Voyage of Discovery FAQ

Can I defer my acceptance to the Voyage of discovery?
Unfortunately, no. You will have to re-apply next year.

I went to Italy as a young child and I don't remember going. Am I still eligible to apply?
We would encourage you to apply and the reviewing committee will take this into consideration.

I am taking a gap year in college. Am I eligible to apply for the Voyage of Discovery?
No. You must be a current college student in the Spring semester proceeding the trip.

I am a senior in high school and will be 18 by the time the next Voyage of Discovery occurs. Am I eligible to apply?
No. You must be a college student in the Spring semester proceeding the trip.

If I get accepted to the Voyage of Discovery, can I meet the group in Italy?
No, you must depart with together with the group from the US departure city (usually New York or Washington, D.C.)

My school only sends official transcripts by snail mail. But I can obtain an unofficial transcript by pdf, would that be acceptable?
Yes, of course.

I cannot log in to the Community Force website to access the application, what do I do?
All new applicants must create a Community Force account to start your application by pressing the navy, "Create New Account" button on NIAF's Community Force page. If you applied to a NIAF Scholarship or NIAF on Campus for the 2025-2026 academic year, you may use the same login as you used last year. Please note that the application login is different from your NIAF membership login. You cannot access NIAF's educational program applications from the NIAF membership portal.
If you are still having trouble accessing the application after creating your Community Force log-in credentials, please click the "Forgot Password?" link on the login page. It will send you an e-mail from admin@communityforce.com with a link to reset your password. If you do not receive it within 30 minutes, please check your spam folder.