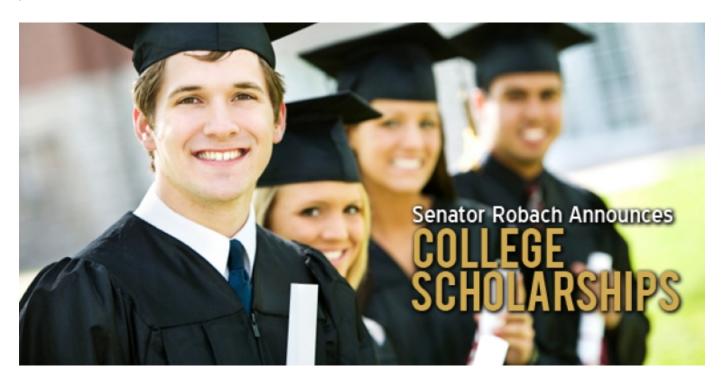


## Senator Robach Announces New York State Scholarship Program

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Senator Joe Robach announced today that the New York Conference of Italian-American State Legislators is now accepting applications for four \$1,500 scholarships to be awarded June 4<sup>th</sup> at their Annual Legislative Conference Day. Scholarship winners <u>must</u> be present to receive their awards.

"These scholarships will hopefully alleviate some of the burden of affording a higher education," says Senator Robach.

This year, the Italian-American State Legislators Conference will be awarding four \$1,500 scholarships to four current or future college students from New York State. Eligibility will be based upon the student's grade point average, interest in pursuing a higher education, involvement in the local community as well as individual financial need.

The Conference is bipartisan organization of New York State Assembly and Senate members who are actively involved in promoting and celebrating the state's Italian-American community. The Conference mission is to work hard to elevate and highlight Italian-American contributions to the State of New York and beyond, in all aspects of society, including literature, the arts, architecture and politics. The conference also tries to dispel negative stereotypes of Italian-Americans.

"Our conference is very proud of our role in promoting higher education and assisting students in reaching their academic goals and full potential for future success in our community," Senator Robach said.

Area students may request an application by contacting Senator Robach's office at (585) 225-3650 or download either the academic or athletic form below. Completed applications can either be dropped off, or mailed to, Senator Robach's District Office, 2300 West Ridge Road, Rochester, New York, 14626. We ask that ALL applications please arrive in the office by Tuesday,