

**2022 Francescutti Scholarship of Excellence:  
Culminating Activity on Leonardo da Vinci**



*'Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication'  
(Leonardo da Vinci)*

Accademia dei Ragazzi is pleased to present to its students the first **Francescutti Scholarship of Excellence**, valued up to \$1,000. It entails **three scholarships dedicated to children and youth who are distinguished in their studies** at Accademia in 2022. This year our students will work on a **culminating activity on Leonardo da Vinci**, the universal genius who lived during the Italian Renaissance.

The Francescutti Scholarship of Excellence, valued up to \$1,000, will be divided into three age groups:

- 1) **Gr. 1 - Gr. 2 (6-7 years): \$250** scholarship value
- 2) **Gr. 3 - Gr. 6 (8-11 years): \$350** scholarship value
- 3) **Gr. 7 - Gr. 11 (12-16 years): \$400** scholarship value

Culminating Activity Expectations:

The project on Leonardo da Vinci differs in expectations based on students' age group and language proficiency level, it can be submitted in digital or paper format and must be designed/written following these guidelines:

- 1) **Gr. 1 - Gr. 2: Younger children (age 6-7) will do a drawing of Leonardo da Vinci's Flying Machine**, which is also Accademia dei Ragazzi's logo. The artwork must be in colours on A4 size paper, A3 size paper or on Bristol board.
- 2) **Gr. 3 - Gr. 6: Intermediate students (age 8-11) will write a brief essay on one of Leonardo's inventions**. The entry must be in Italian; the text must be half a page long on a word document (without images) or a minimum of 5 pages on a slideshow (with images). Images are optional but strongly recommended. In alternative, students can submit their project on a Bristol board.

- 3) **Gr. 7 - Gr. 11: Older pupils (age 12-16) will write an essay on one of Leonardo's inventions or one of his artworks.** The entry must be in Italian; the text must be one page long on a word document (without images) or a minimum of 10 pages on a slideshow (with images). Images are optional but strongly recommended. In alternative, students can submit their project on a Bristol board.

Participation Criteria:

In order to win the Francescutti Scholarship of Excellence, students must:

- **Be enrolled in one of Accademia's Italian courses** in the current 2022 school year;
- **Be a member of Accademia dei Ragazzi** in the current 2022 school year (here is the Annual Family Membership link: <https://forms.gle/bnJthxwskpwbKCij9>).

*\*Accademia dei Ragazzi reserves the right to keep the entries in its school archive.*

Selection Criteria:

Accademia will appoint an **independent jury** who will evaluate the entries. Selection criteria are:

- The **artistic/content originality** of the entry;
- The **student's freedom of thought and error** (without any adult's 'interference');
- The **creativity** shown by our children and youth.

Submission Date:

The **submission date** for the culminating projects on Leonardo da Vinci is **May 10, 2022**. Entries must be sent in **digital format** via email to [mattia.bello@accademiadeiragazzi.ca](mailto:mattia.bello@accademiadeiragazzi.ca), or in **paper format** to Accademia's office:

*20 Sousa Mendes St.*

*Toronto, ON M6P 3Z5*

*Canada*

Student Scholarship Ceremony:

In celebration of student success, the three scholarships tied to the Francescutti Scholarship of Excellence will be presented to the winners during a ceremony of Accademia's 10th Anniversary in June 2022. All students who submit this project will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Accademia's Executive Director, Mattia Bello at [mattia.bello@accademiadeiragazzi.ca](mailto:mattia.bello@accademiadeiragazzi.ca).

Accademia dei Ragazzi would like to thank Carlo Francescutti and his company *Halloween and Hobby* for this fantastic partnership.

Happy learning and the best of luck to all our students!

Best wishes,  
Accademia dei Ragazzi