel or otherwise terminate a grant at any time an awardee, in their opinion, directly or indirectly engages in undesirable activities. The National Director of Scholarships and UNICO Foundation Trustees need not assign any reason for their action and the awardee shall have no recourse.

FILING OF APPLICATION

The application must be signed by a school administrator and presented to the UNICO Chapter or National Office Representative prior to April 15.

Incomplete, altered, outdated, or unofficial applications will not be accepted.

Applications must be submitted as hardcopies.

All signatures are mandatory.

Online degree programs are not eligible for UNICO scholarships.

The scholarship must be applied to the 2017-2018 academic year.

A recipient must submit the scholarship agreement, and a bursar's receipt confirming enrollment, prior to payment of award.

Candidates must reside in the home state of an active UNICO Chapter.

Only the winners will be notified. Results will be posted on the UNICO National Website: www.unico.org

Recipients are required to submit a photo upon notification.

For security purposes, do not include a Social Security Number.

Must be filed prior to April 15 with the UNICO Chapter Representative or directly with the National Office.



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Please Type or Print

Student's Name: _____
Last First Middle

Student's Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Degree Objective: _____

Course Duration: _____

Expected Completion Date: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

Name and Title of Administrator: _____

MANDATORY

Administrator's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Briefly explain your Italian Ancestry: _____

I hereby confirm that I am a citizen of the United States and certify that the information submitted on this application is accurate and eligibility requirements have been met.

Date Signature of Applicant

Date Signature of UNICO Representative

Chapter State

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