

Dear High School Scholarship Applicant:

Please follow the directions below in order to submit your application. All documents will be submitted through the Google form.

- All documents submitted must in PDF format.
- All required materials must be submitted BY YOU. Schools/counsellors/teachers may not submit materials separately. Get copies from your school to submit the required files (remember that unofficial copies are acceptable).
- All documents must be submitted at the same time through the Google form.
- The deadline for submission is **Saturday, January 15th 2021 (11:59pm EST)**. Any submissions past this date will not be considered. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- The following **FOUR** documents are required:
 1. A **copy of your most recent transcript** showing final grades for all high school courses through the end of the 2020-2021 academic year. In other words, all final grades from 9th-11th grade must be included. You may use an unofficial or official copy of transcript. **This must be uploaded as a SINGLE document in PDF format.** Please title the document with your initials followed by Transcript (example: NGM-Transcript).
 2. A complete list of all courses in which you are enrolled for the 2021-2022 academic year, indicating the semester/term when you will be taking each course if you are in a semesterized program. **This must be uploaded as a SINGLE document in PDF format.** Please title the document with your initials followed by Course List (example: NGM-Course List).
 3. A copy of your most recent SAT and/or ACT scores (if you have been unable to take the SAT or ACT due to the pandemic, you can simply submit a statement indicating this situation). Canadian applicants: submit any standardized testing that you have completed or a statement that such testing is not a part of your academic program. **This must be uploaded as a SINGLE document in PDF format.** Please title the document with your initials followed by Testing (example: NGM-Testing).
 4. A “resume” listing involvement and accomplishments outside of academics. Please note, this does not need to be a formal resume, but it must include sections a, b and c listed below. Each section should have a clear section header and each section should be a maximum of one page in a minimum of a 10-point font. **This must be uploaded as a SINGLE document in PDF format.** Please title the document with your initials followed by Resume (example: NGM-Resume).
 - a. A current bulleted list of your involvement and accomplishments in Irish dancing. This should include competitive level, major competitions/awards, etc., as well as non-competitive experiences.
 - b. A current bulleted list of your extracurricular activities during high school, including any positions of leadership held. Be very specific in describing/detailing leadership roles and responsibilities. This may include sports, clubs, and activities that are sponsored by your academic school, as well as those sponsored by churches or community organizations.
 - c. A bulleted list/description of any volunteer or service work, as well as any paid work, in which you have been involved during high school. Be very specific in describing/detailing roles and responsibilities of position.

The review of applications will occur as follows:

- **Any forms submitted after the submission deadline or by any other method or format than that described above will NOT be considered.**
- You will receive a confirmation after submitting your form that it has been received.
- All documents/materials submitted will be reviewed/evaluated/scored by a panel of scholarship committee members. Those scores will determine which applications will be advanced to the final phase of consideration.
 - The evaluators will use a rubric to evaluate each transcript in terms of academic rigor, final grades, grade point averages (GPA), standardized test scores (when applicable) and overall strength of academic history and preparation. Individual transcripts will not be compared to other transcripts for purposes of this initial evaluation but will be evaluated independently in terms of the rubric only.
 - The other focus of the initial evaluation will be the range of activities, volunteer/paid work experience, leadership roles, commitment to the school and community, and the Irish dance history that are detailed on the required lists provided by each applicant.
- Once all initial evaluations have been completed and a rubric score is determined for each applicant, a percentage of initial applicants will be selected to move forward (on the basis of the rubric score earned on the initial evaluation) to the second phase of application and evaluation.
 - The minimum number of applicants who will be moved forward to the second phase of application and evaluation will be 20% of the total number of applications submitted initially; however, the committee reserves the right to increase the number moved forward to a higher percentage based upon the quality of the initial applications and the initial evaluation rubric scores awarded. These finalists will be asked to submit additional documentation. The scholarship committee will then review/evaluate/score those total applications in order to make final scholarship award decisions.
- Please note that all decisions are final and requests for information as to why an applicant did not move on to the second round will not be addressed.

Please contact me with any questions you may have.

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