



ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER OF MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL

MASSIMO BONAVIDA SCHOLARSHIP

For majors and minors in Italian Studies

The Italian Cultural Center of Minneapolis/St. Paul, through the Massimo Bonavita Study Abroad Scholarship in Italian, will provide up to \$3,000 to a student at the University of Minnesota who will be enrolled in an approved study abroad program in Italy. The scholarship may be used only for the payment of program fees, housing, and airfare.

This scholarship may be used during the student's junior year (Fall or Spring semester or both) or the Fall semester of the senior year.

- Recipients shall be in good academic standing and shall have demonstrated exceptional academic promise.
- Students are required to have completed at least 4 semesters of Italian before they begin their study abroad program.
- The study abroad program must be approved by the University's Learning Abroad Center and involve at least 13 credits of coursework per semester.
- Students participating in programs only for the summer are not eligible.
- Minimum GPA requirement: 3.35

The award selection will be made by a selection committee made up of the faculty and staff of the Department of French and Italian. The committee may request from eligible students:

1. An unofficial transcript
2. A letter of recommendation from the instructor who is best able to assess the applicant's academic and intellectual capacities
3. An application essay describing the applicant's engagement with Italian studies or culture and what receiving this scholarship would make possible.

In an effort to forge a closer relationship with the student selected for this scholarship, the Italian Cultural Center would like to request that the scholarship recipient send a monthly update to the ICC during the time the student is on the study abroad program. The update should consist in a brief write-up (150-200 words) and picture(s) regarding his/her Italian stay, learning and/or travels. The update would be posted on the ICC website and published in the ICC monthly newsletter.