

## **The “Youth Culture Card” and the “Merit Card”: requested from 31 January.**

As a replacement for the 18 App Culture Bonus, the Ministry of Culture has made the "Youth Culture Card" and the "Merit Card" available from 31 January 2024. Objective: to encourage the spread of culture among young people.

You can request both cards until 30/06/2024. The cards - which cannot be combined with each other - are individual, nominative and have a value of 500 euros, an amount that can be used by 31 December of the year in which you registered yourself on the platform. To participate in the initiative, young people and business people must be registered on the website [www.cartegiovani.cultura.gov.it](http://www.cartegiovani.cultura.gov.it)

### THE “YOUTH CULTURE CARD”.

It is recognized for all residents in the national territory (in possession, where required, of a valid residence permit), and if ISEE of the family unit to which they belong not exceeding 35,000 euros. The Card is assigned and usable in the following year in which you will be eighteen.

### THE “CARD OF MERIT”

It is recognized to all residents in the area (in possession, where requested, of a valid residence permit), who have obtained a diploma from secondary schools with a grade of 100 or 100 cum laude but they must not have obtained it beyond the age of 19. The Card is assigned and can be used in the following year in which the diploma is obtained.

### HOW TO INVEST THESE CARDS?

To purchase:

- Tickets for theatre and cinema, as well as live shows;
- Books;
- Subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals, including in digital format;
- Music and audiovisual publishing products;
- Access to museums, exhibitions, cultural events, archaeological areas and natural parks;

They can also be used to participate in music, theatre, dance and foreign language courses, while the purchase of video games or access to audiovisual content platforms is excluded.

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