2011 CRITERIA FOR STUDENT AWARDS – PENNSYLVANIA REGION

The Board of Trustees of the Coccia Foundation has approved the following guidelines to be used to determine eligibility of student members of on-campus Italian Clubs, who wish to be identified with AMICI della Cultura Italiana (“AMICI Group”), to receive Coccia Foundation Awards and Grants. Awards to on campus clubs / Student Members are generally limited to a maximum of $2,000, per on campus club, as in the case of Study Abroad and Scholarships, while Matching Funds range from $100 to $250 with requests limited to once a semester. Requests for all Awards and Grants are submitted on Coccia Foundation Application Forms (one for Matching Funds the other for all other Awards) and are subject to approval of the Coccia Foundation Board of Trustees. **PLEASE USE EXTREME CARE WHEN COMPLETING APPLICATIONS (i.e. “OTHER INFORMATION”). YOU MUST SUPPLY THE CORRECT INFORMATION OR YOU WILL FORFEIT ANY APPROVED AWARDS. CHECKS WILL NOT BE REISSUED:**

A. On-campus Italian Group must be in existence and be part of the AMICI Group for two (2) semesters;

B. On-campus AMICI Italian Groups in the Pennsylvania Region are to hold one (1) Regional Meeting per semester of the 2010-2011 school year. November 15th is the deadline for the first semester and March 15th the deadline for the second semester. A minimum of three (3) AMICI Student Members from each on-campus AMICI Italian Group in the Region must attend the meetings. Minutes of each Regional Meeting are to be sent to the Coccia Foundation, 23 Leswing Ave., Saddle Brook, NJ 07663 Attention: Phil Sergio, Student Liaison;

C. Those Groups who are not present at any AMICI Group student meeting should submit a copy of the minutes of their meeting the Coccia Foundation, 23 Leswing Ave., Saddle Brook, NJ 07663. Submitting a copy of meeting minutes is not considered an acceptable practice in lieu of attendance at AMICI Group Student meetings;

D. The on-campus Italian Group must have submitted a copy their Constitution and By-Laws; a list of their current E-Board Officers with titles; and completed copies of the AMICI della Cultura Italiana Membership form for each member of the Group for the current school year. On-Campus Italian Groups should conduct a minimum of one (1) Italian-American cultural event in the school year;

E. Student(s) considered for Awards, Grants, Subsidies, etc. should be active members of their respective on-campus Italian Groups. **Exception - those Graduating Students recommended for “Sponsored Scholarships.” Candidates for Sponsored Scholarships can be Italian or Non-Italian, male or female, whose future is dedicated to obtaining their Masters/Doctorate degree to become a professor/teacher of Italian.**

F. A student may not be eligible for Awards, Grants, etc. if they have been a former recipient of the same award;

G. Student selections for awards will be made by the E-Board Members of the on-campus Italian Group, recommended by the Group’s President and approved by the Group’s Faculty Advisor.

H. The Student candidate(s) must submit a picture, resume and dissertation on why they believe they should be given the Award. They should also state where they are going, why they have selected that program and where they hope it will take them in the future. All approved Students will require a written recommendation of the Group’s Faculty Advisor. Applications entitled **Coccia Foundation; Awards Application (Other than Matching Funds)** must complete and submitted with the information requested above by the deadline filing date. **Deadline for filing this information to the Coccia Foundation, 23 Leswing Avenue, Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07663 is April 10, 2011:**

I. Students graduating in 2011 are not eligible for Study Abroad Awards unless they can exhibit evidence that they will be advancing themselves in a future of Italian Studies (i.e. those who are going on to be Teacher/Professors of Italian).