The Convitto Nazionale “Paolo Diacono”

WITH THE CONTRIBUTION OF

Province of Gorizia, Province of Udine; Cividale del Friuli Municipality, CRUP Foundation
Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia

in collaboration with Ente Friuli nel mondo

announces a competition for 20 scholarships of the duration of one year (or semester), which entitle students to attend high school courses at the High Schools of the Convitto Nazionale or other Schools in the Province of Udine, reserved to:

offsprings or descendants of expats from the region of Friuli Venezia Giulia

in the framework of the project “STUDIARE IN FRIULI”

Competition for the Academic Year 2013-2014

Deadline 30 aprile 2013

Please see the website www.cnpd.it
1. INTRODUCTION
The Convitto Nazionale “Paolo Diacono” (National Boarding School “Paolo Diacono”) awards 20 scholarships for the Academic Year 2013/2014 in its directly managed institutes and in other inner or associated Schools.

To this aim, the competition is reserved to the descendants of expats coming from the region Friuli Venezia Giulia but currently living abroad, in any other country of the world, compatibly with the national school legislation of each country, and taking into account the study programme carried out (for further information please see the specific links on the website www.cnpd.it)

This competition is made possible by the Convention between the Convitto Nazionale “Paolo Diacono” and the Ente Friuli nel Mondo, and with the contribution of other public and private entities (among which: Fondazione della Cassa di Risparmio di Udine e Pordenone, Regione Autonoma Friuli Venezia Giulia, Provincia di Udine, Provincia di Gorizia, Comune di Cividale dei Friuli, Banca di Cividale), which develop a collaboration aimed at granting a period of study in Italian Educational Institutes to the offsprings and descendants of Friuli Venezia Giulia expats living abroad.

In this way the students will have the chance to improve their educational path by attending regular school courses in the originary land of their fathers, and to enrich their cultural background by improving their knowledge of the Italian and friulian language and culture, as well as other native languages and cultures currently found within the Friulian territory.

The Convitto indeed possesses all the educational structures and accommodation facilities (see www.cnpd.it) to actively realise an initiative in this sense, and, along with schools like Liceo Classico, Liceo Scientifico, Liceo delle Scienze Umane, Liceo Linguistico and other associated Technical and Professional Schools, the Convitto can count on all the necessary and general accommodation services.

For the Convitto Nazionale “Paolo Diacono”, such competition aims to give an education characterised by internationality, multiculturality and, in a broader sense, the knowledge of different communitarian and local languages to its students and new generations through an educational path which points at enhancing different local realities while retaining specific identities. This is a momentous educational goal in order to build the future citizens of Europe and the world.

2. SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE AT THE CONVITTO NAZIONALE
The 20 Scholarships reserved and put out for the project in object, for male as well as female students, for the A.Y. 2013/2014, are grouped as follows:

- **Humanistics and Arts Schools** (Scientific School, Classic School, Human Science School and Linguistic School)
- **Technical Schools** (Technical Agricultural School, Technical Commercial School, Technical Industrial School)
- **Professionals Schools** (Mechanics, Electronics, Electrics and Optics School, Technical Woodworking School and Interior (Furniture) Design School)

The abovementioned Scholarships’ availability may vary according to the number of requests.

In accordance with the availability of accommodation facilities, the Convitto reserves the right to increase the number of awarded scholarships.

The number of scholarships might vary in relation to the availability of funds which are occurred in the meantime and formally assigned.

3. PERSONS ENTITLED AND SELECTION PROCEDURE
The Scholarship competition is reserved to the offsprings and descendants of expats belonging to Friuli Venezia Giulia, living abroad in any country of the world. In order to demonstrate such status, the applicants must present the necessary documentation. Moreover, the applicants, aged 14-16, must possess a sufficient knowledge and comprehension of the fundamental elements of the Italian language.

