

Dear Candidate:

THE MERRIMACK VALLEY CHAPTER OF UNICO will again be offering its annual scholarship to deserving college-bound seniors. This year, the scholarship will be for \$2,500, and we intend to award five (5) of them.

UNICO is a national service organization made up of individuals of Italian heritage. Our motto is "SERVICE ABOVE SELF". In our local Merrimack Valley chapter, in addition to raising money to assist area high school students of Italian descent further their education, we also work and raise funds for other Merrimack Valley area charities.

Our scholarship requirements are as follows:

1. The candidate should be a graduating senior of a Merrimack Valley area high school
2. The candidate should be of high moral character and ranked within the top 25% of his/her class.
3. The candidate should be involved in extra-curricular activities (i.e. sports, part time employment, clubs, theater, civic service, etc.).
4. The candidate should be accepted for attendance at a four-year college for the next school year, or actively applying.
5. The candidate must be of Italian descent. (The candidate will be considered qualified if he/she has any parent or grandparent who is of partial or full Italian descent.)
6. No member of the candidate's family may be a member of THE MERRIMACK VALLEY CHAPTER OF UNICO.
7. The candidate shall explain their financial needs. Due consideration shall be provided to the candidate's financial need.

Completed applications must include:

- The UNICO Application Form
- High School Transcript
- SAT or ACT scores
- A letter of recommendation

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

For your convenience, the Application Form is "fillable" on-line. Please submit all the above requests as attachments, in a single email to:

scholarships@unicomerrimackvalley.org

Please indicate in the Subject Line: **UNICO MV SCHOLARSHIP**

All completed applications, inclusive of supporting documents, shall be returned by **March 15th 2016.**

After reviewing the completed applications and supporting documents, our scholarship committee will interview selected candidates and thereafter make our final decisions.

The scholarship checks will be presented at a special UNICO Scholarship Dinner. We will invite recipients and their parents to be our guests at this dinner, which is usually held during the second week in June. Further details will be available once we have selected the scholarship recipients and finalized the location for the dinner.

Thank you for your interest in the UNICO Merrimack Valley Scholarship. We take great pride in helping to assist in what our Italian ancestors worked so hard to do- to make it possible for their descendants to go to college in order to create a better way of life.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph P. DiBlasi, Esq.
UNICO Scholarship Committee Chair