

*Guidelines for
The Josephine Lavey Memorial
Scholarship Award*



*Application Form
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1. An award of \$1,000 shall be given in the name of the Order Sons of Italy of Canada, to be named *The Josephine Lavey Memorial Scholarship Award*
2. To qualify, the applicant must be a son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter, step-child or step-grandchild of a member of the Order Sons of Italy of Canada.
3. At least one parent of the applicant must be of Italian origin
4. The applicant must be a full time student enrolled on either first, second or third year at a post-secondary institution of learning (university, college, etc.)
5. The award will be given for general proficiency in general studies.
6. The applicant shall submit:
 - A transcript of academic record of the preceding school year
 - Two (2) letters of reference from individuals not related to the applicant. These letters will indicate how the applicant is living up to the ideals of the Order.
 - A letter of not more than five hundred (500) words, written and signed by the applicant, explaining why he/she feels deserving of the Award, making reference to extra curricular activities and community involvement.
7. The name of the winner shall be duly publicized.
8. The award may be won only once. Winners do not qualify to reapply.
9. Unsuccessful applicants are invited to reapply.
10. Serious consideration is given to extra-curricular activities.
11. Due date is October 31, 12:00 Midnight
12. Send completed applications, with all attachments, to the National Recording Secretary, 95 Fonthill Road, Unit 8, Hamilton, ON L9C 6T1

Originals Only—Photocopies not Accepted

We, the Executive of the _____ Lodge of the City of _____ hereby submit the name of the person listed below as our nominee for the Josephine Lavey Memorial Scholarship Award. We have read the guidelines to the general body of our Lodge.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/Prov _____ PC _____

Telephone: _____ Birth Date: _____ Birth Place: _____

Father: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

High School Attended: _____

Name of the University, College or Technical Institute where presently enrolled full time. List the Year and course _____

Attach an original transcript of academic record for the preceding year.

Is the Italian Language part of your curriculum or has it been in the past? _____

What is the relationship of the nominee to a member of the Order? _____

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Date: _____ Signature: _____

President of Lodge

Signature of Applicant: _____



Josephine Lavey was a dedicated member of the Order Sons of Italy since 1947.

She served as Grand Administrative Secretary and Grand Recording Secretary for the Grand Lodge of Ontario from 1951 until her death in April, 1973. She was also the first member of the Order in Canada to be elected to the Supreme Council of the Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA) as a Supreme Trustee.

Her jurisdiction as National Regional Deputy included the Grand Lodges of Ontario, Quebec, California, Nevada and the North-Western States.

She was the founder and first Venerable of the Regina Lodge in Welland and one of the organizers of the Latina Lodge in Thorold.

Beside her work for the Order, she was the Deputy Treasurer for the City of Welland. Her untiring efforts on behalf of the Italian immigrants stand out as her greatest contribution to the community. She worked indefatigably to find employment, to interpret, to translate and assist newcomers in their desire to achieve Canadian Citizenship.

All her life, Josephine Lavey served others: her family, her community and other organizations.

She served on the Board of Directors for the YM-YWCA and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and as President of St. Mary's Catholic Women's League (CWL), to mention a few.



The Order Sons of Italy, in its 100 Years of existence, has performed public service of incalculable value to its members and to the country, all the while battling continually to achieve social justice and individual dignity for all.

The Order Sons of Italy, as a fraternal organization, continues to make great contributions toward the betterment of social conditions in society, offering true helping hands wherever and whenever they are needed.

One of the inspiring and unifying influences has been the general effort to gather funds for the Thalassemia and Kidney Foundations. Various local lodges donate thousands of dollars each year to local hospitals and charities in their respective communities. In addition, all lodges, to varying degrees, support the annual United Way Campaign, allocate funds to scholarships, and a wide number of community services.

The Sons of Italy has as its noble purpose to keep alive and protect the many rich traditions of our enviable Italian heritage. To this end, the Order contributes scholarships to six universities encouraging the teaching of Italian Language and promoting Italian speaking contests among the youth of our communities.

The Order Sons of Italy was first established in Canada in Sault Ste. Marie in 1915 as a Mutual Benefit Society, to provide financial help and protection to Italian immigrants. It thus played a very important part in the lives of the early immigrants providing material and spiritual support in times of illness, accident and death. At the same time, the Order served as social and recreational centre.

At first, only persons of Italian origin made up the Order Sons of Italy. As the Italian community became more a part of their local communities, the membership was expanded to include persons of Italian birth or descent, or married to a person of Italian birth or descent—regardless of religious faith or political persuasion.

*The Order's fundamental concept, its philosophy as articulated in the "Purpose" clause of our Constitution, is simple: **the Belief in God, the Brotherhood of Man and Government by Law.***

Currently, there are fourteen (14) Lodges in Canada and over 3,000 Lodges in the USA and Bermuda. It is the largest Fraternal Order of Canadians and Americans of Italian origin.



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Application and Eligibility Requirements