

The "CIRO AND MARIA DAIDONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP"

Description.

"The "CIRO AND MARIA DAIDONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP" will be presented through the COCCIA FOUNDATION annually. This scholarship is to be awarded either to a junior who is seeking a teaching certification in Italian at SJU or to a senior who wishes to continue his/her education at the graduate level in order to become an Italian teacher and/or to continue the preservation of the Italian Culture. This scholarship award in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded annually on both a need and merit basis."

Criteria and application requirements

Preference for all scholarship awards will be given to majors and minors in Italian showing both academic excellence and financial need. However, all SJU students who meet the application criteria are welcome to apply.

The scholarship recipient(s) will be selected by a committee comprising the Italian faculty in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and the chair of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages. The award selection committee may also include a representative(s) of the Coccia Foundation.

All students must apply by February 21.

- Applicants should read carefully the criteria and requirements of this scholarship before they apply.
- Students must be full-time undergraduate juniors or seniors enrolled in a degree program at SJU, pursuing full-time academic course loads.
- Students must belong to the Italian Club.
- Students will preferably be Italian majors or minors, with a cumulative GPA of a 3.0 or greater; and with an Italian GPA of 3.5 or greater.
- Students will have to declare their intention to pursue their Italian studies at the graduate level, or their intention to become teachers of Italian upon graduation.
- All applicants will submit two recommendation letters, including one by an Italian Instructor/Professor and a typed **500-word essay** explaining why they are interested in pursuing their Italian studies at the graduate level, or why they are interested in teaching Italian. They should also explain how receipt of the Ciro and Maria Daidone Scholarship would help them to achieve their goals.

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(Please TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

Instructions: In addition to this form, please complete and submit a typed **500-word essay** explaining why you are interested in pursuing their Italian studies at the graduate level, or why you are interested in teaching Italian. You should also explain how receipt of the Ciro and Maria Daidone Scholarship would help you achieve your goals.

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Personal Information:

Name: _____ Student # _____
(first) (middle initial) (last)

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____ Citizenship _____

Social Security Number _____

Permanent Contact Information: *(where mail can always reach you)*

Street Address:

(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Academic Information:

Major _____ Minor _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Please list all courses about Italian language, literature, history and culture (in MCL, but also in HIS, ART, PHL etc) you have taken:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Please list any other college level schools previously attended and dates of attendance below: