



Dear Members,

The *Italia America Bocce Club* members seeking to contribute to their child or grandchild's education via scholarship are encouraged to apply for The Aldo Della Croce Memorial Scholarship detailed below by the scholarship committee.

The Aldo Della Croce Memorial Scholarship honors Mr. Della Croce as one of the original founding fathers of the club and will be awarded this year at The Annual Aldo Della Croce Bocce Tournament. It is hoped that the award will not only contribute to the personal development of our recipient but also steward the game of bocce that our founding fathers envisioned. The scholarship is not based on financial need or grade point average but on the merit of the applicant's self-statement.

All children or grandchildren of an *Italia America Bocce Club* member that are in good standing at the time of the application are eligible. The applicant must be a student entering their freshman year of high school in the **2027-2028** school year and must successfully complete the application form and create their self-statement online at www.stlbocce.com. The student is not required to live in St. Louis City or even the state of Missouri to be awarded this scholarship.

- The purpose of the self-statement is for the applicant to provide specific examples as to how he/she demonstrates leadership and teamwork through school and/or community service and/or activities and is limited to 600 words.
- The completed application and the required self-statement must be submitted online **no later than October 6, 2026**.
- Please do not place any name on the self-statement as a code system is used by the board for the voting process.

The winning recipient will be notified prior to The Annual Aldo Della Croce Bocce Tournament, and it is strongly recommended that he/she attend the tournament banquet. Banquet details will be provided to the winner of the scholarship.

Best wishes,

The Aldo Della Croce Memorial Scholarship Committee
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