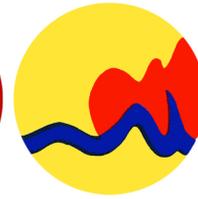


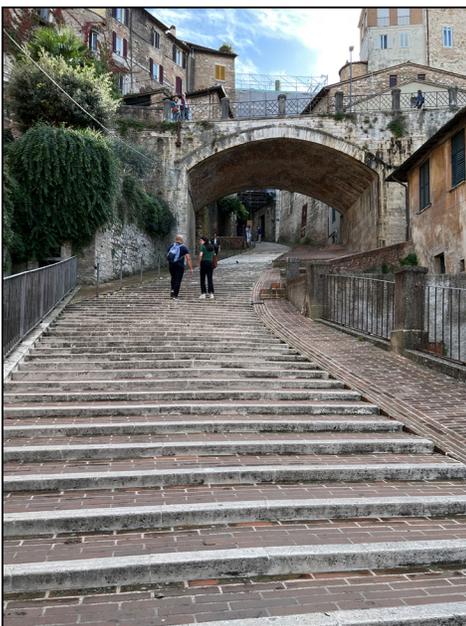
GRSCI - Perugia Sister Cities Scholarship 2026



UNISTRA Entrance

This scholarship was founded in 1994 by the Grand Rapids Sister Cities International (GRSCI) Perugia Committee as the Angela Andrews Ryan Scholarship. In partnership with the Università per Stranieri di Perugia, or University for Foreigners (UNISTRA), this exchange program has awarded scholarships each year, totaling more than 50 recipients. www.unistrapg.it

Scholarship recipients of this wonderful cultural exchange have described the experience as transformational. It has provided them the opportunity to immersively learn the beautiful Italian language, while offering extensive free time to explore the rich history, stunning art, and incredible food of the region. Many individuals make connections with fellow students or local residents that last well beyond their time in Perugia. With extended weekends, the proximity to other fabulous places in Italy, and Europe in general, also make Perugia a great place to launch additional travel adventures.



GRSCI is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization whose mission is to build relationships between Grand Rapids and its sister cities by promoting understanding and mutual respect through exchanges in culture, art, education, and community and economic development.

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Recipient Criteria:

1. Upstanding individual that will represent the Perugia Committee and the City of Grand Rapids in a reputable manner.
2. Independence, self-sufficiency, adaptability, and previous travel experience, or can establish examples of independent living.
3. Past efforts to learn a foreign language.



The Etruscan Arch

Application Materials:

- a. Application Form
- b. Resume
- c. Cover letter addressing the above criteria and the following questions in 1000 words or less.
 1. What inspires you to study abroad in Italy and study the Italian language?
 2. How will you contribute to the sister city mission and relationships while you are in Perugia and when you return to Grand Rapids?
 3. How will this experience impact your future plans or goals?
- d. Two letters of recommendation

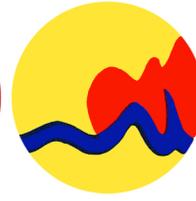


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Email PDF of all application materials to:
grsistercities.perugia@gmail.com
by April 15th

grsistercities.org

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This language scholarship includes:

1. A four-week Italian language course, any level, at the University for Foreigners (UNISTRA) in Perugia, Italy. Class placement will be determined on site based on skill level.
2. A modest living stipend offered by UNISTRA during the scholarship period, available with documented class attendance.
3. A cash award from the GRSCI Perugia Committee covering a significant portion of the travel expenses from Grand Rapids to Perugia. Amount varies and is subject to annual funding review.

Application Requirements:

1. Kent County resident or a student attending a Grand Rapids area college or university.
2. Non-students are asked to join the GRSCI Perugia Committee, attend monthly meetings for at least one year from the date of the award, participate in committee activities, and encourage membership with others.
3. Within 60 days of returning from Perugia, recipients are required to present an in-person report of their experiences to the Perugia Committee, including photographs.
4. Submit the following:
 - a. Completed Application
 - b. Resume with cover letter
 - c. Two letters of recommendation

Classes start at the beginning of each month and last four weeks. The recipient(s) of a 2026 scholarship can select any month remaining in the year once notified of selection, provided ample time to enroll is available.

Please email gsistercities.perugia@gmail.com with any questions.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employer: _____ Position: _____

Student Info (if applicable):

College: _____ Academic Year: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____