

Northern Ohio Italian American Foundation



The NOIA Leadership Scholarship is a four-year high school scholarship made available to students to attend any of the 20 Catholic high schools located across Northeast Ohio. Deserving students and their families are awarded \$5,000 annually.

"I wanted to again thank you all for the scholarship to help with our Walsh tuition. I hope everyone realizes how much this helps us. Without the scholarship, it would be very difficult for Carmella to attend Walsh Jesuit. Bless all of you for your amazing support and generosity"

Kristy McKibben, Parent

To contribute a financial gift or to learn more about the NOIA Scholarship Fund, contact Sean Wenger, Philanthropy Committee Chair, at swenger@pcitower.com.

## You're helping to preserve Italian-American values.

NOIA's mission is to preserve our Italian heritage and promote Italian-American culture and values locally.

Our scholarship program encourages educational achievement, cultural experiences, leadership, and service – values important to our organization and the Italian-American community.

Through this investment, you can make a deep impact on the professional and social community that surrounds you!

# You're taking part in shaping tomorrow's leadership.

It's a fact that many Northeast Ohio companies are headed by people who received a Catholic education.

We think it's because a Christian education focuses on the intellectual, physical, and spiritual sides of life. And to be successful, people need to develop all three.

## You're supporting people who've earned the opportunity.

We offer our scholarship to students who demonstrate a passion for giving back, helping others, and taking an active role in ensuring our local Italian-American community continues to thrive.

To qualify, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA. The family must also demonstrate financial need. The student must have at least 25% Italian descent and participate in extra-curricular school activities.

Winners are then selected based on the quality of a written essay expressing their pride in their Italian-American heritage and why they want to attend Catholic high school.

#### NOIA program leaders are hands-on to ensure its success.

Scholarship committee leaders meet with area high school principals to better understand their challenges, what they need, and how to ensure grade school children apply for our scholarship program.

Those who manage and direct our scholarship fund work diligently to understand how we can leverage our program best for these potential beneficiaries.

#### Everybody can contribute comfortably

First and foremost, NOIA is a philanthropic organization. That means our Leadership Scholarship Program is structured so everyone can contribute and do it on their own terms over the time frame that meets their financial budget.

Whatever your gift amount may be, know that you're making a real difference.