



Italian Cultural Center at Casa Italia

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2023 Vocal Scholarship Awards

48th Annual Josephine L. LiPuma Vocal Scholarship - \$1,000
Turano Family Vocal Scholarship - \$1,000

Italian American Executives of Transportation Vocal Scholarship - \$1,500

CONTEST RULES

1. We will take every precaution to make sure this experience is safe for all participants. We will follow all current state and local COVID guidelines.
2. There is a \$25 deposit. A full refund of \$25 will be issued only if a contestant performs at our competition on October 28th or a written cancellation is sent to info@casaitaliachicago.org on or before October 24th. No other refunds will be allowed. The refund will take up to 5 business days.
3. **Deadline for entry is Tuesday, October 24, 2023.**
4. Contestant must be between the ages of 17 - 27, non-professional status for Li Puma, IAET, and Turano Scholarships.
5. The winner of the Turano Family Scholarship will be selected from applicants between the ages of 17 - 22. The winners of all other scholarships will be selected from applicants between the ages of 17 -27.
6. Competition will be held in the Florentine Room of the Italian Cultural Center on Saturday, October 28, 2023, starting between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Order of auditions will be scheduled by our office at our discretion and contestant will be notified of exact time. Please be punctual to auditions to maintain continuity for all participants.
7. Contestant must be prepared to sing an Italian operatic aria and one Italian art song. Aria must be in original key. Songs must be memorized. Both selections must be from an Italian Composer.
8. Contestant must provide a clean copy of music for the judge and a clean copy for the accompanist. Handwritten copies are not acceptable.
9. The teacher may not accompany his or her student. If needed, however, a contestant may bring an independent professional accompanist. Please provide name and contact information of accompanist on application.
10. A biography **(150 min. – 200 words)** must accompany each application via e-mail in text format. We **WILL NOT** accept any bios under 150 words. Biographies of the winners will be placed in our program book for the awards dinner.
11. **Performance requirements:** Each winner is required to perform for our dinner concert on **Sunday, November 12, 2023 starting at 2:00 PM** at Casa Italia. Performance numbers will be determined in advance. **Prize will be forfeited if performance requirements are not met, and the next eligible contestant who can meet these requirements will be selected as the winner.**
12. Contestants are eligible and encouraged, within above age limitations, to continue to compete more than once, but cannot win the same scholarship twice. There are four separate scholarship categories to win from.
13. Each contestant at the Vocal Scholarship Competition, held on Saturday, October 28th, will have the opportunity to win the Italian American Executives of Transportation (IAET) Scholarship. The IAET will select their Scholarship winner. The winner must also be able to perform at the IAET Annual Dinner Dance scheduled on Saturday, **November 18, 2023** as well as meet all other requirements.
14. All photographs and videos submitted or taken become the property of Casa Italia and may be used in whatever way is necessary for promotional and marketing needs for Vocal Scholarship and related Italian Cultural Center & Casa Italia programming. (Photographs will not be returned.)
15. The decision of the judges is final.