The Italian Cultural Society is pleased to announce:

**Luciana Montanari-Mendola Awards**

The Italian Cultural Society recognizes the accomplishments of

- a university or conservatory student with an award of $1,000 and
- a high-school age pianist with an award of $500

showing promise in piano performance.

To be eligible, applicants must not have reached their 31st birthday by May 1.

**Materials to be included in the application for the Awards are:**

- College transcripts or, for high school awards, high-school transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation
- A short biographical presentation of the candidate (curriculum vitae)
- Examples of recordings must accompany your application and must include one piece for solo piano by Frederick Chopin.

The winner is invited and will receive the Award at our annual Gala at the Italian Embassy, on June 10th.

**APPLICATIONS DEADLINE:** May 15th. Send to:

Via email to language@italianculturalsociety.org OR Via mail: Awards Committee - The Italian Cultural Society - 4833 Rugby Ave., Suite #201 - Bethesda, MD 20814

A few words on our association:

The Italian Cultural Society of Washington D.C. is a non-profit organization that promotes Italian language and culture, through monthly events, scholarship awards, and through the Italian Language Program, established in 1974, thanks to contributions of the ministry of Foreign Affairs. Today the ILP is a leading private school with over 2,000 enrollments per year, offering language and cultural classes, including courses focused on History, Cinema, Opera, Art, Music, Travel, Cooking, Food-Wine Pairing and Latin, as well as themed Workshops and Summer Camps for kids and teens. Instructors are native Italians and well-trained in teaching Italian as a second language.

Our events include book presentations, movies, conferences on current events, literature, art, regional traditions, wine tasting, concerts and more; special events like Festa di Natale, Festa di Carnevale and a Gala Awards Dinner, usually at the Italian Embassy. Our members are Americans, Italians, Italian-Americans and lovers of the Italian culture.