



## **ICCC Leo Walsh Scholarship Program 2012 College & High School Scholarship Application**

Leo Walsh founded the Scholarship Program in 1994 to benefit the children of the Irish community. Since its inception, the program has awarded more than 260 scholarships to students entering the next level of their education. All funds are raised through speaker programs, memorial contributions, and personal donations from friends of the Irish community. This year, the Irish Cultural Centre of California (ICCC) Leo Walsh Scholarship Program will award five \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors and five \$750 scholarships to graduating eighth graders.

\*Applications available online @ <http://www.icccsf.org>

### **The eligibility requirements include the following criteria:**

1. Applicants must be 8th graders continuing on to high school, or graduating high school seniors entering a university or college in the fall of 2012.
2. Applicants must be enrolling in an institution requiring tuition and/or fees in the fall.
3. Application, essay, and recommendation form must be completed and submitted to the ICCC by March 17, 2012.
4. Each applicant must submit an acceptable type written essay with the application. Eighth grade essays are to be 500 words or less. High school senior essays are to be 750 words or less. Applicants are encouraged to utilize the resources at various libraries such as the Patrick J. Dowling Library located in the United Irish Cultural Center. An independent committee will evaluate the essays, which will count for 1/2 of the application process. Essay topics for the 2012 application appear as #10.
5. The attached recommendation form must be completed by the applicant's counselor, a school administrator, or a current teacher. It may be submitted with application and essay, or it may be mailed directly to the ICCC, Attn: Leo Walsh Scholarship Program by March 17, 2012. Recommendations will count for 1/4 of the application process. The person evaluating the applicant may be contacted to confirm submission. **The ICCC Recommendation Form is the only document that will be accepted and rated. No additional letters of recommendation, etc., will be considered.**
6. Based on the combination of essay and evaluation scores, a limited number of qualified applicants will be invited to appear at an interview panel in April. The interview will count for 1/4 of the application process and will be combined with essay and evaluation scores to determine the successful scholarship winners. Scholarship winners will be notified in late April or early May.
7. Essays become the property of the ICCC.

8. Applicants must reside in California and be of demonstrable Irish descent.

9. Children of the Scholarship Committee members are not eligible to apply to the Scholarship Program.

10. The general essay topic for the 2012 scholarship application is **Irish Surnames**. A surname, also known as a last or family name, is a fixed name shared in common with the members of a family and is passed down from generation to generation.

If the surname of the applicant is not Irish, then the applicant may instead write about the Irish surname of a parent or grandparent. All applicants must also briefly explain their Irish descent (see eligibility requirement #8, above).

**Eighth Grade Topic: (500 words or less)**

Write an essay about the meaning of your family name; how it was derived; place of origin in Ireland, and its history. Then select a historical personality with the same surname and write about his/her place in history.

**High School Senior Topic: (750 words or less)**

The High School essay topic is the same as that as for the eighth graders **plus**, when writing about the history of your family name, discuss the actual or probable port of departure used by your ancestor(s) when they emigrated from Ireland, where they went when they left Ireland, and describe the current distribution of your family name throughout the United States.

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## Applications Due: March 17, 2012

Drop off or mail to:

**Irish Cultural Centre of California  
Attn: Leo Walsh Scholarship Program  
2700 45th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94116**

**Complete Application Packets include:**

Completed Personal Information Form (this page)  
Completed Recommendation Form (all sections must be answered and scored)  
Typewritten Essay

**Please email [info@icccsf.org](mailto:info@icccsf.org) if you have any questions.**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Current School \_\_\_\_\_

School(s) applicant wants to attend in the fall:

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Parents Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**ICCC Leo Walsh Scholarship Program  
2012 College & High School Scholarship Recommendation Form**

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Current school \_\_\_\_\_

Dear School Administrator, Counselor or Teacher:

This student is applying for a 2012 scholarship sponsored by the ICCC Leo Walsh Scholarship Program. In addition to the student's requirement to write an essay, another element of the application process includes your evaluation of the student and your scores on the form below. We ask your assistance in completing the recommendation form. It will count as 1/4 of the student's application score. Your thoughts are extremely important in the selection process. If you have any hesitation about recommending the student, please make the appropriate comments on this form. All evaluation forms are **confidential**. **Only the responses on this form will be evaluated. No additional letters, etc., will be considered. However, you may attach additional sheets for your evaluation responses if necessary.** You may return the form directly to the student in a sealed envelope or you may mail it directly to the ICCC, Attn: Leo Walsh Scholarship Program, 2700 – 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116, no later than March 17, 2012. You may be contacted by a Scholarship Committee member to confirm your comments. Thank you for assisting the Leo Walsh Scholarship Program in the evaluation process.

Name of school administrator, counselor, or teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Academic relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**Please evaluate the student in each category using a scale of 10 to 1 (Ten (10) being "Outstanding" and One (1) being "Fair").**

**Standards of Conduct:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Score:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please comment on student's commitment to upholding the mission of your institution.

**Leadership Skills:**

**Score:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please comment on student's interest/ability to lead peers. Please list specific examples and/or positions the student holds.

**Commitment to Education:**

**Score:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please comment on student's interest in learning, both inside and outside the classroom.

**Interest in Service to Community:**

**Score:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the types of activities in which the student is involved that contribute to his/her community.

**Please let the Committee know how you would rate the student overall:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Highly recommend \_\_\_\_\_ Recommend \_\_\_\_\_ Do not recommend