

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR 1988

November 28, 1988  
Cerignola, Italy  
Dear Mr Markel:

I'm very glad to have received one of your scholarships, and thank you for it. It is a great honor for me, above all because this award has been founded in memory of those valiant American soldiers who fought for their country and ideals in which they believed, at the cost of their lives too during the Second World War. I am sure these awards to deserving students contribute to keep up the memory of all those men who died for their country. I have not yet definite plans for my future studies. I hope to come to America one day, and have the possibility of meeting you and thanking you personally.

My best regards,  
Paolo Conversano



Cerignola, Italy  
November 27, 1988  
Dear Mr Markel:

I apologize to you beforehand for this concise letter, because I study French and don't know your language.

However I hope to be able to express my gratitude to you for the grant.

I want you to know that your scholarship has a value more symbolic than material for me, because it bears witness to the sacrifice of all young American soldiers that fought and died for America. I feel

*The Association office received the letters shown below from the three Italian students who were chosen to receive the scholarship grants for the year 1988. Each year the Association gives scholarship grants of \$500.00 each to three students whose families lived in the vicinity of the airfield at Torretta, Italy. Professor Umberto Albanese chooses the three finalists from applicants who must meet strict academic criteria.*

great admiration towards them.

I hope to meet you sooner or later and to thank all of your Association personally.

My best regards  
Antonella Ciciretti



Assunta Lepore  
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November 25, 1989  
Dear members of the 461st & 484th

Bomb Groups Association:

My thankfulness to all of your members for granting me the \$500. award.

I am sorry none of you will be able to come to Cerignola for the "awards giving ceremony." But I am sure you will be in Cerignola some time or another. You must, not only for my joy but also to renew personally your war fallen memories.

My parents too hope to meet you and thank you for your generosity.

The scholarship grant in fact will allow me to go to the University. I want to study literature and your award is almost freeing me from university taxes, books, and expenses, relevant to the first year.

I will attend the University in Bari, a sea-coast town about 200 kilometers from Cerignola.

It is also my duty to thank professor Umberto Albanese whose unselfish work has been so important to accomplish your initiative.

I look forward to meeting you.

With very special regards,  
Assunta Lepore

