

## **The Central Connecticut Celtic Cultural Committee** ***Celtic Scholars Program***

*The Central Connecticut Celtic Cultural Committee (C.C.C.C.) has been formed for the purpose of fostering, promoting and celebrating the cultural and historical contributions of Irish and Irish-American individuals and groups in Central Connecticut. In addition to sponsoring the Greater Hartford's Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, the C.C.C.C also sponsors the Celtic Scholars Program. This Scholarship Program recognizes the personal and educational achievements of Irish and Irish-American young men and women, as well as their contributions to their community and their interest in promoting the culture of their heritage.*

2 Award recipients ( Celtic Scholars) will each receive a **\$1,500.00** scholarship and an Aran Sweater.

Applications will be reviewed by an independent panel. All applications are redacted during review to eliminate bias. Award recipients will be chosen and notified by **January 31, 2023**.

### **The requirements for Scholarship Award consideration are as follows:**

- Connecticut resident
- 17-22 years of age (high school senior or college undergraduate)
- Of Irish descent
- Availability to attend the Parade Mass on Friday, March 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Availability to participate in the Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 11:00a.m.

The completed application, two essays that address the questions (see application), and two completed recommendation forms must be postmarked or e-mailed by **January 10, 2023** and submitted to:

Elizabeth O'Leary  
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The Central Connecticut Celtic Cultural Committee  
*Celtic Scholars Program Application*

The Central Connecticut Celtic Cultural Committee will award two scholarships, to students between the ages of 17 and 22 in the amount of \$1,500.00 each. Scholarships are awarded to those who exemplify academic excellence along with demonstrating an interest in their Irish culture. **Applications must be postmarked or e-mailed by January 10, 2023**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last MI First

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION:**

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

(If Applicable)  
Name of College: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your Irish family ancestry to the best of your ability:  
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Please respond to each of the following two essays, with a one page maximum in response to each:

1. A description of yourself that will give the review panel a “picture” of who you are as an individual. You may choose to focus on a particular experience, your school/community involvement, your career aspirations or any other aspect of your life that speaks to your character and personality.
2. A description of your interest in, and/or understanding of, your Irish heritage.

***The submission of this application certifies that the information provided is true and accurate. Further, it acknowledges an understanding that, if selected, as a Celtic Scholars Recipient, participation in The Greater Hartford St. Patrick’s Day Parade Mass on Friday, March 10, 2023 and the Parade on Saturday, March 11, 2023 is expected, and that failure to participate will result in the forfeiture of the Award.***

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



