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Ambasciata Italiana in USA
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Subject: Call for Applications – ALMA Scholarship for AP-Italian Students – 2026

ALMA – The School of Italian Culinary Arts is honored to collaborate with the Embassy of Italy in Washington, D.C., by participating in the Eduitalia Scholarship Program through the launch of a call for applications for one full scholarship to attend the Corso Tecnico di Pasticceria (Technical Pastry Course) at ALMA in 2026. This initiative, which reflects the Embassy's ongoing commitment to promoting the Italian language and culture in the United States, is reserved for exceptional high school students who have taken the AP Italian Language and Culture Exam.

About ALMA – The School of Italian Culinary Arts

Located in the heart of Italy's Food Valley, near Parma, ALMA is the world's leading international training center for Italian cuisine and pastry arts. Founded in 2004, ALMA offers advanced education to aspiring chefs and pastry professionals, combining tradition, innovation, and technical excellence. Students benefit from state-of-the-art facilities and instruction from some of the most distinguished professionals in the field.

For further information, visit: www.alma.scuolacucina.it

Scholarship Coverage

The scholarship includes:

- Full coverage of tuition fee (enrolment and tuition fee) for the 5-week Corso Tecniche di Pasticceria (in Italian language) at ALMA;
- Uniforms, all the necessary materials, and tool kit are covered by ALMA;
- Accommodation in a fully furnished shared apartment (shared bedroom);
- One meal per day at school restaurant whenever the student has lessons to attend;
- Access to ALMA facilities, and cultural activities;
- Certificate of participation issued upon successful completion of the course.

Please note that nor travel expenses nor the mandatory health insurance, nor meals apart from stated before are included and must be covered by the student.

Course Schedule

The course will take place in 2027. Possible start dates are in March, September, or October. Final scheduling will be confirmed directly by ALMA.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a U.S. high school senior graduating in 2026/2027 (but graduates before the course starts);
- Be over 18 years old when the course starts;
- Hold a valid passport, valid through at least May 31st, 2028*;
- Not have studied or worked in Italy during 2027 prior to the course;
- Be available to attend the full 5-week program in Italy;
- Be comfortable living in shared housing;
- Hold at least a C1 level of Italian language proficiency;
- Passion for Italian Pastry

****If a visa is required, ALMA provides the necessary documents, but the student must cover it***

Selection Process and Timeline

The Education Office of the Embassy of Italy in Washington, D.C. will review all submitted applications and oversee the regional allocation of the study grant. The student selected for the scholarship will be notified by the end of August 2026. To formally accept the award, the selected student must submit proof of participation in the 2025 AP Italian Language and Culture Exam.

The official presentation of the Euditalia scholarship will take place in October 2026, during the 14th edition of the Week of the Italian Language in the World.

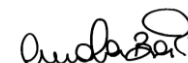
We strongly encourage all eligible students to apply for this exceptional opportunity to deepen their academic journey and cultural connection with Italy.

Sincerely,



Alberto Figna

President & CEO



Matteo Berti

Head of Education