The admission to Convitto and academic inclusion within the classes of the Schools of Convitto Nazionale or other associated Schools depends on the deliberation of a specific Commission, composed by teachers and educators, which takes place after a careful analysis of the documentation listed below, which must be attached to the complete application;

- Educational Curriculum
- **Transcripts of the last 2 years**
Detailed description of the type of school and course of study attended in the native country

Italian Language Level Certificate

Letter (signed by parents) of presentation, in which the applicant describes his/her motivations to take part in the project and commits himself/herself to the rules of the Convitto, and the modalities contained in the Scholarship Competition Announcement.

Personal questionnaire of the student, fully completed (it can be downloaded from the Convitto's official website)

An appropriate ranking by order of school merit, geographic area of origin, family situation and income, will be published for the assignment of the Scholarships.

The final decisions are taken at the incontestable discretion of the Commission.

With the Rector – Headmaster of the Convitto lies the ultimate decision concerning the definitive admission of the applicants.

The awarded student, at the moment of his/her first entry in the Convitto (from 10 to 15 September or from 7 to 15 January), will meet the teachers and educators of the Commission, who will confirm the previous deliberation, which will be sent to the Council of the class which the student will be part of.

PLEASE NOTE It is essential that the applicant combines interest and study commitment with openness to participate in the common life, acceptance of school rules, tolerance and understanding of different opinions and attitudes.

Moreover, considering the distance from familiar environment and the effort required by the school programmes, the applicant must have an equilibrated behaviour and physical and mental health. Any medical issue of particular importance must be duly and pre-emptively communicated.

4. HOSPITALITY AND ACADEMIC INCLUSION WITHIN THE CONVITTO

The first entry into Convitto must occur from 10 to 15 September for annual attendance, and from 7 to 15 January for semestral attendance, with the exception of valid and duly documented motivations.

1. Upon arrival in the Convitto, the students, already selected by the appropriate Commission, will be immediately included within the most similar schools and classes attended in their native countries. In the evenings, after regular school classes, an intensive Italian language course will be activated in order to improve the knowledge and skills required to gain a better understanding of the school subjects. This course will be activated for those students arriving in September for the full academic year as well as for those arriving in January for one semester.

2. The final inclusion in the classes will be approved by the Integrated Collegium of Teachers of the individual school institutes, taking into account the assessment expressed and the selection parameters previously adopted by the Commission of teachers and educators.

3. Furthermore, every student will be included in a “boarding group” and will be followed by the group educator for what concerns educational aspects, and by a teaching tutor for what concerns school subjects. Meetings and exchanges of information between the group educator and the teaching tutor will be determined to help the student to finalise at best his/her study experience.

4. After the first two months, the same Commission will assess the didactic, educational and disciplinary tendency of the students and will deliberate on the continuity of their stay in Friuli.

5. The inclusion period in the classes is provisional for the first 3 weeks. After this period of time, the inclusion will be considered definitive and it will not be possible to be transferred to another institute.

6. Unless otherwise stated in the attended school programmes, it is preferable that the students attend Schools within the Cividale district.

5. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONVITTO WITH RESPECT TO THE YOUNG STUDENTS AWARDEES OF SCHOLARSHIP

For the students hospitality within its facilities, the Convitto takes on:

- the costs of board and lodging during the period of school attendance and exams;
- the costs of laundry and ironing service during the period of stay in the school;
- the costs of school books and stationary (within the limits of the scholarships) and the payment of tuition fees;
- health assistance, limited to the purchase of medications of common prescription and to the operations of the school doctor; hospital health assistance will occur under appropriate health insurance policy;
- the costs stemming from the hospitality programme;
the costs originating from cultural initiatives organised in the Friuli Venezia Giulia territory, within the limits of the scholarship;
the costs of the expenses of recreational activities organised within the institute, as well as of educational trips of one single day organised by the Convitto or other Schools. Study trips of more than one day are excluded and remain at the expenses of the student's family.

Any other costs for teaching assistance, for leisure or recreational activities or for particular medical operations (for example dentist care) are excluded from the abovementioned and remain at the expenses of the families.

