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TO: Horry County High Schools

**Order Sons and Daughters of Italy Announces 2021 College Scholarship Opportunity**

We are honored to announce this scholarship, which supports the mission and vision of the national Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA). This scholarship is open to students of Italian American descent (at least one Italian or Italian-American parent or grandparent) who attend a nationally accredited high school in Horry County, South Carolina, and will be awarded based on the student's essay, academic achievement, and recommendations.

The application process opens on 1/25/2021 and concludes 5/15/2021. The award winner will be announced no later than 6/1/2021.

The Myrtle Beach OSDIA Lodge 2662 has been awarding an academic scholarship to an Horry County high school senior since 2012. Our scholarship award in the past was \$1500.00. Since then, textbooks and fees have increased by 73%. To help students take a thoughtful approach to their selection process and help pay for a college education, the Myrtle Beach OSDIA Lodge is now awarding a \$2,500 scholarship.

The scholarship that the Myrtle Beach OSDIA Lodge is offering is a local scholarship. Our national OSDIA offers several other scholarships, and information on those scholarships can be found here: <https://www.osia.org/programs/scholarships/>

The scholarship information can be found in the link below, so please provide this link to your high school seniors. Also provide this link to your counselors, teachers, and administrative staff so they can assist students planning for higher education. Attached are all the forms in PDF version so students and recommenders can scan and email, or send via postal mail to me. I will also be sending a packet of hard copy forms to your high school for students who do not have computer/internet access, or who do not want to use a computer. Please post this announcement in a student newsletter and/or scholarship posting area as well as your school's web page, and/or online scholarship announcements. The link to the scholarship information is: <https://www.sonsofitalymb.com/scholarships/>

If you have any questions or if I may be of assistance with scholarship questions on behalf of the Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America, Myrtle Beach Lodge #2662, please feel free to contact me at (609) 618-2163 or via email [osia2662scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:osia2662scholarship@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance for helping to promote this scholarship opportunity.

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