



# Italian Cultural Center at Casa Italia

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## 2020 Vocal Scholarship Awards

45th Annual Josephine L. LiPuma Vocal Scholarship - **\$2,000**

30th Annual Nicholas Raimondi Vocal Scholarship - **\$2,000**

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

George & Phyllis Muccianti Vocal Scholarship - **\$1,000**

Turano Family Vocal Scholarship - **\$1,000**

## CONTEST RULES

1. Due to COVID-19 there are changes to our rules this year. We will take every precaution to make this experience safe for all participants. Hand sanitizers, face masks, disinfectant spray will be available for the competition and the awards dinner. Your temperature will be taken upon entry into the building. We will also practice social distancing. To make it safer to all we will be showing the Competition on zoom to our Vocal Scholarship Committee. There will be an accompanist and judge in the room as well. The awards dinner will also be simplified this year to accommodate donors that are unable to attend the dinner, but would like to watch the performances on zoom.
2. There is a \$25 deposit. A full refund of \$25 will be issued only if a contestant performs at our competition on October 17 or a written cancellation is sent to [info@casaitaliachicago.org](mailto:info@casaitaliachicago.org) on or before October 12. No other refunds will be allowed. The refund will take up to 5 business days.
3. **Deadline for entry is Friday, October 9, 2020.**
4. Contestant must be between the ages of 17 - 27, non-professional status for Li Puma, Muccianti, Raimondi, IAET, and Turano Scholarships. Age requirements are the same, but contestants for the Raimondi Scholarship must be of Italian descent (at least one parent of some Italian heritage.)
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. Application must include proof of attendance to a qualified or accepted teacher or institution.
7. Competition will be held in the Florentine Room of the Italian Cultural Center on Saturday, October 17, 2020, starting at 10:00 AM. 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.
8. 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.
9. Contestant must provide a clean copy of music for the judge and a clean copy for the accompanist. Handwritten copies are not acceptable.
10. 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.
11. A biography (**150 min. - 200 max. 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.
12. **Performance requirements:** Each winner is required to perform for our dinner concert on **Sunday, November 8, 2020 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.**
13. 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 five separate scholarship categories to win from.
14. Each contestant at the Vocal Scholarship Competition, held on Saturday, October 17th, 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 tentatively scheduled on Saturday, **November 21, 2020** as well as meet all other requirements.
15. 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.)
16. The decision of the judges is final.