



Study Abroad 2026-27 Scholarship Application

This scholarship is open to current full-time college/university students of Italian Heritage seeking financial support for a study abroad program in Italy for a minimum of 1 semester. Former PIASC scholarship recipients are eligible. Applicants must have a sponsor from the club to apply.

***A follow-up presentation/essay will be required upon your return. Due date TBD.**

SECTION 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Current Address: _____

Home/Pre- College Address: _____

*Applicants must have resided in one of the 9 Bay Area Counties during high school

SECTION 2: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Current College/University: _____

Grade Level/Academic Year: _____

Current Academic Focus/Major: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Academic Achievements:

(List any academic awards, recognitions or significant achievements: Dean's list, honor roll, national merit awards, etc.)

SECTION 3: STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Program name and location (ex: *Made in Italy, Florence- Spring*):

Program start and end date:

Explain why you chose this program (Briefly explain your motivation):

SECTION 4: REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. Proof of acceptance to Study Abroad program: Copy of host institution acceptance letter or similar documentation

SECTION 5: ESSAY SUBMISSION

Please respond to the following question by providing a single spaced essay between 300-500 words. Ensure your essay is formatted with 1-inch margins and 12-point font size.

What inspired you to pursue a study abroad program? What values, traditions, or perspectives do you hope to gain from your experience in Italy ?

SECTION 6: SPONSOR INFORMATION

Please have your club sponsor complete the information below.

Sponsor Name: _____

Sponsor Phone Number: _____

How long have you been a member of the PIASC? _____

What is your connection to this applicant? _____

SECTION 7: FOLLOW-UP PRESENTATION

Upon your return, you will be contacted by a member of the Scholarship Committee to arrange your follow-up presentation/essay to the membership of the PIASC. At that time you will be asked to respond to the following prompt:

How has the Study Abroad experience contributed to your understanding of your Italian culture and heritage? Has this experience motivated you to become more active in connecting with the Italian community (eg: attend cultural events, join clubs like the PIASC, etc.) where you live?

SECTION 8: CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

Completed applications should be submitted together in one packet.

I certify that the information in this application is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that incomplete applications may not be considered. I understand that this application and supporting documents will be used solely for evaluating my eligibility for the scholarship.

Applicant Signature

Date

For Travel in the Fall Semester of 2026- Applications due October 1, 2026
Deliver completed application and supporting documents together in one envelope to:

PIASC Scholarship
P.O. Box 1477
San Mateo, CA 94401