



## **ICCC Leo Walsh Scholarship Program 2010 College & High School Scholarship Application**

Leo Walsh founded the ICCC Scholarship Program in 1994 to benefit the children of UICC members. Since its inception, the program has awarded over 230 scholarships to students entering the next level of their education. All funds are raised through speaker programs and personal donations from members and friends of the Irish community. This year, the UICC Leo Walsh Scholarship Program will award five \$1,000 scholarships to five graduating high school seniors and five \$750 scholarships to graduating eighth graders.

### **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 2010.
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 UICC by February 13, 2010.
4. Each applicant must submit an acceptable essay with the application. Eighth grade essays are to be 500 words or less. High school seniors' 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, and essays will count for 1/2 of the application process. Essay topics for the 2010 applications appear as #10, below.
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 United Irish Cultural Center by February 13, 2010. Recommendations will count for 1/4 of the application process. The person recommending an applicant may be contacted to confirm submission. **Only the ICCC Recommendation Form will be evaluated. No additional letters, 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 UICC.
8. Applicants must reside in California and be of demonstrable Irish decent.
9. Relatives of the Scholarship committee are not eligible to apply to the Scholarship Program.

10. Essay topics for the 2010 scholarship application are:

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

Many castles were constructed in Ireland during the Medieval years. Select an Irish castle built during that period of Irish history, explain why you selected it, and write about any historical significance attached to it.

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

Early Christian monks have been credited with preserving both ancient Irish history and legends, and also with creating beautifully illustrated Medieval manuscripts. Select a notable individual, historical event, manuscript, or legend associated with Medieval Ireland; explain why you selected that topic, and write about its significance in Irish history.

## Applications Due: February 13, 2010

**Drop off or mail to:**

United Irish Cultural Center  
Attn: Leo Walsh Scholarship Program  
2700 45th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94116

**Complete Applications include:**

Completed Application Form (this page)  
Completed Recommendation Form (all sections must be answered and scored)  
Complete Typed Essay

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

School(s) applicant wants to attend in the  
Fall \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**ICCC Leo Walsh Scholarship Program  
2010 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 2010 scholarship sponsored by the ICCC Leo Walsh Scholarship Program. In addition to the student's requirement to write an essay, a second 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 because 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. **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 or you can mail it directly to the United Irish Cultural Center, Attention: Scholarship Program, no later than February 13, 2010. You may be contacted by a Scholarship Committee member to confirm your comments. Thank you for assisting the Leo Walsh Scholarship Program in this process of determining who will eventually be the successful scholarship winners.

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

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

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

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

Please evaluate the applicant 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 applicant does to contribute to his/her community.

Please let the Committee know how you would rate the applicant:

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