Italian Visa Application Information

Shortly after you have been accepted into the Orvieto program, you will be contacted to start the visa application process. We need every student's full cooperation in this process as there is a short timeline, and many components.

How can I prepare for the visa application in advance?

- Ensure you have a valid passport for at least 90 days beyond the intended stay in Italy. Renew or apply for a passport as soon as possible.
- Make sure your passport is signed.
- Know you will need to provide the last bank statement from your own account(s), or your parent's account(s) to prove the ability to support your stay in Italy (calculated at $50/day). See more info below.
- You will be asked to leave your passport with the GEO for several weeks for visa application processing. Please be aware of this and plan accordingly (for example, bring your passport to campus if you normally keep it at home).

What are the documents needed for an Italian student visa application?

1. A completed "Long term visa application form" for stays over 90 days. *The GEO will help you complete this form.*
2. One recent passport size photo. *Mail to GEO.*
3. Passport (valid at least 90 days beyond the intended stay in Italy) and photocopy of the main page. *The GEO will take care of photocopies, but we do ask you to submit your passport in a timely manner.*
4. Photocopy of student's ID and driver's license (or state ID). *Mail to GEO or upload as instructed.*
5. Letter filled out from the University in Italy and the sending institution in the United States. *The GEO will provide these letters for Orvieto students.*
6. Students who have been granted a scholarship/financial aid are required to provide a letter from the University stating the amount and the date of disbursement. *The GEO will help provide this letter for the visa application.*
7. Proof of international health coverage for the entire duration of the program. *The GEO will enroll Orvieto students in CISI health insurance and provide the proof of insurance letter.*
8. In order to prove the personal financial situation, the applicant must provide the last month's bank statement(s) (not just the balance). Availability of funds must be at least $50 per day for the entire duration of the program. In case of insufficient funds, the household's last 3 months statement can be provided. You can provide statements from multiple accounts to get to the total needed (i.e. student checking and savings, parent checking and savings, parent business account etc.)
9. Money Order duly filled out and addressed to Consulate General of Italy in Boston. *($60.40 until September 30th 2021). The GEO will provide this payment.*
10. Round trip flight reservations from the U.S to the Schengen Area and departure from Schengen area. *The GEO works closely together with a travel agency to provide booking of flights. There is*

a $1,000 flight allowance. The GEO will ask what airport you would like to depart from and return to. Please respond promptly to any emails about flight booking as it affects the visa application process as well as general semester planning.

11. Affidavit of Support. If the applicant doesn't have own funds because supported by the parents, one or both parents must submit an affidavit of support with the bank statement (see Proof of financial means). The Affidavit must notarized by a Notary Public. *This Affidavit cannot be uploaded, the original must be mailed to our office in a timely manner.*

Where can I confirm all this information is actually needed for a visa?

Visit the Italian Consulate in Boston's website, under Student, Study abroad over 90 days for a visa requirement checklist:

https://consboston.esteri.it/consolato_boston/it/i_servizi/per_chi_si_reca_in_italia/student-study-abroad.html

What will I need to submit for "Proof of Funds"?

1) **Proof of Funds: Students Providing Proof of Funds Using Their Personal Bank Account**.
   o The last month's bank statement from the student's bank, indicating a minimum of $50 per day of stay in Italy required, per the Italian government. Students must calculate the requirement based on the number of days of their program using the date of arrival in Italy and counting the number of days until the date of departure to the U.S.
   o The Consulate must be able to see the name, bank name, date and balance. The account number can be blacked out, leaving the final four digits visible. This must be a checking or savings account, per the requirements of the Italian Consulate.
   o An Affidavit of Support is NOT required.

2) **Proof of Funds & Support: Students Providing Proof of Funds Using a Parent/Guardian Bank Account, Due to Insufficient Funds in Personal Bank Account**.
   o In the case of insufficient funds in the student's personal bank account, the last month's bank statement from a parent's bank can be provided. This must also indicate, in total, a minimum of $50 per day of stay in Italy required, per the Italian government. *Should one month of bank statements not suffice to prove the minimum requirement, the Consulate will accept between 3-6 months' worth of bank statements.* Students must calculate the requirement based on the number of days of their program using the date of arrival in Italy and counting the number of days until the date of departure to the U.S.
   o The Consulate must be able to see the name, bank name, date and balance. The account number can be blacked out, leaving the final four digits visible. This must be a checking or savings account, per the requirements of the Italian Consulate.
   o A parent must sign one (1) Affidavit of Support stating the parent will assume full financial

responsibility for any and all expenses incurred by the student during his/her stay in Italy. THE SIGNATURES MUST BE NOTARIZED and must be original. No photocopies or scans are accepted by the Italian Consulate.

When are items due?

- Students studying in the **fall semester** will have a due date around the end of May/beginning of June, depending upon the consulate appointment date.
- Students studying in the **spring semester** will have a due date early in November, depending upon consulate the appointment date.
- Should Gordon College be given an appointment date that requires students to turn in all materials, which includes the student's passport and visa application and supporting documents, by an earlier deadline than listed, students will be notified via email.

Helpful Links:

- Boston Italian Consulate: https://consboston.esteri.it/consolato_boston/en/i_servizi/per_chi_si_reca_in_italia/student-study-abroad.html
- Affidavit of Support: https://consboston.esteri.it/consolato_boston/resource/doc/2016/05/affidavit_of_support_study.pdf
- Italian visa application: https://consboston.esteri.it/consolato_boston/resource/doc/2021/06/application_for_national_visa_d_long_stay_more_than_90_days_fillable.pdf