

Senator Griffo again encourages students to apply for College Scholarship

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The New York Conference of Italian American State Legislators Academic & Athletic Scholarship

UTICA – State Senator Joseph Griffo is once again encouraging area college students to apply for the 2017 New York Conference of Italian-American State Legislators Academic and Athletic Scholarships.

Applications for both scholarships are available by mail or email from Senator Griffo's

District Office in Utica -- PLEASE NOTE: applications can also be printed by clicking on the

PDFs attached at the top of this page.

The application forms should be returned to Senator Griffo by Friday, April 14th.

This year, the Conference is awarding two academic and two athletic scholarships, each in the amount of \$3,000. Applications will be accepted from any New York State resident that is either a current college student or high school senior entering college. Applicants should have a grade point average of 85 or higher, be active in community service and extracurricular activities; demonstrate financial need; and in the case of the athletic scholarship, be involved in an organized sport or sports.

"The tremendous cost of attending college today is a serious concern for students and their families all across the state, so once again I am glad to announce the opportunity of financial aid for hard-working students who are struggling to afford a higher education," Senator Griffo said. "This is a chance to help students lessen the burden of college debt, and I encourage every eligible student in my district to contact my office and apply for this scholarship."

Area students may request an application by contacting Senator Griffo's office at (315) 793-9072 or email griffo@nysenate.gov

Scholarship recipients will be announced in May, and winners will be honored at a ceremony in Albany on June 5.

The Conference is a bipartisan organization of New York State Assembly and Senate members who actively promote and celebrate the state's Italian-American community. The conference's mission is to highlight Italian-American contributions to the State in all aspects of society, including literature, the arts, architecture, and politics, and to work to dispel negative stereotypes of Italian-Americans.