



*Embassy of Italy  
Washington*

**CONTEST FOR STUDENTS OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE  
20<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE IN THE WORLD**

On the occasion of the “20<sup>th</sup> Week of the Italian Language in the World”, the Embassy of Italy is pleased to announce a Contest for students of the Italian language in the United States.

The Week of the Italian Language in the World is an event promoted yearly by the cultural and diplomatic network in the third week of October, under the High Patronage of the President of Republic. Each year, the Week has a different underlying theme for a vast cultural program to advance the promotion of the Italian language. The initiative was launched in 2001 through the joint action of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Accademia della Crusca, a leading institution in the field of research on the Italian language, which was subsequently joined by the Swiss Confederation where Italian is one of the three official languages. This year, the theme is “L’Italiano tra parola e immagine: graffiti, illustrazioni, fumetti” (“*Italian between words and images: graffiti, pictures, comics*”).

Students individually are asked to produce graffiti, images, comics in which they represent what they believe Italy to be. They can draw a picture, engrave a graffiti or make a comic about an aspect of Italian culture that struck them

- **Deadline:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020
  
- **Eligibility:** High school students and University students of Italian language, enrolled in the 2020/2021 academic year in one of the public schools in Montgomery County, Prince George County, Howard County and Anne Arundel County in Maryland, and in Fairfax County and Prince William County in Virginia and the District of Columbia and at the University of Maryland, George Washington University, Georgetown University, American University, Catholic University and George Mason University.
  
- **Categories:**
  1. High school students of Italian.
  2. University students of Italian.

**Submission method:** the productions must be sent to:

[scuola.washington@esteri.it](mailto:scuola.washington@esteri.it) with the indication of the name of the author, Italian level class, the teacher’s name and the name of the high school or University. In the case of an image or a graffiti it is necessary to indicate the measures of the works.

The two winners will be selected in each category by a jury composed of the following members:

- Ms. Maria Fusco, Director of the Education Office, Embassy of Italy
- Ms. Rita Iannazzi, Assistant Director of the Education Office, Embassy of Italy
- Mr. Emanuele Amendola, Director, Italian Institute of Culture

The decisions of the judges are final and binding.

The winners will be announced on *Friday, October 16, 2020*. The award Ceremony will take place online on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. The winners' productions will be posted on the website and social media profiles of the Embassy of Italy and of the Italian Institute of Culture in Washington D.C.

The school and the university attended by the two winners will receive an official plaque and each participating student will receive a medal of merit.

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