



Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America/  
New York State Commission for Social Justice  
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“La Bella Lingua Award” Application for 2024  
Please answer all questions on separate page or print legibly below.

Applicant's Name:
Address:
Telephone No.: e-mail address:
Name(s) and address(es) of HS(s) and years attended:
Number of years of Italian Courses Taken:
Extracurricular Activities:
Honors/Achievements:
Employment: (If applicable)
Hobbies/Interests

Write an essay (in English) on one of the following six topics [please circle your selection] :

- a. What is the relevance of studying the Italian language in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?
- b. How do you plan to utilize your knowledge of the Italian Language in the future?
- c. How has your Italian heritage affected you?
- d. What would encourage students to study the Italian language?
- e. What is the importance of preserving Columbus Day and the recognition of the contributions of 25 million Americans of Italian descent?
- f. Tell us something about yourself that makes you the best choice for this award.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to me at 585-749-5346 or  
MAFocarazzo@gmail.com.

Please send the completed application, official transcript, and letter of recommendation by March 31, 2024 to:

Marjorie Focarazzo  
District Chair  
LaBella Lingua Award  
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