



## COLONIAL ITALIAN AMERICAN ORGANIZATION [CIAO]

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### 2010 CIAO "SCHOLARS OF THE YEAR" EDUCATIONAL GRANTS COMPETITION

***Background:***

The Colonial Italian American Organization (CIAO) is pleased to announce the annual CIAO "Scholars of the Year" Educational Grants Competition. This competition is open to local high school seniors and home-schooled students planning to pursue full-time, post-secondary studies in a two- or four-year accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school beginning in fall, 2010. Full-time study is defined as full-time enrollment in accordance with the requirements of the institution the applicant is planning to attend for the entire 2010 – 2011 academic year.

The purpose of this competition is to recognize and provide financial assistance to a maximum of four [4] local-area graduating seniors who have achieved a cumulative grade-point average in the range of 2.8 to 4.0, and have exemplified positive social values as a result of participation in various school, church and or community activities. In all instances, emphasis will be given to the applicant's financial need and the availability of other resources to help defray the cost of post-secondary education. These awards will be made on a competitive basis from the applications received from each high school/academy/home-school student in accordance with this solicitation. Eligibility is limited to qualified applicants presently residing in the immediate Williamsburg/ James City County school district area. Application forms are available at the Guidance Counselor Departments at each of the following high schools: ***Bruton, Lafayette, Jamestown, Warhill High Schools, Walsingham and Williamsburg Christian Academies.***

**Home-schooled** students can request an application form by calling:  
757-565-2578 or 757-259-0901

A \$2000 "CIAO Scholar of the Year" education grant will be awarded to each selected winning applicant.

Awards to the winners will be made at the Annual CIAO Awards Banquet in May.

CIAO reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this education grant competition and to make changes at any time, including termination of the program.

Questions regarding this program should be sent to:

[rdwem@earthlink.net](mailto:rdwem@earthlink.net) (757) 565-2578 or

[mrdomi@cox.net](mailto:mrdomi@cox.net) (757) 259-0901

**Application Procedures:**

In order to be considered for these awards, applicants must mail a completed application:

**Applications must be received by May 1, 2010.**

**Late applications WILL NOT be considered.**

**MAIL TO:** Ron DeChristoforo  
P.O. BOX 1331  
Williamsburg, VA 23187

As applications are received, a notice confirming receipt of the application will be sent by return e-mail to the applicant. **Be sure to include your email address.**

Applications will be reviewed and scored by the CIAO Education Committee with an award announcement tentatively scheduled for May 15, 2010.

Include any additional pages or information that may be helpful in your application review.

**Remember:** The application must be completed in full. Incomplete applications will be dropped from consideration. ***Again, be sure to include your e-mail address.***

Good Luck and Best Wishes!

Francis Capone  
President, CIAO

**(Please note: Submission of this application grants the Colonial Italian American Organization permission to verify reported G.P.A. and SAT Scores, and all information, with applicant's high school counselor.)**



**APPLICATION**  
**2010 CIAO "SCHOLARS OF THE YEAR**  
**EDUCATIONAL GRANTS COMPETITION"**

**SECTION A. PERSONAL AND FAMILY INFORMATION**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION B. CURRENT EDUCATION INFORMATION**

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Scores \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant must provide a copy of current High School Transcript with application.**

**Extra Curricular Activities**

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**Honors and Awards Received**

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**SECTION C. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

1. One of the criteria the CIAO Education Committee will consider is the applicant's financial need. Therefore, certain financial information will be required but it will be held in strict confidence by the Committee.

- a. Total Family Gross Income                      \$\_\_\_\_\_
- b. Total \$ amount of personal exemptions claimed on tax returns \$\_\_\_\_\_
- c. Adjusted Family Income (a minus b) \$\_\_\_\_\_

2. Are there any assets (savings, investments, trusts, etc) that the family can reasonably expect to contribute to the applicant's financial needs? If not, so state. If so, please explain:

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3. Describe the total projected cost of your post-secondary education plans and the financial support you have received or anticipate receiving from other sources. Include organization and dollar amounts provided.

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**SECTION F. REFERENCES**

Please provide the names, postal addresses and e-mail addresses (if available) of two individuals that we may contact for a reference to whom you are not related, but who are acquainted with you and your personal aspirations. Appropriate individuals might include your school counselor, a neighbor, church member, employer or a representative of an organization of which you are a member. **NOTE: Written recommendations may be included in lieu of contact information below.**

**CONTACT PERSONS:**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION H. GRANT AWARD CONDITIONS**

Award checks will be sent directly from CIAO in two payments to the registrar of the recipient's school: \$1000.00 prior to the fall, 2010 semester, and \$1000.00 prior to the winter, 2011 semester. If, for any reason, you do not register as a full-time student for either semester you must advise the Education Committee. If your fall, 2010 GPA falls below 2.0, the award for winter, 2011 semester may be withheld, pending a review by CIAO.

**SECTION I. AUTHENTICATION**

**I verify that I personally completed all aspects of this application.**

I have received and understood all aspects of this application, including eligibility requirements, verification of all information and references, award amount, and conditions, and agree to abide by such terms.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We concur with the above authentication. **Parent/Parents/Guardian's Signature[s]:**

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