



Why do I deserve this Scholarship?

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Growing up playing sports, my dream has always been to play volleyball at a collegiate level. My smaller stature, several sports injuries, and some coach negativities are obstacles that I have had to overcome in the past. Instead of listening to people tell me what I couldn't be; I worked hard to become the person that I wanted to be. By my junior year I was a starter on the varsity volleyball team at my high school while also playing on an elite team for travel. Our high school team worked together to reach an amazing level of success with a 25-1 winning season. I have always chosen to use the doubt and negativity as ammunition to get stronger and work on the things that would make people overlook my potential. I come from a long line of strong Italians that overcame obstacles to achieve greatness here in America. The same persistence and determination that ran through their veins, now runs through mine.

I have been told how difficult it is to receive a scholarship to attend college. If I were to receive this honor from the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, I would work hard and embrace this opportunity to achieve my scholastic goals. I am applying for this scholarship to achieve my dream of becoming a physical therapist. Sports injuries are difficult to overcome both mentally and physically. I was fortunate to have the strong support of my family as well as the encouragement and knowledge from my physical therapist. Because of my positive experience with my physical therapist, I would like to offer young athletes my knowledge and support to overcome their physical obstacles. Making a difference in the lives of others is the most important thing to me and I believe that this scholarship will bring me one step closer to my goal.

