



# Irish-Americans in Government

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Dear Superintendent, Principal, or Guidance Counselor:

The Irish-Americans in Government has just concluded a successful scholarship drive and is in a position to award scholarships to two graduating high school seniors from public, private or parochial schools. As you know, our organization is composed of both present and former officers or employees of federal, state, county, village, town or city governments as well as public authorities, school districts, special districts, and publicly constituted commissions, boards, or committees, who are of Irish ancestry.

We would appreciate your circulating the enclosed Scholarship Application to such high school seniors as meet our scholarship qualifications, and to encourage such individuals to complete the application, provide a high school transcript, a typed essay and two letters of recommendation with the application forwarded to the above address.

In addition, this year we again require that applicants submit a short essay on the topic "The Significance of the Easter 1916 Uprising and its Lessons for America." The essay should not exceed 750 words. *Please be mindful that we must receive all required documentation on or before May 1, 2018.*

As you will note from the selection criteria listed on the application, our organization is concerned with the personal involvement of an applicant in school and community activities, with an emphasis on activities which benefit the less fortunate. The applicant's leadership and academic achievement are also of concern. The scholarships will be awarded to the winners at our May, 2018 function. Attendance at the May, 2018 function by the award winners is expected.

Accordingly, your assistance in reproducing and circulating the Scholarship Application is earnestly solicited. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. If you or a representative from your Guidance Department have any questions, please feel free to call our Scholarship Vice Chair at 516-747-4770. The application is also on our website: [www.iagovt.org](http://www.iagovt.org).

Sincerely,

Owen B. Walsh  
Scholarship Chair

Michael T. Hopkins  
Vice Chair

*Enclosure*

\* Deceased



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## 2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Irish-Americans in Government was founded in February 1996, and is composed of current full-time or part-time officers or employees of the Federal, State, County, Village, Town or City governments, as well as Public Authority, School District, Special District and members of all publicly constituted Commissions, Boards, or Committees, including former officers and employees who have served two or more years in government, all of whom are of Irish ancestry.

The organization is designed to further the participation of Irish-Americans in government and to encourage fellowship among all Americans of Irish ancestry; to renew the traditions of Irish heritage; to generate support for establishment of scholarships for outstanding youths of Irish ancestry as well as to aid deserving charitable and educational causes.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A candidate must be of Irish-American ancestry and complete each question on this application. The applicant must also provide: (a) copy of a school transcript; (b) two (2) letters of recommendation (e.g. guidance counselor, teacher, coach, clergy, community leader); and (c) essays (1) describing activities in which you have taken part and which are the most significant to you, and state why. Include also what impact your heritage has had on your life and describe any community activities and volunteer service in which you have been involved; (2) on The Significance of the Easter Uprising and Its Lessons for America. Each essay should **not** exceed 750 words. You may add such additional pages as you feel necessary to complete this application.

Your Scholarship Application, high school transcript, typed essay and letters of recommendation must be received **under one cover** by **May 1, 2018**. Incomplete and/or late applications will be disqualified. Finalists will be contacted for possible interview and the scholarship winners will be announced in May. The scholarships will be awarded to the winners at our May, 2018 function. (IAG reserves the right to alter the number and/or size of the scholarships). Award winners are expected to attend the May, 2018 function.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** Selection is based on several factors, which should be outlined within the text of your essay, with an emphasis on individual character, personal involvement both in school and community, especially activities that benefit the less fortunate. Merit is based on leadership in school, civic, and other extracurricular activities; academic achievement; and motivation to serve and succeed in all endeavors.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your Irish Ancestry: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC  
ACHIEVEMENT**

High School you are attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cumulative grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class Standing: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Students in your class: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of School (e.g. Public, Private or Parochial): \_\_\_\_\_  
High School Program (Honors, College Prep., General): \_\_\_\_\_

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**SCHOOL  
ACTIVITIES**

Indicate whether you were a member or officer, elected or appointed or Student Council, Class Officer, National Honor Society, school newspaper, school yearbook, and/or school clubs:

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\_\_\_\_\_

List academic honors received, interscholastic activities (e.g. Math Elite, Debating Team, etc.) or interscholastic athletics and awards received: \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMMUNITY  
ACTIVITIES &  
VOLUNTEER  
SERVICES**

Name of Organization, length of time involved, services volunteered and function with the organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CERTIFICATION**

**A: APPLICANT**

I certify that all statements made in this application are true, complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**B: COUNSELOR/  
PRINCIPAL/  
HEADMASTER**

I have reviewed the Applicant's responses and certify that they are correct in so far as school records indicate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date