

The Patrick R. Service Award

The Patrick R. Service Award provides an annual award to a student enrolled in a vocational school who is HIV+, recovering from an addiction for at least one year, and is a Los Angeles County resident.

This award assists with tuition, fees, books, and supplies up to a total of \$5,000 and is made payable to the school. The grant application, eligibility, and deadline information are available on the Aid For AIDS website.

Patrick J. Rush, for whom the service award is named, is best known for his remarkable work over the years as a producer and the Master of Ceremonies for *Best In Drag Show* and *Battle for the Tiara*,* which are hilarious and irreverent "beauty pageant" fundraisers for Aid For AIDS. He has been integral to the shows' complex production and served as Master of Ceremonies for 18 years. His hard work and dedication to service have helped raise more than \$1.5 million for Aid For AIDS. Announcement of the award was made at the *2009 Best In Drag Show* on Sunday, October 18, 2009, during a tribute segment to Patrick, who is stepping down as emcee.

Patrick is a casting director in Los Angeles, California.

*See *Best In Drag Show* and *Battle For the Tiara* details on Wikipedia.com and the Aid For AIDS website.