



## Italian Cultural Center at Casa Italia

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# 2025 Vocal Scholarship Awards

49th Annual Josephine L. LiPuma Vocal Scholarship - \$2,000  
Turano Family Vocal Scholarship - \$1,000

Italian American Executives of Transportation Vocal Scholarship - \$2,000

## CONTEST RULES

1. There is a \$25 deposit. A full refund of \$25 will be issued only if a contestant performs at our competition on October 25th or a written cancellation is sent to [info@casaitaliachicago.org](mailto:info@casaitaliachicago.org) on or before October 21st. No other refunds will be allowed. The refund will take up to 5 business days.
2. **Deadline for entry is Tuesday, October 21, 2025.**
3. Contestant must be between the ages of 17 - 27, non-professional status for Li Puma and IAET Scholarships.
4. The winner of the Turano Family Scholarship will be selected from applicants between the ages of 17 – 22.
5. Competition will be held in the Florentine Room of the Italian Cultural Center on Saturday, October 25, 2025, starting between 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.
6. 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. Composer need not be Italian.
7. Contestant must provide a clean copy of music for the judge and a clean copy for the accompanist. Handwritten copies are not acceptable.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. **Performance requirements:** Each winner is required to perform for our dinner concert on **Sunday, November 23, 2025 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.**
11. 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 three separate scholarship categories to win from.
12. Each contestant at the Vocal Scholarship Competition, held on Saturday, October 25th, 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 15, 2025** at the Ashton Place in Willow Brook, IL **as well as meet all other requirements.**
13. 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.)
14. The decision of the judges is final.