



IRISH FEST VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIPS

Irish Festivals, Inc. has established scholarships for Irish Fest volunteers beginning in 2002. Up to four \$2,000 post-secondary scholarships will be awarded each year to deserving volunteers who meet the criteria outlined below. The scholarships were established as both a reward and an incentive for individuals who give significant time and effort as volunteers for the organization or the festival. They also are intended to assist in developing the potential of future leaders of Irish Fest.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a full-time, degree-seeking student with status of sophomore or later, enrolled in a college, university, or technical college awarding two-year degrees
- Must maintain a cumulative college GPA of 2.75 or better, on 4.0 scale, or equivalent per semester
- Must have a minimum two years of service to Irish Fest
- Must have at least two recommendations from individuals not related to the applicant. One of these recommendations must come from the Irish Fest Coordinator or Area Supervisor in applicant's area of service
- Must demonstrate volunteerism through participation in other community service and activities

TERMS

- Half the scholarship shall be paid to the college in October, following receipt of a copy of the recipient's schedule.
- The second half shall be paid in mid-February, after receipt of official transcript for first semester, schedule for second semester and Status Verification Form.
- Student must maintain full time status and a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or better on 4.0 scale or its equivalent.
- Any student who currently has scholarships or grants equaling the cost of tuition, room, board and books is ineligible for this scholarship.
- Status Verification Form is to be completed and received at the Irish Fest Center by February 1st for Spring semester. The scholarship may be renewable for a second year, with a Renewal Application required.

FORMS THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED (By June 30th)

- Application form. A detailed resume of volunteer experience would also be very helpful and can be attached to the application form.
- Personal Essay in approximately 350 words
- Irish Fest Recommendation form
- Community Recommendation form
- Current School Schedule
- Students are responsible for following up and submitting all required forms by deadline

TIMELINE

- February 28th Applications available
- June 30th Application, recommendations and transcripts due at Irish Fest Center
- First week in August Notification to recipients
- Third weekend in August Scholarships awarded at Festival
- Send all required information in an envelope labeled *Personal/Confidential* to the Irish Fest office.
- The recipient is advised to be available for award presentation at the festival.
- **The committee will make no contact with applicants or applicants' parents or guardians after the deadline for submission of applications and all required forms has passed. Incomplete applications on the day of the deadline shall not be considered for scholarship awards. One week prior to deadline, applicants must e-mail Pat McNamara at pnamara@sbcglobal.net (prior to deadline) to confirm that everything has been received. Any questions can be directed to Pat McNamara at pnamara@sbcglobal.net**

I certify that all of the information included in this application is true and complete.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

*** Please check application form to be sure it has been filled out completely.**