

ITALIAN OPEN

The LoRusso Hospitality 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. and the Greater St. Louis Chapter of the Missouri Restaurant Association, is seeking qualified applicants for The LoRusso Hospitality Award and the chosen applicant will receive up to \$5000 towards tuition and /or other approved financial needs.



Rich LoRusso was a warm, affable, and gregarious personality. LoRusso's Cucina provided guests with 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 an award 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 or is currently in the industry and has a financial need, deemed acceptable to the Italian Open, for a minor child.

The LoRusso Hospitality Award Guidelines

Applicant must be either a high school senior seeking tuition assistance per the guidelines noted below in #1 or an employee of a family and/or locally owned and operated restaurant with minor children requiring a need as noted below in #2:

1. A high school senior residing in the St. Louis metropolitan seeking to enroll in an ACF (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.

-OR-

2. An employee of a family and/or locally owned and operated restaurant with primary headquarters in the St. Louis metropolitan area who have minor children with a need of tuition assistance, medical expense assistance, day care expense assistance or any documented need deemed acceptable by the Italian Open.

The LoRusso Hospitality Award Committee will review applications. If necessary, the award committee may interview the most qualified applicants whether in person, via video call or conference call. Applicants receiving this award will be notified, in writing via email, and presented the award at the IO annual dinner. Subsequently a check in the name of the award recipient will be made payable to the recipients accredited culinary program and/or minors assistance provider. With reference to tuition assistance, should there be any unused funds awarded 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. For high school culinary applicants, a transcript release is attached, signed and given to the school. Restaurant employees are to write a letter explaining their minor child's specific need. At least one letter of recommendation should be provided from the applicants' school and/or present or past employers. Only those that have a complete application, transcript (if required), personal statement, and letter of recommendation on file with the Italian Open will be considered for this award. Immediate relatives of any Italian Open board member are not eligible for this award.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JUNE 15th.

The LoRusso Hospitality Award Application

Personal Information

Applicant Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Birthdate _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Parents/Child Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

If you are currently employed, please complete the following:

Name of Establishment _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Supervisor _____ Hours per Week _____ Wages \$ per Hour _____

High School Senior only

Name of the school in which you are currently enrolled:

Name _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Full-time or Part-time Student? _____ Semester Hours Completed _____

Semester Hours Remaining _____ Graduation Date _____

Name of Post-Secondary School for which award will be used:

Name _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Have you been accepted at this institution? Yes _____ No _____

Academic Achievements

Current GPA _____ Overall GPA _____
ACT /SAT Score _____ Awards _____

Extracurricular Activities

Sport(s) _____
Varsity Letters _____
Clubs _____
Awards _____
Community Service _____
Charitable Work _____

High School Senior or Restaurant Employee

Personal Statement

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

Employment Experience

Employer	Position	Dates	Hours/Week
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

To the best of my knowledge, all the information contained herein is accurate and true.

Applicant's Signature Date

Please send application, personal statement and letter(s) of recommendation by the **June 15th deadline** to address below or scan & email to: **mikediraimondo@gmail.com**

St. Louis Italian Open
The LoRusso Hospitality Award Committee
12511 Sunset Drive.
St. Louis, MO 63128

**Transcript Release Form
(High School Senior Only)**

Applicant must process this form so that the Selection Committee receives information at the 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 LoRusso Hospitality 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 transcript(s) by the **June 15th deadline** to the address below or scan & email to: **mikediraimondo@gmail.com**

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