

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL ITALIAN HONOR SOCIETY SOCIETÀ ONORARIA ITALICA**

## **Article I: Name and Purposes**

### **Section 1.**

The name of this organization shall be the *Società Onoraria Italica* for Secondary Schools (public, private, and parochial).

### **Section 2.**

The purpose of this organization is to stimulate interest in the study of the Italian language, to give recognition for distinguished achievement in Italian, and to promote an understanding and appreciation of Italian culture and civilization.

### **Section 3.**

This organization is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Italian (AATI).

## **Article II: Membership**

### **Section 1.**

Membership shall be restricted to students enrolled in classes of Italian beyond the second year.

### **Section 2.**

Candidates must have achieved an average of 90% or above in Italian for the three semesters of high school prior to invitation. Also, they must have maintained a general scholarship average of 80% or above.

### **Section 3.**

The number of candidates shall not exceed 30% of the students enrolled in Italian at the time of selection.

### **Section 4.**

Students may continue their active membership for one year after the termination of their study of Italian.

### **Section 5.**

Italian instructors of each school chapter must be members of the American Association of Teachers of Italian (AATI).

### **Section 6.**

A chapter which does not submit a list of initiates during a period of two years may be considered inactive. To regain active status, the chapter must resubmit an application accompanied by the fee which shall be the same as the original charter fee.

## **Article IV: Recognition**

Benefits of the *Società Onoraria Italica* are as follows:

1. Students receive a certificate of membership, a pin, and/or a medal..
2. Newly elected members are published in the AATI Newsletter and in the local newspaper.
3. Instructors may place a photograph of members in the yearbook.
4. Counselors include membership on students' transcript.
5. Schools honor the new members at an induction ceremony.
6. The Italian instructor presents an award to the Outstanding Student of Italian at graduation.

## **Article V: Amendments**

1. If a member of the *Società Onoraria Italica* does not maintain an average of 90% or above, the Italian instructor may terminate the student's membership.
2. Suggestions for amendments may be submitted by all chapters to the president of the *Società Onoraria Italica*.