The Central Connecticut Celtic Cultural Committee

Celtic Scholars Program 2027

The Central Connecticut Celtic Cultural Committee (C.C.C.C.C.) exists to foster, promote, and celebrate the cultural and historical contributions of Irish and Irish American individuals and groups in Central Connecticut. In addition to sponsoring the Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade, the C.C.C.C.C. also sponsors the Celtic Scholars Program. This Scholarship Program recognizes the personal and educational achievements of young Irish and Irish American individuals, as well as their contributions to their communities and their interest in promoting their cultural heritage.

Two (2) individuals will be identified as Celtic Scholars, and each will receive a **$2,500.00 cash scholarship and** an Aran sweater.

Application eligibility requirements:

- Connecticut resident
- 17-22 years of age
- Of Irish descent
- High school senior or full-time college undergraduate

The completed application, inclusive of Slide Presentation (see attached), current resume and signed application page, must be emailed by *11:59 PM (January 3, 2027)*. Please email as one complete document to:

celticscholarship@gmail.com

Kellie Kurker, Scholarship Chair

Applicants will be notified of their status by February 8, 2027, via email

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Application

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name

Address

Parent(s)

Cell Phone #

Email

IRISH FAMILY ANCESTRY

Briefly identify how you derive your Irish ancestry

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 Scholar recipient, I will participate in the Greater Hartford St Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 13, 2027 as well as the Parade Mass on Friday, March 12, 2027. I acknowledge that my failure to do such will result in the forfeiture of the Scholarship Award.

Signature of Applicant: **Date:**

CELTIC SCHOLARS APPLICATION

Applicants are required to create/provide a slide presentation:

- In the format of your choice
- In response to the following prompts
- Not to exceed nine slides, with slide one identifying you by name

Presentation to address:

1. **Personal**
   - Describe yourself in a manner that will give the "review panel" a picture of who you are as an individual.

2. **Education**
   - Highlight your academic accomplishments, such as grades, projects, or subjects that you are passionate about.

3. **Extracurricular/Community Service Activities**
   - Describe any/all involvement in extracurricular or community service activities and their impact on you as an individual.

4. **Irish Heritage**
   - Reflect on your interest in your Irish heritage and describe its role in who you are.