



# VERONA UNICO

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Largest Italian American Service Organization in the United States

## 2021 SCHOLARSHIPS RULES, REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

To be eligible for any of the following scholarships offered by the Verona Chapter of UNICO National, the applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. All applicants must complete the attached Application with attachments.
2. All applicants must reside in Verona and/or attend school in Verona.
3. All applicants must be a high-school graduate of the current year and will attend an accredited institute of higher learning or other accredited degree-granting institution in the ensuing year.
4. All applicants must present proof of acceptance and registration to an accredited institute of higher learning or other accredited degree-granting institution for the ensuing year, **prior to receipt** of this award.
5. All applicants must include one letter of recommendation from a member of the community, school faculty, or school administration.
6. The completed application must be submitted no later than our **deadline of May 12, 2021** to [ltorchia@veronaschools.org](mailto:ltorchia@veronaschools.org) (Lisa Torchia, Counseling Department) for students at Verona High School and to [unicoveronanj@gmail.com](mailto:unicoveronanj@gmail.com) for all other schools.
7. **For all scholarships except the Labor Day 5-K Classic**, the applicants must be of Italian-American heritage and need to submit a 250-500 word typed essay on the question, "If you could meet one accomplished Italian-American throughout history, not related to you, whom would you choose and why?"
8. **For the Brian Piccolo Athletic Scholarship only**, the applicant must submit an additional letter of recommendation from a coach or athletic director of approximately 200 words that describes the applicant's athletic ability, leadership qualities, courage and perseverance.
9. **For the Labor Day 5-K Classic Scholarship only**, the applicant must submit a 250-500 word typed essay about "Someone, not related to you, or something that has influenced you to be a better person or has motivated you to be a contributing citizen for the betterment of your school, community, family or assisting others."

Each scholarship recipient will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and is typically awarded to the recipients at a Verona UNICO Awards Dinner in June.

**VERONA UNICO**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2021**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

From whom your Italian heritage is derived: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the scholarship(s) for which you would like to apply. While you may apply for more than one scholarship, each applicant will only be honored with one scholarship.

**UNIVERSAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Nicholas J. Martini Scholarship  
Monsignor Cappozzelli Scholarship  
Alati Family Scholarship

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- academics, extracurricular activities, community service
- letter of recommendation
- essay on meeting an accomplished Italian-American

**BRIAN PICCOLO ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP**

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- academics, extracurricular activities, community service
- letter of recommendation
- essay on meeting an accomplished Italian-American
- additional letter from Coach or Athletic Director

**LABOR DAY 5-K CLASSIC SCHOLARSHIP**

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- academics, extracurricular activities, community service
- letter of recommendation
- essay on an influential person/situation in your life

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2021 (continued)**

Please include the following items for this application to be complete:

1. School transcript from grades 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, including SAT or ACT scores, GPA and class rank if applicable.
2. List of honors and awards (list chronologically).
3. List of participation in extracurricular scholastic activities.
4. List of participation in community service.
5. List of employment and hours worked per week if applicable.
6. A brief explanation of your plans for academic study, career path and goals, and any other information you would like to share about yourself such as special interests or hobbies.
7. Letter(s) of recommendation.
8. Proof of application to or acceptance by an accredited college/university.
9. Essay as described above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of **Applicant**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of **Parent** or **Guardian**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If you have questions about the application or the process, please email [unicoveronanj@gmail.com](mailto:unicoveronanj@gmail.com). *Good luck and stay safe!*

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