



is pleased to announce:

The Maria Guarrera Wilmeth Scholarship Awards

Two (or more) awards of **\$800** each will be granted to outstanding high school students in the Washington metropolitan area attending public or private schools where Italian is part of the curriculum.

APPLICANTS MUST:

1. Submit a handwritten letter in Italian that includes a brief biographical introduction and explains why they chose to study Italian.
2. Include a letter of recommendation.
3. Submit a creative video, 2–3 minutes long, in which the student — individually or in a group of up to three students (who will share the award, receiving approximately \$300 each) — speaks in Italian. The video may include acting, presenting themselves, cooking, or presenting a topic of their choice, as long as Italian is spoken throughout.

Winners will be expected to give brief remarks in Italian while accepting the award at the **ICS Gala on April 30, 2026, at the Embassy of Italy**. [Learn more...](#)

APPLICATIONS DEADLINE: Monday, March 30th, 2026.

Submit applications to: p.vera@italianculturalsociety.org (For sending the video, you may use www.wetransfer.com.)

See other [ICS Scholarship Awards](#) on our website.



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 [cultural events](#), [special events](#), [scholarship awards](#), and the [Italian Language Program](#). Established in 1974 with contributions from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the program's mission is to include Italian in local schools and teach the language to the community.

Today, the ILP is a leading private school with over 2,200 enrollments per year, offering in-person and online classes nationwide. We offer language and cultural courses, including History, Cinema, Opera, Art, Music, Travel, Cooking, Yoga in Italian, Food-Wine Pairing, Latin, Ancient Greek, 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 members are Americans, Italians, Italian Americans and lovers of the Italian culture.