



I believe that I could be an ideal candidate for the Cuore D'Italia Scholarship, as I was born in Rome, but the heart of my family's story is in Costabissara, outside of Vicenza. My Nonno Cipriano, began working in a factory at the age of thirteen to help his family after the devastation of the war. Decades later, my own father followed in those footsteps, leaving high school at seventeen to work in that same factory and help provide for his family. For generations of Andreons, "work" meant physical labor and sacrifice to support the family. As I stand on the threshold of my college education, I do so as the first Andreon to attend university, carrying the dreams of those who spent their lives in fields and factories so that I might one day sit in a lecture hall.

I believe that I deserve the Cuore D'Italia Scholarship because I embody the resilience and work ethic that my Italian grandparents instilled in me. I am a student in a rigorous Math, Science, and Engineering program at Suncoast Community High School, and I have maintained straight A's while also playing on two competitive soccer teams. I have been a U.S Grassroots soccer referee as well as a Khan Academy math tutor. I have dedicated over 140 hours to community service, particularly working with young children, because I believe that it is so important to be a part of, and to be a role model for, the next generation, a value deeply rooted in the tight-knit Italian communities of my birth.

The Cuore D'Italia award would provide the financial bridge I need to pursue my degree in Data Analysis. My parents work very hard; my father is a maintenance man and my mother has been an elementary teacher for thirty-three years. They believe in service to the community and I want to honor that service. My goal is to turn numbers into stories that solve real-world problems. I want to use what I learn to help businesses, schools, and local governments look at complex data to improve things like infrastructure, schools, and economic opportunities in my own community.

My college education will be the fulfillment of a promise that has lasted for generations. My Nonno passed away last year, and while he won't be there to see me walk across the stage at graduation, I know he would be so proud to see the Andreon name on a university diploma. This scholarship is more than just money to me; it is a recognition of the journey my family has taken from the factory floors of Costabissara to, hopefully, the frontiers of American business. By supporting my education, the Cuore D'Italia Scholarship is investing in a student who knows that a degree isn't just about personal success—it's a way to help my community and a tribute to the people who worked so hard so I could have this dream.