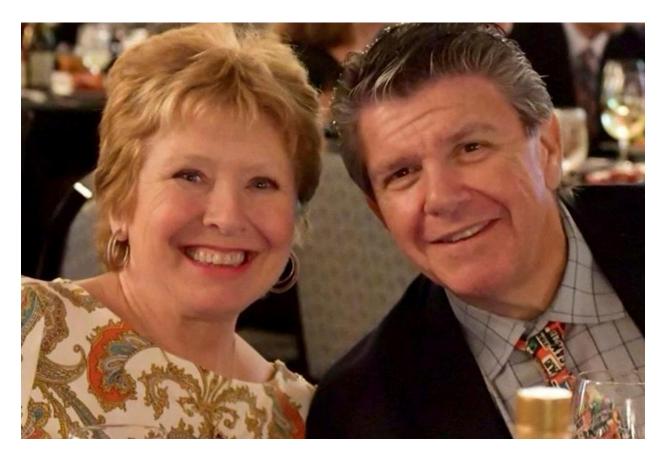


Rich LoRusso Culinary Scholarship Award

underwritten by The St. Louis Italian Open Charity for Children, Inc.

The St. Louis Italian Open Charity for Children, Inc. (IO), in conjunction with the ACF Chefs de Cuisine Association of St. Louis Inc., is seeking qualified applicants for the Rich LoRusso Culinary Scholarship Award and the chosen applicant will receive up to \$5000 towards tuition.



Rich LoRusso was a warm, affable, and gregarious personality. LoRusso's Cucina provided guests an excellent culinary experience for over 35 years. More importantly, Rich generously helped fund countless charities in the St. Louis area during his entire professional life. From proud Italian roots originating on the Hill, he was a true pillar of the community. Rich loved to celebrate life, food, wine, and his Italian culture. An Italian Open honoree and board member, we are very moved to create a scholarship in his memory to honor his generous contributions to the community. This award will be given annually to a candidate who has serious career interests in the culinary and hospitality industry.

Rich LoRusso Culinary Scholarship Award Guidelines

Applicant must be a high school senior residing in the St. Louis metropolitan area seeking to enroll in an ACF (American Culinary Federation) accredited post-secondary culinary arts program and demonstrate a desire to continue studies in the field of foodservice and/or hospitality with an emphasis in cooking, baking or food and beverage.

Applicants will be considered based on the following criteria:

- ➤ Academic coursework completed and endorsement by high school officials.
- ➤ Extracurricular activities including sports, clubs, and other school activities.
- > Volunteer work including community service and charitable activities.
- > Previous experience working in a restaurant and an endorsement by supervisor.
- ➤ Other pertinent facts or circumstances the committee may wish to consider.

> Special consideration shall be given to applicants who have worked at an Italian restaurant located in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

The Rich LoRusso Scholarship Award Committee will review applications. If necessary, the scholarship committee may interview the most qualified applicants whether in person, via video call or conference call if possible. Applicants receiving this scholarship will be notified, in writing, and the check will be made payable in the applicant's accredited culinary program and awarded at the IO annual awards dinner.

Should there be any unused portion of this scholarship grant, by virtue of the recipient's withdrawal from school, the school shall return the remaining funds to the IO. Application must be filled out completely and have all appropriate signatures. A transcript release is attached which must be signed and given to the appropriate school. At least one (1) letter of recommendation from teachers or present or past employers must be submitted. It is recommended applicant's school and present or past employers, if applicable, provide references to attest to the student's proficiency, aptitude, character, and general interest. No more than three (3) letters of recommendation will be accepted. Only those that have a complete application, transcript, personal statement, and letter of recommendation on file with the IO will be considered for this scholarship. Relatives of any IO board member are not eligible for this award.

Rich LoRusso Culinary Scholarship Award Application

Personal Information

Name			
Mailing Address			
City/State/Zip			
Birthdate			
Phone			
Parents' Name(s)			
Mailing Address			
City/State/Zip			
Phone			
If you are currently employed, please complete the	following:		
Name of Establishment			
Mailing Address			
<u></u>			
City/State/Zip			
Phone			
SupervisorHours per W	//eek Wages \$ per Hour		
Name of school in which you are currently enrolled			
Name	City/State/Zip		
Phone			
Full-time or Part-time Student?	-		
Semester Hours Remaining	Graduation Date		
Name of Post-Secondary School for which scholarship will be used:			
Name 0	City/State/Zip		
Phone			
Have you been accepted at this institution? Ye	es No		

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Academic Achievements

Current GPA	
Overall GPA	
ACT /SAT Score	
Awards	

Extracurricular Activities

Sport(s)	
Varsity Letters	
Clubs	
Awards	

Volunteer Work

Community Service	
Charitable Work	

Personal Statement

In a brief written statement on separate document, please explain why you are qualified to receive this scholarship. Please attach your written personal statement to this application.

Employment Experience

Employer	Position	Dates	Hours/Week	
To the best of my kno	owledge, all the info	rmation contained herein	is accurate and true.	
Applicant's Signature	2	Date		
Please send this application, personal statement, letter(s) or recommendation and elaborated statements relevant to the above criteria to: St. Louis Italian Open Rich LoRusso Scholarship Award Committee 12511 Sunset Drive. St. Louis, MO 63128				
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Transcript Release Form

Applicant must process this form so that Selection Committee receives information at designated deadline.

Name

ID #

I authorize the

(School name)

to release my transcript of grades to the St. Louis Italian Open for Children's Charities Inc. for use in determining my eligibility for a the Rich LoRusso Culinary Scholarship Award. I understand that I will be responsible for any cost associated with sending this transcript.

Applicant Printed Name	Applicant's Signature		Date		
School Name	Address	City/State/Zip			
Please send the requested transcript directly to the address below. Thank you.					
St. Louis Italian Open Rich LoRusso Scholarship Co. 12511 Sunset Drive.	mmittee				
St. Louis, MO 63128					