6. OBLIGATIONS OF THE FAMILIES AND FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS

Travel expenses are carried out by the participants
In case of damage to the institute, the Convitto reserves the right to ask the families for a refund of the Expenses incurred.

7. REVOCATION OR FORFEITURE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Rector – School Headmaster, after hearing the opinion of the competent bodies (teachers and educators Commission, Contact educators and Class Council), can revoke anytime the right to stay in the School, in case of:
- irregular attendance of school classes, unless duly justified;
- unstable school commitment and insufficient school grades
- intolerance of rules, grave disciplinary lacks, behaviours incompatible with community life
- health problems (i.e. special visits and care required)

8. APPLICATIONS
The applications to participate in the contest and the related documentation must be presented directly or sent through registered mail by 30 April 2013 to

CONVITTO NAZIONALE “PAOLO DIACONO”
Piazzetta Chiarottin, 8 33043 CIVIDALE DEL FRIULI

The application file can be also sent to the Ente Friuli nel Mondo or sent by email to the following email addresses:
segreteria@cnpd.it or info@friulinelmondo.com

The application file must include all the required documentation, even if sent by email. Failure to comply will result in exclusion from the benefits of the competition. Shall the required documentation not be completed, the Commission reserves the right not to accept the application or to ask the applicant to send the missing documents.

9. DOCUMENTATION
Documentation to be attached to the application file in order to participate in the project:

A) ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTATION
1. DECLARATION from which emerges the descendence from a Friulian expat living abroad;
2. DECLARATION from which emerges the economic situation of the family unit
3. PRECISE ADDRESS OF THE FAMILY (street, zip code, town, city, country, phone number, email address)
4. PHOTOCOPY OF THE PASSPORT

B) SCHOOL DOCUMENTATION
5. APPLICATION OF ENROLMENT in the School and the Convitto through the attached form
6. CERTIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE of the last two years of school, which encompasses and clearly states: didactic path, programme carried out in the different subjects attended and grades for each subject. Moreover a detailed presentation of the type of school and main subjects attended must be attached.
7. CERTIFICATION stating the level of knowledge of Italian language.
8. PRESENTATION LETTER of the applicant, in which the motivations underlying his/her application are clearly stated and in which the applicant declares that he/she will commit to respect the community rules of the Convitto and the modalities included in the Scholarship Competition Announcement. The letter must be signed by both parents. In this letter, address of the family, phone number and email address must be clearly and precisely stated.
9. PERSONAL QUESTIONNAIRE filled in by the applicant. It can be downloaded by the Convitto website.
10. OPINION OF THE HEADMASTER OF THE SCHOOL OF ORIGIN

Such documentation must be supplied with suitable translations.

C. MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION

11. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE stating the mental and physical suitability of the applicant to community life
12. CERTIFICATE of the mandatory vaccinations

Documentation to be presented upon arrival in the Convitto:

1. VALID ENTRY VISA for study reasons in order to obtain the stay permit
2. CERTIFICATE STATING THE COURSE OF STUDY TO ATTEND, APPROVED BY THE ITALIAN CONSULAR DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION at the time of issue of the entry visa;
3. CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE AND CITIZENSHIP (simple paper)
4. N° 8 PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOGRAPHIES ON WHITE DESKTOP
5. REQUESTS FOR AUTHORISATION (DULY SIGNED) TO EXIT THE INSTITUTE (according to the forms attached to the letter of acceptance)
6. ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS of relatives and friends who will be hosting the student in Italy

The Institute reserves the right to ask further health documents to ascertain the existence of the necessary requirements for the participation in the Competition in order to finally be granted a Scholarship.

The Institute reserves the right to conduct controls on the truthfulness of the given declarations.

10. ANNEXES TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT
   Internal Rules of the boarding School (see website)
   Personal Questionnaire (see website)
   Flyer of presentation of the Convitto Nazionale and of its structures