

Embassy of Italy in Washington, USA

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Oggetto: Scholarship for AP Program

Dear Ambasciata d'Italia a Washington e Associazione Eduitalia,

Since 1992, we, the **Centre for Italian Studies** "**BABILONIA**" in Taormina, Sicily have passionately dedicated ourselves to promoting our Italian and Sicilian heritage and culture along with the study of the Italian language. We strive to not only offer an opportunity to learn the Italian language and to directly experience Italian culture and Italian life.

By this, we are proud to contribute to the diffusion and promotion of the Italian language and culture and of the AP exam in the U.S.A. and we are glad to offer a Scholarship for a deserving U.S. students attending an Italian course at one U.S. high-school. **The Scholarship includes a free 3 week Italian language course and free accommodation in private room in homestay with an Italian host family (Bed &Breakfast)**

Our Centre is located in the heart of world famous Taormina, the most beautiful town in Sicily. Taormina, from atop Mount Tauro, looks over the Bay of Naxos, the first Greek colony in Sicily, founded in 735 b.C. The magnificent Mediterranean-blue bay with active volcano Mount Etna in the background offer a spectacular view from almost everywhere in town. **Taormina** is famous for its beauty, its incredible heritage, history, archaeology and architecture, as well as for its reputation in welcoming travellers. Taormina is perfectly situated to offer students easy access to the **beautiful and historically important treasures of Sicily**. Our courses and programs are held at "Casa Silva", an historic villa, built in 1817 just 200 metres away from the Greek Theatre: an architectural, natural and historical treasure that Taormina has miraculously managed to conserve.

Our Center for Italian Studies also host several **U.S. Universities programs** for both **Graduate & Undergraduate students**. We offer short-term programs (winter and summer programs) and long-term programs (semester programs). Students can directly transfer academic credits and earn undergraduate or graduate credits for all our courses.

We look forward to welcoming our Borsista soon to Taormina, Sicily and offer the opportunity to discover this island full of history, full of culture, full of inspiration!

Sincerely,

Alessandro Adorno direttore