

**2025 Francescutti Scholarship of Excellence:
'Your journey, beyond known borders'**



A child looks at a map to orient himself on the journey to undertake

Accademia dei Ragazzi is pleased to present to its students the fourth **Francescutti Scholarship of Excellence**, valued up to \$2,000. It entails **four scholarships dedicated to children and teens who have distinguished themselves in their studies** at Accademia in 2025. This year, our students will work on a **project titled 'Your journey, beyond known borders'**. Our students are asked to explore the theme of the journey and produce a written essay in Italian, choosing from different writing options based on their interests and age group.

The 2025 Francescutti Scholarship of Excellence, valued up to \$2,000, will be divided into four age groups:

- 1) **Primary Division (ages 6-8): \$350** scholarship value
- 2) **Junior Division (ages 9-11): \$450** scholarship value
- 3) **Intermediate Division (ages 12-13): \$550** scholarship value
- 4) **High School (ages 14-17): \$650** scholarship value

Primary & Junior Divisions:

The song '**Volare**' by **Domenico Modugno** is very special in Italian musical culture because it has become a symbol of joy and free spirit. It evokes a **sense of freedom, adventure and the desire to explore beyond known boundaries** - just like a journey, whether real or imaginary.

a) Primary Division (6-8 years)

Choose one of the following options:

1. Have you ever flown to Italy? Where did you go? What are your best memories and with whom? What did you like the most? **Describe your trip with a drawing and a written essay (30-60 words in Italian)**. The artwork must be in colour on A4 or A3 paper, and the project may be submitted on a Bristol board.

2. You can travel by flying with your imagination. What is the place in Italy that you would love to visit? What would you like to do? **Describe your dream trip to Italy with a drawing and a written essay (30-60 words in Italian).** The artwork must be in colour on A4 or A3 paper, and the project may be submitted on a Bristol board.

b) Junior Division (9-11 years)

Choose one of the following options:

1. Do you remember when you flew to Italy? Where did you go? What are your best memories and with whom? What did you like? **Describe your trip with a drawing and a written essay (60-90 words in Italian).** The artwork must be in colour on A4 or A3 paper, and the project may be submitted on a Bristol board.

2. You can travel by flying with your imagination. What is the place in Italy that you would love to visit? What would you like to do? **Describe your dream trip to Italy with a drawing and a written essay (60-90 words in Italian).** The artwork must be in colour on A4 or A3 paper, and the project may be submitted on a Bristol board.

Intermediate Division & High School:

c) Intermediate Division (12-13 years)

Read the excerpt from the book '**Il Buon Viaggio**' by **Beatrice Masini** (*see below*) and choose one of the following options:

1. Describe your trip to Italy with a written essay. What made it a good trip? What are the experiences that made it special and why? **The essay must be about 100 words, in Italian - and can be accompanied by a drawing,** which must be in colour on A4 or A3 paper. The project may be submitted on a Bristol board.

2. What would make your first trip to Italy good? Describe your ideal trip with a written essay trying to explain what would make it special and unforgettable for you. **The essay must be about 100 words, in Italian - and can be accompanied by a drawing,** which must be in colour on A4 or A3 paper. The project may be submitted on a Bristol board.

d) High School (14-17 years)

Read the excerpt from the book '**Il Buon Viaggio**' by **Beatrice Masini** (*see below*) and choose one of the following options:

1. Describe your trip to Italy with a written essay. What made it a good trip? What are the experiences that made it special and why? **The essay must be about 140 words, in Italian - and can be accompanied by a drawing,** which must be in colour on A4 or A3 paper. The project may be submitted on a Bristol board.

2. What would make your first trip to Italy good? Describe your ideal trip with a written essay trying to explain what would make it special and unforgettable for you. **The essay must be about 140 words, in Italian - and can be accompanied by a drawing,** which must be in colour on A4 or A3 paper. The project may be submitted on a Bristol board.

**Estratto del libro 'Il Buon Viaggio'
di Beatrice Masini**

*Uno ti dice Buon Viaggio
quando ti vede andar via
pronto per un lungo cammino
per stare solo
per vedere cose e posti
e persone che non avevi mai visto*

**Excerpt from the book 'Il Buon Viaggio'
by Beatrice Masini**

*One tells you Buon Viaggio
when he sees you go away
ready for a long journey
to be alone
to see things and places
and people you have never seen*

*per scoprire tesori che ancora non sai.
Tu dici grazie e poi parti
e non ci pensi più
perché pensi soltanto al tuo viaggio
che sta per cominciare
ed è la cosa più importante di tutte.
O almeno così sembra.
Ma quand'è che un viaggio è buono?*

*to discover treasures you don't know about yet.
You say thank you and then you leave
and you don't think about it anymore
because you only think about your journey
that is about to begin
and it is the most important thing of all.
Or at least so it seems.
But when is a journey good?*

Participation Criteria:

In order to win the Francescutti Scholarship of Excellence, students must **be enrolled in one of Accademia's Italian courses** in the current 2025 school year.

**Accademia dei Ragazzi reserves the right to keep the entries in its school archive.*

Selection Criteria:

Accademia will appoint an **independent jury** who will evaluate the entries. Selection criteria are:

- The entry's **quality of the art / clarity and depth of the content**;
- The **student's freedom of thought and error** (without any adult's 'interference');
- The **creativity** shown by our children and youth.

Submission Date:

The **submission date** for the culminating project titled 'Your journey, beyond known borders' is **Saturday, June 7, 2025**. Entries must be sent in **digital format** via email to mattia.bello@accademiadeiragazzi.ca or they must be submitted in **paper format** in class to a teacher. Our Executive Director Mattia Bello will collect the projects and present them to an **independent jury**.

Student Scholarship Ceremony:

In celebration of student success, the four scholarships tied to the Francescutti Scholarship of Excellence will be presented during Accademia's **Graduation Day and Scholarship Ceremony** on **Saturday, June 21, 2025**. All students who submit this project will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Accademia's Executive Director, Mattia Bello at mattia.bello@accademiadeiragazzi.ca.

Accademia dei Ragazzi would like to thank Carlo Francescutti and his company *Halloween and Hobby* for this fantastic partnership.

Happy learning and the best of luck to all our students!

Best wishes,
Accademia dei Ragazzi