



S&W SCHOOLS

ITALIAN MOTOR VALLEY EXPERIENCE

Application FAQ

The program is open to candidates who are at least **16 years old by the time of enrollment** in the Summer School. Students who are currently **15 may apply only if they will turn 16 by April 10th, 2026**. We understand that this may be disappointing for younger applicants, but **no exceptions can be made due to administrative constraints intrinsic to our procedures**. Students who do not meet the age requirement for this edition are warmly encouraged to maintain their interest and consider applying next year. We will be happy to notify them in advance the selection for future editions.

As in previous editions, the **2026 Italian Motor Valley Experience (IMVE)** will admit a **maximum of 30 students**, and the program will be activated with a **minimum of 20 enrolled participants**. The selection is a two-steps process based on the unquestionable evaluation of the Scientific Committee.

First, applications undergo an initial evaluation based on the criteria requirements, curriculum studiorum and motivation letter submitted during the application. Second, shortlisted candidates will be invited to a **virtual one-on-one interview**, scheduled by **mid-March 2026**. A maximum of **85 applicants** will be admitted to this stage.

Candidates selected for the interview will receive an email including the date, time, and connection details. No specific preparation is required.

Students who successfully complete the interview will receive an **admission notice by early April 2026**, along with instructions for paying the **€500 deposit** required to secure their place.

The deposit is due in **mid-April**, while the **remaining balance** must be paid by **the end of May**.

In case an admitted student declines the offer before the limit is reached, candidates on the waiting list will be contacted to fill any available spots.

Once the **maximum number of 30 confirmed students** has been reached, **the waitlist will close**, and no further candidates will be contacted.

A **need-based scholarship** is available for **one participant**.

Applicants wishing to be considered must provide official documentation demonstrating that they already receive **full need-based financial aid** from their school in their home country (e.g., a letter signed by the school director). The scholarship is awarded based on demonstrated financial need and is assigned within the ranking of admitted candidates. The outcome will be communicated together with the interview results.

Please note that the scholarship covers **only the balance** of the program fee; the **€500 deposit remains payable** by the selected student.

For updates and further information, candidates are invited to consult the [MUNER website](#).

Mini Application Guide – Italian Motor Valley Experience

To support students and families during the application process, we have prepared this short FAQ-style guide. It highlights the key elements to keep in mind while completing your submission and ensures that all required documents are clear, accurate, and aligned with the program's expectations.

- **Check email spelling carefully:**

Please double-check that all email addresses entered in the form are correct. These will be used for every official communication, including important updates and interview invitations.

- **English proficiency required:**

The program requires a proficiency-level or native-speaker command of English.

If you are not a native speaker, you may upload certificates (e.g., IELTS, TOEFL, Cambridge) together with your *curriculum studiorum*.

During the motivation interview, your fluency and ability to use specific technical terminology will also be assessed.

- **Curriculum studiorum:**

Attach a concise transcript or summary of your most recent grades, ensuring that STEM subjects and their marks are clearly identifiable.

You may combine all supporting documents — transcript, English certificate, and any additional STEM/automotive course or activity certificates — into a single PDF for easier upload.

- **Motivation letter:**

Take time to write your own personal statement, explaining clearly why you wish to apply and what motivates your interest.

The committee carefully reviews this component to understand your curiosity, commitment, and potential.

- **Current Global Unweighted GPA (or equivalent):**

Indicate the overall average grade from your last academic year, using the conversion table provided in the form.

If your school does not use a GPA system, we recommend converting your results into the A-level grading equivalent suggested.

Global High School Grade Conversion Table

(Approximate international equivalences for application purposes)

UK GCSE / IGCSE	A-Level Equivalent	US Unweighted GPA	IB Diploma	EU systems (approx.)
9 (High A*)	A*	4.0	7	Italy 10 · France 18–20 · Germany 1 · Spain 9.5–10
8 (Low A*, High A)	A	4.0	6–7	Italy 9–10 · France 17–18 · Germany 1–1.3 · Spain 9–9.5
7 (Low A)	A	3.7	6	Italy 9 · France 16–17 · Germany 1.7 · Spain 8.5–9
6 (High B)	B+	3.3	5	Italy 8 · France 14–15 · Germany 2 · Spain 8–8.5
5 (Low B / High C)	B	3.0	4–5	Italy 7–8 · France 13–14 · Germany 2.3– 2.7 · Spain 7–8