



UNICO Merrimack Valley Scholarships GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Candidate:

THE MERRIMACK VALLEY CHAPTER OF UNICO will again be offering annual scholarships to deserving college-bound seniors. This year, each scholarship will be \$2,500, and we intend to award five (5) of them.

UNICO is a national service organization made up of individuals of Italian heritage. Our motto is "SERVICE ABOVE SELF". In our local Merrimack Valley chapter, in addition to raising money to assist area high school students of Italian descent to further their education, we also work and raise funds for other Merrimack Valley area charities.

Our scholarship requirements are as follows:

- The candidate should be a graduating senior of a greater Merrimack Valley area high school.
- The candidate should be of high moral character and ranked within the top 25% of his/her class.
- The candidate should be involved in extracurricular activities (i.e. sports, part-time employment, clubs, theater, civic service, etc.).
- The candidate should be accepted for attendance at a four-year college for the next school year, or actively applying.
- The candidate must be of Italian descent. (The candidate will be considered qualified if he/she has any parent or grandparent who is of partial or full Italian descent.)
- No member of the candidate's family (parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, first cousin) may be a member of THE MERRIMACK VALLEY CHAPTER OF UNICO.
- The candidate shall explain their financial needs. Due consideration shall be provided to the candidate's financial need.
- The candidate, if selected, is **expected** to be present at our awards dinner, on Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

Completed applications must include:

- The UNICO Merrimack Valley Application Form
- High School Transcript
- SAT or ACT score printout - *(If the tests were taken, please submit your scores)
- A letter or letters of recommendation, from a person(s) of the applicant's choosing, but must include a letter of recommendation from an academic source such as a teacher or counselor.
- Complete applications must be submitted by **March 15, 2026**.



Please submit all the above requests as attachments, in a single email to:

scholarships@unicomerrimackvalley.org

Please indicate in the Subject Line: UNICO MV SCHOLARSHIP

All completed applications, inclusive of supporting documents, shall be received by **March 15, 2026**.

After reviewing the completed applications and supporting documents, our scholarship committee will interview selected candidates and thereafter make its final decisions.

The scholarship checks will be presented at a special UNICO Scholarship Dinner. Scholarship recipients and two guest are invited to dinner, which is scheduled to be held on **June 10, 2026**. Further details will be available once we have selected the scholarship recipients and finalized the location for the dinner.

Thank you for your interest in the UNICO Merrimack Valley Scholarship. We take great pride in helping to assist in what our Italian ancestors worked so hard to do: to make it possible for their descendants to go to college in order to create a better way of life.

Sincerely yours,

Frank A. Coppola, DMD
UNICO Scholarship Committee Chair