

The Patrick R. Scholarship

The Patrick R. Scholarship will provide an annual award to a person living with HIV/AIDS who is recovering from a substance abuse addiction by servicing as a step toward rebuilding his or her life through vocational education.

This award will assist with tuition of up to \$5,000 for vocational education programs. The grant application, eligibility, and deadline information will be available in the coming weeks. All submitted applications will be reviewed by a panel.

Patrick J. Rush, for whom the scholarship is named, is best known for his incredible work over the years as Master of Ceremonies for the fundraisers *Best In Drag Show* and *Battle for the Tiara*. He has been integral to the show production and has 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 scholarship was made at the Best In Drag Show 2009 on Sunday, October 18, 2009, during a tribute segment to Patrick, who is stepping down as emcee.