

COUNTY CORK B.P.& P. ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Dear Member,

November, 2023

The following is a basic format for the County Cork B.P. & P. Association Scholarship Program.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

The College Scholarship competition will be open to all members in good standing of the County Cork B.P. & P. Association as of November 1, 2023, as well as their children who graduated high school in 2023. (Currently college freshman or equivalent). The winners of the College Scholarship competition are eligible to receive scholarship tuition ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500. This money will be paid directly to the college or accredited institution of higher learning which the entrant is currently attending, for tuition only. The Christopher Murphy Memorial Scholarship will be awarded based on 2023 SAT scores. Additional scholarships will be awarded by lottery. **A written essay is a competition entry requirement, and a special prize will be awarded for the best essay.** The essay will not have any impact on the participant's evaluation. **The College Essay topic is: General Tom Barry-- Discuss his leadership in the IRA and his role in the struggle for Irish Independence.**

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY COMPETITION

The High School Essay competition will be open to all children of members in good standing of the County Cork B.P. & P. Association as of November 1, 2023 who will be graduating Elementary School in 2023 (8th Grade Students – Public, Parochial and Private). Two awards will be given out: The Myra Kateri O'Connor Scholarship of \$600 for first prize and an additional second place prize of \$400. The competition will be based on an essay. **Writing the essay is a requirement for entering the competition. The High School Essay topic is: Margaret Buckley- Discuss the life and accomplishments of this extraordinary Cork woman and her role in the struggle for Irish Independence.**

APPLICATIONS

To apply for the competition, fully completed application forms together with essays (and SAT scores for College entrants) must be sent by U.S. mail or email to Kathy McCarthy, 10 Lenox Rd., Apt 2H, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 or email: mcleen16@aol.com. Entries must be received no later than Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Please write the words "Scholarship Committee" in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope if sending by mail. Receipts of mailed entries will be acknowledged if the entrant encloses a self-addressed stamped envelope with the application.

KEY DATES

Competition will open on November 1, 2023, and will close at Midnight on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Scholarships will be awarded at the Annual Installation/Scholarship Dinner, Sunday, January 14th, 2024.

All eligible members and all children of members who qualify for either the College scholarship or High School Essay Competition are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to win financial assistance toward their continuing education. Good luck to all!

Best Wishes,

The Scholarship Committee