



# Italian Cultural Center at Casa Italia



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## 2015 Josephine L. LiPuma 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Vocal Scholarships

1st place winner - \$2,000 towards tuition

2nd place winner - \$1,000 towards tuition sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Muccianti

## 2015 Nicholas Raimondi 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Vocal Scholarship

1st Place winner - \$1,000 towards tuition

## 2015 Italian American Executives of Transportation Vocal Scholarship

1st Place winner - \$1,000 towards tuition

## 2015 Turano Family Vocal Scholarship

1st Place winner - \$1,000 towards tuition

## CONTEST RULES

### **1. Deadline for entry is Friday, October 9, 2015.**

**2.** Contestant must be between the ages of 17 - 27, non-professional status for Li Puma, Raimondi, 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.)

**3.** The winner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place LiPuma Vocal 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.

**4.** Application must include proof of attendance to a qualified or accepted teacher or institution. Each winner will receive an award certificate, and the cash prize will go directly to the teacher or institution to cover lessons or tuition in the form of a check made out to teacher or institution stipulated on application form.

**5. Competition** will be held in the Florentine Room of the Italian Cultural Center on **Saturday, October 17, 2015** at 12:00PM. 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.

**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 short biography must accompany each application via e-mail in text format. The biography must also be accompanied by a high quality or professional photograph (head shot preferred) for us in marketing and promotion. Please provide a hard copy or email the photo in JPEG format to [info@casaitaliachicago.org](mailto:info@casaitaliachicago.org).

**10. Performance requirements:** Each winner is required to perform for our dinner concert on **Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 5:30 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 eight separate scholarship categories to win from.

**12.** Each Contestant at the Vocal Scholarship Competition, held on October 17, will have the opportunity to win the \$1,000.00 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 on November 21, 2015 as well as meet all other requirements.

**13.** The decision of the judges is final.