



RUTHERFORD IRISH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Rutherford Irish American Association, Inc. (RIAA) has established a limited number of scholarships for the upcoming academic year.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Awards will be granted to children and grandchildren of members of the Rutherford Irish American Association who have been members in good standing since January 2024. Students must be graduating high school seniors.
- Awards made to students that demonstrate a balance of academic effort, community service and an appreciation of Irish culture and heritage
- Students must be enrolled as a student for the fall semester in an accredited vocational school, community college, four-year college or university degree program
- Students must complete this Application and submit an Essay on the assigned topic prepared solely by the student

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Complete this Application and Essay and return it to **RIAAAscholarship@gmail.com** by **11:59pm on March 17, 2026** to be considered for the upcoming school year beginning September.

PROCESS RULES OF RIAA:

- Amount and number of awards is by the discretion of the RIAA and will be made without regard for gender, race, religion, ethnic or any other classification
- Selection Committee will be RIAA members without relation to students being considered for that year's award
- Selection Committee reserves right to meet with finalists before making recommendation to RIAA Board
- RIAA Board members related to eligible students for that scholarship year will recuse themselves from voting on recommended students

- All awards will be announced at the school's annual awards ceremony or by invitation to a RIAA meeting
- All awards will be paid to school student will be attending

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Full Name	_____
Applicant's Phone #	_____
Applicant's Email	_____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s) Complete Mailing Address Cell phone #	_____
E-Mail Address #1	_____
E Mail Address #2	_____

Is your parent/guardian a member of the Rutherford Irish American Association in good standing? (circle one)	YES – Please identify	NO
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ACADEMIC, EXTRACURRICULAR AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. Please identify the name of the vocation school, community college, four-year college or university that you will be attending (or accepted to and considering if no choice yet made) in the upcoming academic year and your major (if known).

	<u>School(s)</u>	<u>Major Field</u>

2. Please list your Community Service Activities including your volunteer service to the RIAA and any awards you may have received. (Use additional sheet(s) if necessary).

Dates	Activity/Award	Comments

3. Please identify academic awards, including years of enrollment in National Honor Society.

Year	Academic Awards	National Honor Society
Freshman		
Sophomore		

Junior		
Senior		

4. Please provide information about your extracurricular activities in school, including any clubs, athletic or competitive teams that you participated (Use additional sheet(s) if necessary.)

Activity	Academic Year(s)	Notable Achievements

5. Please provide the following information about your employment during high school.

Dates of Employment	Employer Name and Address	Duties

6. Essay; On separate document, submit a typed Essay covering the following prompts:

- a. What your Irish heritage means to you? (include your personal experiences and persons who have been influential on you).
- b. Why is this scholarship important to you and how it will help you?

Note: Please be sure to include your name and school at the top of each additional sheet used.

AUTHORIZATION & PERMISSIONS

Applicant and the parent or guardian signing this application each (1) certify that the information in this application is true; (2) understand and consent that all information provided may be disclosed to the RIAA but will be considered confidential by the RIAA; (3) understand that the applicant may be requested to provide additional information and documentation from my school's Guidance Department; and (4) if awarded a RIAA Scholarship, each of us agrees to participate in a press release including a photo memorializing the award with RIAA officials and gives permission for the successful applicant's name, high school, college, major and picture to be released to the public through the media.

STUDENT

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____