



# IRISH AMERICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE

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## IRISH WAY APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Applicant,

Please follow these instructions carefully to ensure that your application is processed and given full consideration.

Your application packet contains:

- An IRISH WAY application form
- Two recommendation forms (one for your school counselor, one for a teacher)
- Three envelopes pre-addressed to the Irish American Cultural Institute (IACI)

### **Application instructions:**

1. Return the completed IRISH WAY Application Form with a \$200.00 deposit and a \$25.00 non-refundable processing fee payable to the *Irish American Cultural Institute* in one of the pre-addressed envelopes.

The \$200.00 deposit is fully refundable if you are not accepted into the program or if the program has reached maximum capacity. Should you choose not to participate in the IRISH WAY after you have signed the IRISH WAY Acceptance Agreement, you will be refunded according to a pre-determined schedule based on how far in advance of the trip's departure you withdraw. The deposit refund schedule is explained further in the IRISH WAY acceptance package.

2. Give the appropriated recommendation forms with a pre-addressed envelope, stamped, to your school counselor and to a teacher who knows you well.

Your counselor will be required to enclose a copy of your most current transcript along with the recommendation form. You do not need to be a superior student to participate in the IRISH WAY however, in the context of the entire application grades can provide us with important information.

3. Your application is not complete or eligible for review until we receive the following:

Application Form	Counselor Recommendation Form
Transcript	Teacher Recommendation Form
\$200.00 Deposit	\$25.00 Non-refundable Processing Fee

Limited financial assistance based on need is available to IACI members. Other Irish American organizations also support the IRISH WAY Program. To receive a financial assistance application you must first send in your IRISH WAY application, \$200.00 deposit, and \$25.00 processing fee. Please include a note with your application and deposit indicating you would like the financial assistance application materials.

If you have any questions regarding IRISH WAY application procedures, please contact the IACI at (973) 605-1991.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE IRISH WAY!







STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_



6. Describe your interests and hobbies. List organizations and teams to which you belong, sports in which you participate, musical instruments you play, etc.

7. Briefly describe your family (parents' work and interests, brother/sisters' ages and interests).

8. Do you live in a: ( ) large city ( ) medium-size city ( ) suburban area ( ) small town ( ) rural area

9. How did you hear about the IRISH WAY Program?





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## IRISH WAY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

STUDENT NAME _____		
HOME ADDRESS _____		
CITY _____	STATE _____	ZIP _____
PHONE _____	EMAIL _____	

Dear Applicant,

Please follow these instructions carefully to ensure that your application is processed and given full consideration. Limited financial assistance for the **IRISH WAY PROGRAM** is made available by the Irish American Cultural Institute (IACI) for active IACI members. To become a member of the IACI, please contact (973) 605-1991.

There are three parts to the **IRISH WAY Financial Assistance Application**. The first part is a series of questions to be completed by the student, the second part is a series of questions to be completed by a parent or guardian, and the third part is a copy of your family's most recent 1040 Federal Tax Return (including the signature page).

Because the amount of financial assistance available from the IACI is limited, we strongly encourage all applicants to research available funding opportunities in their local community. Many organizations set aside scholarship money annually which often goes unused.

Regional organizations which generally offer IRISH WAY scholarships include:

American Irish Association of Westchester, NY	Shamrock Club Cultural Foundation of Columbus, OH
Daughters of Erin, Columbus, OH	St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Trenton, NJ
Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of the Oranges, NJ	Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH)- Binghamton, NY
Omaha, Syracuse, and Dallas Chapters of the IACI	National Board of the AOH and Ladies AOH
Irish American Teachers Association of Chicago, IL	AOH— Northern Kentucky Division
Irish American Legislative Caucus, Hartford, CT	AOH Div. 35, Flatbush, NY
Irish American Society of Will County, IL	Connecticut AOH
The Wild Geese, Greenwich, CT	AOH— Northern Kentucky Division

\*\*Contact these organizations directly to learn how to apply for their scholarships.

