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Study Abroad Program Open Registration

Preface

La Scuola d'Italia, New York, is the only international, coeducational school in North America offering a scientific high school diploma recognized by the Italian Ministry of Education. The school operates closely with the Consulate of Italy in New York and is also recognized as an International Baccalaureate World School.

La Scuola d'Italia New York aims to give high school students from abroad a global, curious, knowledgeable, and principled mindset. This is achieved through attendance for an entire academic year or a semester on campus. During this opportunity, students follow the curriculum prescribed by the Italian Ministry of Education for the Scientific High School, taught in Italian and English. Additional complementary subjects include World History, French, and a broad range of afterschool activities.

Our Study Abroad Program Strength

La Scuola d'Italia offers the same subjects as any other Italian Scientific High School alongside the American curriculum standards. At the end of the first semester or academic year, La Scuola issues an evaluation document for individual subjects, just as it is done in Italy. Therefore, students from a Scientific High School, upon their return, will not have to take additional exams for the subjects not attended, as is the case when a student returns to Italy after a stay in an American High School.

Lastly, the Study Abroad program allows students admitted to the final year to attend the entire academic year and take the state exams with the same methods and validity as if they were taken in Italy. The diploma obtained from La Scuola d'Italia is also valid throughout the United States.

It is crucial to emphasize that this experience is a rigorous study stay. Along with various cultural and extracurricular activities, this will undoubtedly enhance the student's learning experience. Our school

is in one of the most beautiful areas of Manhattan, steps away from Central Park, in the heart of the Upper East Side.

Costs

The Head of the School and Board of Trustees of La Scuola d'Italia believe in a Study Abroad Program that promotes our coming students being exposed to a global environment such as the one of New York City while keeping their Italian identity and curriculum standards.

The **Study Abroad fees** are much lower compared to those charged to families residing in New York. Full-time students at La Scuola pay an average of \$35,000 to \$37,000 for an academic year:

- \$5,500 per semester (from September to January or from February to June); or \$11,000 for the entire academic year;
- \$500 for the registration fee for each semester;

Should Study Abroad students wish to continue their journey at La Scuola for more than a Study Abroad academic year, then regular full-time fees will be applied.

In addition to the school attendance fee, families are responsible for the following costs:

- Accommodation: through an agency chosen by parents, an estimated monthly cost ranges between \$1,800 and \$2,450;
- Health insurance: approximately \$500 per semester;
- Travel to and from Italy;
- Passport and visa costs: around €120 for the passport and around \$350 for visa-related fees;
- Variable costs for daily expenses.

Economically, it represents a significant commitment, especially concerning the cost of staying in New York.

Therefore, this opportunity is addressed only to genuinely motivated students who can repay their families' financial efforts with their progress and future successes.

Expectations of La Scuola d'Italia

La Scuola d'Italia New York is an International Independent institution with high educational standards. Participation in this call requires a high level of academic commitment. In particular, a grade average of no less than eight out of ten (8 of 10) is needed in the final assessment of the last academic year and the assessment of the first quarter or semester of the current academic year, along with a behavior rating of at least 9 out of 10.

Furthermore, continued enrollment in La Scuola is subject to maintaining an academic average of at least 7 out of 10 and exhibiting impeccable conduct towards fellow students, teachers, and school staff.

What La Scuola d'Italia Offers

La Scuola d'Italia, a coeducational Scientific High School in New York, commits to providing selected students for the 2024/25 academic year study abroad program with the following services and benefits:

- Attendance of all traditional Scientific High School subjects with similar timetable structure, in addition to other subjects characterizing its educational offer,
- All textbooks on loan for all subjects;
- MetroCard is provided by NYC, depending on the location of the hosting family.

La Scuola undertakes to provide the student's family with the necessary documentation for obtaining a study visa in the United States. However, the procedures and costs remain the responsibility of the families.

What La Scuola d'Italia Does Not Offer

La Scuola d'Italia Guglielmo Marconi does not offer and is not responsible for the following services:

- Health insurance is mandatory, and families must take out and maintain adequate coverage for their children's medical expenses. The school will gladly recommend some insurance companies but will not be responsible for families' individual and autonomous choices.
- Accommodation: The families are responsible for finding accommodation with host families and negotiating any economic agreements related to food and lodging for the months spent in New York.

The school will be happy to suggest some reliable agencies providing these services, but any relationship with them will be the exclusive competence of the families. Note: For the safety of the students, the school requires that all program participants, even if of legal age, reside with an adult.

- Meals: The school does not provide a cafeteria service. Students can bring a packed lunch from home during the lunch break.
- Transfers to and from Italy and public or private transportation in New York.
- Costs related to telephone, internet services, and anything not expressly mentioned in this call.

How to Apply

Interested students and families can send a non-binding pre-admission application from November 27, 2023, to January 31, 2024 by completing the following form through the link:

Preliminary Application Form

During this period, the school will provide the opportunity for all interested parties to connect via Zoom, where the students will be interviewed. During this session, the educational offer will be presented, the mission will be explained, and any questions from students and families will be addressed.

Should you require more information, please email studyabroad@lascuoladitalia.org.