

# Irish-Americans in Government

P.O. Box 966  
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## 2016 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 **April, 15 2016**. 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, 2016 function. (IAG reserves the right to alter the number and/or size of the scholarships). Award winners are expected to attend the May, 2016 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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