

## Essay Instructions

In a typed (**14-point, Arial, double-spaced**) well-written, grammatically correct essay of 750-1000 words, tell the genealogical story of your family. Using records such as birth, marriage, and death certificates, immigration, census and military records, etc. as well as oral history, give an account of your family from its origins in Italy to their arrival and experience in the United States. Beyond telling what and when it happened, what did you learn about your family's experience that you found important, interesting, surprising or even inspiring?

## Research Instructions

In a distinct paragraph, explain how you did your research. For example, interviews with family members, documents, photos, online research including genealogical databases. Copies (not originals) of the genealogical records and transcripts of oral interviews must accompany your essay. (Note on each what they are, how they relate to your family and how you found them.)

## Directions for Family Tree/Pedigree Chart

**The Family Tree pdf provided has fields and can be filled out electronically. Remember, you must save your filled in Family Tree form with your name!!**

You must send us a completed Tree as a PDF and include that with your application form and supporting documents.

### Tips for completing the pedigree chart

1. List your name in position #1 on the left side of the chart.
2. Positions 2 and 3 will list your father and your mother.  
{INCLUDE DATES – birth, marriage & death}
3. Continue building to the right, including grandparents, great-grandparents.
4. Always use **MAIDEN NAMES** for any female listed on your chart.
5. After you have compiled your four generation tree, you may add any additional generation information your research has provided on a separate page or page(s) (such as information for great-great grandparents, etc.) – but the 4-generation tree is our main requirement.

