



WIN A SCHOLARSHIP TO ITALY!

**Have you ever dreamt of living in an Italian town with
cobblestoned streets and a friendly piazza?
Could you imagine being part of an Italian family and attending an
Italian school?
Do you go weak at the knees for lasagne, tortellini and tiramisu'?**



World Education Program Australia is now offering the following scholarship for LOTE students from New South Wales, Queensland, and Victoria:

One scholarship, worth \$3000, to Italy. This scholarship can only be applied towards a year-long program commencing in January 2012. Applicants MUST currently be studying Italian. Applicants must be a minimum 15 years old by January 2012 and in Year 9, 10 or 11 during 2011.

World Education Program Australia's program fees include:

- ◆ Research, selection and preparation of a welcoming host family.
- ◆ Full board, food and lodging with a host family.
- ◆ Guaranteed school registration in chosen country.
- ◆ 24-hour emergency support overseas and in Australia.
- ◆ Coordinator assistance and regular progress reports.
- ◆ Full, comprehensive medical, hospital, accident, public liability and travel insurance.
- ◆ No deductions/excess for medical or accidents.
- ◆ International return airfare.
- ◆ Round trip transfer between your arrival airport and your host family.
- ◆ Airport greeting by a representative of the WEP overseas partner organisation.
- ◆ Provision of visa documentation.
- ◆ Pre-departure and arrival orientations, student and parent handbooks and airport check-in assistance.
- ◆ WEP T-shirt, WEP backpack, pre-paid airport taxes, GST.
- ◆ All WEP Australia and the international partner organisation's administrative costs.
- ◆ **PLUS! A five-day arrival orientation program in beautiful Lago Maggiore! (details on page two)**



WEP Australia - 2012 Scholarship Awards Application Details - Italy

Applicants (refer to eligibility criteria on p. 3) for this WEP Australia scholarship award to **Italy** must submit the following:

1. WEP application form (download from website). At this stage medical pages and immunisation records do not need to be submitted.
2. Parental/guardianship and student declaration form (see p. 4).
3. 150 words, in English, about what you imagine will be most difficult (other than missing your friends and family and the inevitable communication difficulties) about living overseas.
4. 150 words in English that explain why you are studying your current LOTE.
5. 100 words in the language you are currently studying (Italian) that answers the question, "Why I want to win a WEP student exchange scholarship to Italy."

The above components must be submitted to **"Scholarship Awards" WEP Australia, PO Box 260, Black Rock VIC 3193** by **31 May 2011**.

A shortlist of three applicants will be required to be available for a phone interview in June 2011. The interview will be conducted in English, with three short questions in Italian. Applicants will be briefed on the content of this conversation closer to the date.

The winner will be announced on 20 JUNE 2011.

All short listed applicants will receive a **\$500 discount** towards a semester or year program to Italy, commencing in January 2012.

INCLUDED – A visit to beautiful Lago Maggiore!

On arrival in Italy, students spend five days with other exchange students around the world on an introductory course to 'La Cultura Italiana'. The program consists of language lessons, cultural activities, a cooking lesson and a boat trip visiting islands on the lake.

Chelsea about her first week in Italy:

"The orientation was so much fun! I really enjoyed meeting people from around the world and we all had one big thing in common: a passion for Italy! Verbania was amazing! The whole place was straight out of a movie! Little clusters of houses nestled into the hills and really old, beautiful buildings just everywhere. Following the orientation my host family was waiting for me at the airport with big smiles and open arms. All that worrying for nothing! They are the sweetest people and I feel very lucky to be staying with them."





WEP Australia - 2012 Scholarship Awards Eligibility Criteria - Italy

1. Applicants must be at least 15 years of age by the program departure date and must be in Year 9, 10 or 11 in 2011.
2. Applicants must attend secondary school in New South Wales, Queensland or Victoria.
3. Applicants must be currently studying the language of the country for which they are applying.
4. Applicants must hold, or be eligible to apply for, an Australian passport.
5. Applicants **MUST** not have previously visited Italy for an extended period of time.
6. Applicants must be prepared to pay any difference between the scholarship award and the full WEP program fee (to be released in January 2011), have sufficient funds for monthly spending money while overseas and be prepared to pay for visa applications.
7. Winners will be required to pay a first instalment of \$500 upon official notification of the award, a second instalment of \$1000 when the application is referred to the receiving WEP partner organisation, a third instalment of \$1000 120 days before departure, and the balance of the program fee (minus the scholarship award) either 90 days before departure or upon notification of the host family placement details (whichever occurs earliest).
8. Winners may be required to pay for travel to Melbourne, Sydney or Brisbane for international departure.
9. This scholarship will commence in January 2012 and finish in December 2012 or January 2013.
10. WEP scholarship winners will be expected to speak on at least three occasions, after their return to Australia, at WEP Australia promotional events such as open days, information evenings and expos.
11. WEP scholarship winners will be asked to submit a short essay, accompanied by ten photos, about their exchange experience once they have completed 60-70 percent of the duration of their program.
12. Scholarship winners must be physically and mentally healthy and will be required to see a doctor shortly after the announcement of winners and have a "Physician's Statement of Health" and a record of immunisations completed and signed by a doctor.
13. Parents of scholarship winners will be asked to submit a letter to the student's prospective host family.

All entries remain the property of WEP Australia. WEP Australia reserves the right to use entries for promotional purposes. Name and contact details become the property of WEP Australia and will be used to provide information to scholarship applicants about WEP Australia. WEP Australia does not sell, rent, trade or give away information about scholarship applicants to anyone outside the organisation other than WEP Australia partner organisations.





WEP Australia – 2012 Scholarship Awards Declarations - Italy

PARENT/GUARDIAN DECLARATION

If, _____, (name of student) is selected as a WEP Australia scholarship winner, I/we _____ (name of parent/s or guardian/s) give my/our permission for him/her to participate in a WEP Australia student exchange program. I/We understand that the award will consist of \$3000 towards a year program with a host family and school selected by an international partner organisation of WEP Australia. The balance of the program costs*, personal spending money and visa costs will be borne by me/us.

*Full program fee for a January 2012 year program to Italy will be published on our website at www.wep.org.au in January 2011 and on the "11/12 WEP Program Fees" flyer available from WEP Australia. This is freely available to all interested parties. Page 1 (above) lists the included components of all WEP Australia student exchange programs.

Signature: _____

Full Name: _____

Date: _____

STUDENT DECLARATION

I, _____, submit my application form to WEP Australia for consideration with the understanding that, if I win a scholarship award, my exchange program to Italy will commence in January 2012 and that the travel dates are not open to negotiation.

I also understand that in the event that I do not win this competition that the judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

I am applying for a scholarship to Italy and have never visited Italy for an extended period of time:

YES NO N/A

The submitted requirements are my own work and I have received no assistance from another party.

Student's signature: _____

Full name: _____

Date: _____

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