



ITALIAN INSTITUTE  
OF CULINARY ARTS  
& HOSPITALITY

## Education Offices of the Consular Network

Embassy of Italy  
3000 Whitehaven Street NW  
Washington, D.C., 20008, USA

**Brescia, April 2nd, 2026**

## Subject: Call for Applications – CAST Merit-Based International Scholarships 2027

Dear Sir/Madam,

CAST – Italian Institute of Culinary Arts & Hospitality is pleased to announce the launch of its **2027 Merit-Based International Scholarships**, offering **three (3)** full scholarships exclusively for outstanding students from the United States.

This initiative reflects CAST's strategic commitment to fostering international academic exchange, strengthening cultural dialogue, and cultivating the next generation of globally competent culinary and hospitality professionals. Through this program, we aim to recognize and support high-potential American students by offering them direct access to Italy's rich gastronomic heritage and advanced professional training environment.

### About CAST

Located in Brescia, CAST represents a centre of excellence in culinary and hospitality education, distinguished by its integration of traditional Italian craftsmanship with contemporary innovation and management practices.

CAST is part of **Plena Education Group**, a leading Italian educational hub for creativity and culture. The Group brings together prestigious institutions across multiple disciplines, including RUFA – Rome University of Fine Arts, SPD Scuola Politecnica di Design, Ferrari Fashion School, Saint Louis College of Music, and Gruppo CIELS.

CAST delivers an industry-oriented educational model that integrates **Italian culinary tradition, advanced technical training, and contemporary management practices**, preparing students for global career pathways.

### Scholarship Overview

Selected candidates will participate in a **three-week immersive academic experience**; each admitted **to one of** CAST's flagship professional programs:

- BSc (Hons) in Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management\*
- Advanced Postgraduate Program in Culinary Arts\*
- Advanced Postgraduate Program in Pastry Arts\*

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### Scholarship Coverage

The scholarship includes:

- Full tuition and enrolment fees
- Accommodation in shared student residences
- Full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- Professional uniforms and laboratory materials
- Official Participation Certificate of Merit and completion

**Please note that international travel, mandatory health insurance, and personal expenses remain the responsibility of the selected candidates.**

### Eligibility & Selection

The selection process will be conducted in coordination with the Education Office of the Embassy of Italy in Washington, D.C., ensuring transparency and alignment with institutional standards.

Key criteria include:

- Demonstrated academic merit and motivation
- Clear professional interest in culinary or hospitality fields
- Proficiency in English (basic knowledge of Italian is considered an added value to enhance cultural integration)
- Minimum age of 18 and valid passport

CAST would be thrilled to welcome a new generation of American students to Italy, offering a high-impact learning experience that combines **education, cultural immersion, and professional development.**

We would greatly appreciate your support in sharing this opportunity across your academic networks.

Yours sincerely,

**Cristian Cantaluppi (Mr)**

CEO

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