

NEWS From Senator Joseph E. Robach

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Senator Joe Robach Announces Collegiate Scholarships

New York State Senator Joe Robach announced today that the New York Conference of Italian-American State Legislators is now accepting applications for four \$2,000 scholarships, which will be awarded on June 9th at their Annual Legislative Conference Day.

"Given the high costs of college, every opportunity must be made by students and their families to meet their required expenses with scholarships, student loans, financial aid and personal contributions," said Robach. "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."

This year, the Italian-American State Legislators Conference will be awarding four \$2,000 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 a 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.

Students may request an application by contacting Senator Robach's office at (585) 225-3650 or <u>Robach@nysenate.gov</u>.