Other organizations to approach about scholarship opportunities include but are not limited to:

Elks, Rotary, Lions, and Kiwanis Clubs	James Joyce Clubs
Emerald Societies (Irish Police/Firefighter Orgs.)	Local St. Patrick's Day Parade Committees
Parent Teacher Associations	Area Ancient Order of Hibernian (AOH) Divisions
Area Irish Businesses (Restaurants, Gift Shops, etc)	Area Ladies AOH Divisions

PLEASE CONTINUE ON REVERSE SIDE





STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_



## IRISH WAY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

**PART TWO**—The following questions are to be answered by a parent or guardian.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Submitted information is strictly confidential and will be treated as such. The IACI grants financial assistance on a need basis and relies on the following questions to be answered truthfully, accurately, and completely in order to make a fair decision.

### 1) Parent/Guardian Information

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

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Step-parent's name, occupation, and employer if applicable:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### 2) Family Information

Number of people in family, including self and spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names, ages, and schools currently attended by all children in your family. Also list siblings not living at home and their ages.

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\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CONTINUE ON REVERSE SIDE**



STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_



## IRISH WAY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

### 3) Financial Information

The cost for the Irish Way Program is \$2,995 (including airfare to and from Ireland from the NY area).

How much will your son or daughter contribute? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How much will you or other relatives contribute? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How much financial assistance do you require? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet, please write summary of why your child needs financial assistance. Include any special circumstances or extraordinary monthly expenses.

### PART THREE— 1040 Federal Tax Return

Please include with this application a copy of your family's most recent 1040 Federal Tax Return, including the signature page. If husband and wife file separately, please include copies of both 1040's. **Your application for financial assistance will not be accepted unless this is included.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Submitted information is strictly confidential and will be treated as such.

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### SIGNATURE

I understand that all information submitted herein is strictly confidential. I have answered all questions completely, honestly, and accurately.

Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Financial assistance applicants will be notified by mid-May regarding funding awards. If you have any questions regarding the application process please contact:

IRISH WAY COORDINATOR  
**IRISH AMERICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE**  
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STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_



5. In your own words, please summarize this student and his/her qualifications for the Irish Way. We are particularly interested in the applicant's character, level of maturity, enthusiasm, and special talents/interests. Please try to include both strengths and weaknesses.

6. Please comment on any notable upward or downward trends on the student's transcript. We are interested in what external factors may have influenced such changes.

7. I recommend this applicant for participation in the IRISH WAY:

- Enthusiastically       Strongly       Fairly Strongly
- With Hesitation       Not at all

8. Additional Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Counselor's Name (printed)*\_\_\_\_\_

*Counselor's Signature*\_\_\_\_\_ *Date*\_\_\_\_\_

*Phone* \_\_\_\_\_



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## IRISH WAY PROGRAM TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant Name _____	Grade _____
School Name _____	Phone (    ) _____

Dear Teacher,

This student is applying for the IRISH WAY, a unique summer program for high school students. This selective educational program enables students to study and travel in Ireland for five weeks. A descriptive brochure about the program is available upon request.

Please provide us with your estimation of this applicant and his/her readiness for this type of program. The student's counselor will provide us with a detailed academic profile, so we are most interested in your comments on the student's personal qualities and characteristics.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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*Answers to the following questions will be treated as confidential. Please respond honestly and accurately.*

1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

	No basis for judgement	Below average	Average	Good	Excellent (Top 10%)	Outstanding (Top 2-3%)
<b>Energy/Initiative</b>						
<b>Independence</b>						
<b>Leadership</b>						
<b>Self-Confidence</b>						
<b>Sense of Humor</b>						
<b>Concern for others</b>						
<b>Reaction to Criticism</b>						
<b>Responsibility</b>						
<b>Respect from peers</b>						
<b>Respect from adults</b>						
<b>Honesty/Integrity</b>						



STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_



3. Please check the significant factors which contribute to the respect accorded this student by his/her peers:

- superiority in studies       success in athletics       leadership in activities  
 accomplishments in activities       interest in other students  
 personality       other \_\_\_\_\_

4. Which of the following factors detract from the student's character as viewed by his/her peers:

- manners, personal habits       lack of interest in others       lack of motivation  
 attitude       other \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please summarize this student and his/her qualifications for the Irish Way. We are particularly interested in the applicant's overall character, level of maturity, enthusiasm, special interests/talents, and the way in which he/she responds to new people and situations. Please try to include both strengths and weaknesses.

6. I recommend this applicant for participation in the IRISH WAY:

- Enthusiastically       Strongly       Fairly Strongly  
 With Hesitation       Not at all

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Teacher's Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_