

**ICCC Leo Walsh Scholarship Program**  
**2008 College & High School Scholarship Application**

Leo Walsh founded this scholarship program in 1994 to benefit the children in the Irish Community. Since its inception, the program has awarded more than 200 scholarships to students entering the next level of their education. All funds are raised through speaker programs and personal donations from members in the Irish community. This year, the ICCC Leo Walsh Scholarship Program will award ten scholarships to five high school seniors (\$1,000) and five eighth graders (\$750).

**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 2008.
2. Applicants must be enrolling in an institution requiring tuition and/or fees in the fall.
3. Application, essay and recommendation must be completed and submitted to the UICC by March 7, 2008.
4. Applicants must be of demonstrable Irish descent.
5. Each applicant must submit an acceptable essay with the application. Eighth graders should answer, in 500 words or less, "What impact have Irish and Irish-Americans had on the history and cultural of California? Please refer to specific examples of ways Irish and Irish-Americans have influenced the history and culture of California." In 750 words or less, high school seniors should write about a well-known person in Irish history who is identified with his/her county of ancestry, explaining how that individual made a difference in the history of Ireland. Applicants are encouraged to utilize the resources at various libraries, such as the Patrick J. Dowling Library at the United Irish Cultural Center. A committee will evaluate the essays, and essay will count for 2/3 of the application process.
6. The attached recommendation form must be completed by school administrator or teacher. It must be submitted with application and essay. Recommendations will count for 1/3 of the application process. The person recommending applicant may be contacted to confirm submission. **Only the ICCC Recommendation Form will be evaluated. No additional letters will be reviewed.**
7. Applicants will be notified by mail in late April/early May.
8. Essays become the property of the ICCC.
9. Relatives of the Screening Committee are not eligible to apply for the scholarship program.

**Application Due: March 7, 2008**

**Drop off or mail:**

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

For more information: Contact Jim Horan (415) 661-7671, [jph3037@yahoo.com](mailto:jph3037@yahoo.com)

**Complete Applications include:**

Completed Application Form (this page)  
Completed Recommendation Form (All questions need to be answered to be considered.)  
Complete Typed Essay.

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

School(s) applicant wants to attend in fall \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

School administrator/teacher: The above applicant is applying for a 2008 scholarship from the ICCC Leo Walsh Scholarship Program. In addition to an essay, the student's application will be evaluated on the form below. Please complete the following recommendation form and return to candidate. Your thoughts are extremely important in the selection process. If you have any hesitation about recommending the nominee, please make the appropriate comments on this form. You may be contacted by a ICCC Leo Walsh Scholarship committee member to confirm your comments. **You may continue answers on separate sheet – Scores need to be filled out on this sheet.**

Thank you for assisting the Leo Walsh Scholarship Program in this process of determining to whom the scholarships will be awarded.

Name of school administrator/teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Please evaluate the applicant in each category on a scale from 10 – 1 (Ten being Outstanding and One being Fair)

1) Standards of Conduct: Score: \_\_\_\_\_

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

2) Leadership skills: Score: \_\_\_\_\_

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

3) Commitment to education:

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

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

4) Interest in service to community:

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

Please describe the types of activities applicant does to contribute to his/her community.

5) Please let the committee know how you would recommend the applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_ Highly recommend

\_\_\_\_\_ Recommend

\_\_\_\_\_ Do not recommend