

2017 Italian Cultural Society Festa Queen Scholarship

Dear Festa Queen Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Italian Cultural Society's Festa Italiana Queen Scholarship and Pageant. This scholarship competition is a unique opportunity to become a representative of the Italian Cultural Society, learn more about the Italian culture and participate in one of the largest Italian celebrations in Northern California.

The Festa Italiana Scholarship is open to all young women of Italian descent ages 16-22. Candidates are evaluated on an application, a written essay, an oral interview and participation during the Festa Italiana Celebration, to be held Saturday, August 5th and Sunday, August 6th, 2017 at the Croatian Cultural Center's Festival Grounds in Sacramento, on Auburn Blvd. (near Watt Avenue). The Italian Cultural Society believes in facilitating cultural experiences and recognizing the community efforts of all contestants. It is our desire that this be a fun and educational cultural opportunity for everyone.

If chosen, the 2017 Festa Queen Finalist will receive a \$1,000 cash award and a free Italian language class (valued at \$195) from the Sacramento Italian Cultural Society Language School. The selected Queen Finalist will receive \$500 during the current Festa Italiana, and the remaining \$500 at the following year's Festa upon the completion of the duties listed below. The Society may also select a runner up to be Festa Ambassador, who will also receive a certificate for a free language class.

The selected Festa Queen will be required to attend the following events in her crown and sash, as a representative of the Italian Cultural Society, in order to receive the full scholarship amount:

- Columbus Day Celebration, at the Italian Center - Sunday, October 15th, 2017
- Festa della Befana, at the Italian Center - Sunday, January 7th, 2018
- Festa Italiana – Saturday, August 4th & Sunday, August 5th, 2018

If the queen is unable to fulfill the above requirements, it is understood that she will not receive the remaining \$500 scholarship award at the following year's Festa.

The Festa Ambassador selected will only be required to attend the Festa della Befana with her sash on Sunday, January 7th, 2018, but is also encouraged to attend *any* of the events listed above also as a representative of the Italian Cultural Society.

All applicants are asked to complete the attached application, and to write a three page, double spaced essay on one of the following topics:

- 1) What being Italian-American means to me
- 2) My most inspirational Italian or Italian-American role model.

(Please note: All essays should be written independently. It is understood that a parent or family member may review and edit the essay for grammatical errors only. Previous applicants must write a new essay for this year.)

A panel interview will be held about one to two weeks prior to the Festa Italiana. All applicants will be contacted by phone or e-mail of the exact time of their interview. During this interview, applicants will have the opportunity to speak with a panel of members of the Italian Cultural Society Board of Directors and members of the Society. Specific directions for your attendance during the Festa Italiana will be explained at this interview.

All applicants are required to attend both days of the 2017 Festa Italiana (Sat. 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM & Sun. 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM). During the Festa Italiana, all applicants will have an opportunity to assist with various Festa tasks and will interact with the community by assisting with the Festa Raffle Ticket sales, children's games/face-painting, and/or monitoring informational booths. This gives applicants opportunity to meet members of the Italian Community and learn more about the Italian Cultural Society.

All applicants will be formally introduced on the center stage at 5:00 pm on Saturday, at which time the Queen and Ambassador will be announced. On Sunday, the applicants will receive a thank-you gift bag with items donated by businesses in the Sacramento community and the Italian Cultural Society.

Please mail the application, essay, and a recent picture to Kasey Bierworth via The Italian Cultural Society, PO BOX 189427, Sacramento CA 95818 - no later than July 15th, 2017. The essay along with the photograph will be displayed at the Festa Queen Pageant booth for viewing.

We look forward to your participation in this year's Festa Italiana! If you have any questions about the Festa Queen scholarship please do not hesitate to contact me.

Grazie,

Kasey Bierworth
Festa Queen Scholarship Coordinator
queen@festaitalianasacramento.com

Please mail the following materials to Phyllis Gargas by July 15th, 2015 to the following address:

Festa Queen Scholarship Committee

c/o Kasey Bierworth
3846 Breuner Ave
Sacramento CA 95819

The application and essay may also be faxed to (916) 845-9374 or e-mailed to queen@festaitalianasacramento.com. Please bring the required photograph to the panel interview..

Please include:

- The attached application
- A three page, double-spaced essay
- A recent picture of yourself (unless faxing or e-mailing)

2016 Festa Italiana Queen Application
(Use additional pages if necessary)

Name: _____ Age: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number(s): home _____ cell _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Italian region/city of descent: _____

I understand that as a part of the application progress, I must attend an interview and attend both days of the 2016 Festa Italiana (August 6 – 7, 2016). If I am selected as Queen or Ambassador, I agree to attend the events detailed in this application packet in order to receive the complete scholarship amount or I will forfeit the remainder of the scholarship. I must provide my own transportation to all events. Additionally, if I have any questions about this process and/or if circumstances arise where I cannot attend an event, I may contact Kasey Bierworth at: queen@festaitalianasacramento.com.

Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

(A parent MUST also sign if you are under 18)

Education: Please list all schools attended including high school(s) and college(s).
 (If still in high school, list intended college major.)

School	Major	Dates Attended	Year of graduation	Approximate GPA

List any awards, honors or scholarships you have received in the last four years.

Name	Date	Description

List internships or jobs (including summer jobs) within the last four years.

Employer	Position	Date of employment/internship

List any public service or volunteer work completed in the last four years.

Event/Activity	Position	Date of event and length of service