Orienta Scholarship

This scholarship is dedicated to the name of an amazing woman, Orienta Badia. Born in an Italian American family, in Bellaire, Ohio in 1918, Orienta turned upside down the submissive daughter stereotype and invented for herself a career in dancing following her dreams and her inner vocation. With all-Italian creativity, Orienta also transformed her life into a novel that her daughter Patricia Badia Johnson published.

Funding for this scholarship comes from the farthest US city from Boca Raton, Portland, Oregon, where Patricia now lives. Patricia has already funded the first seed of the FAU Italian Studies research repository ITAMM and continues to foster our wildest dreams from her far-away home.

We want to help our students dream! Tell us what you want to accomplish that will bring shine to your personal life and to Italian Studies: a research project, a creative work, an original study, a challenge. It can be part of a class or not. Prof. Serra and Prof. Pettener are available to mentor you and you will receive up to $500 to encourage you along the way and a matching sum when the project is finished. The amount may vary.

Criteria:

- Full-time graduate (preferable) or undergraduate student of FAU

- Academically deserving student (GPA above 3.0)

- Priority will be given to students who are Italian Major and Minor and are involved with Italian activities (Cub Insieme, GKA).

By submitting this application, you authorize the Office of Student Financial Aid to release information pertaining to your financial aid eligibility to the FAU Foundation for the purposes of determining scholarship eligibility.

Deadline is variable. Inquire with Italian Program.

Application material:

- Letter of intent where you explain your project and state that the above requirements are satisfied

- Unofficial copy of student's transcript

Submit all material to Ilaria Serra, Florida Atlantic University, CU 242, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431. Fax 561-297-2667. ilaria.serra@fau.edu

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