



## 2019 NYC ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade is pleased to announce a College Level Research Paper Contest and a High School Level Research Paper Contest. In memory of three outstanding Parade leaders who have gone on to their eternal rewards, these scholarships are named the Francis P. Beirne Scholarship, the Margaret O'Rourke Scholarship, and the Rosemary Lombard Scholarship.

### FRANCIS P. BEIRNE SCHOLARSHIP

Francis P. Beirne was the Chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in the 1990s. He was a man of immense popularity with the Parade organizations and is best known as the person who protected and saved the Parade at a difficult time. He was from Carrick-on-Shannon Co. Leitrim and was a strong supporter and friend of John Cardinal O'Connor and the Church.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST CALENDAR – COLLEGE LEVEL

College Contest applicants must be currently attending as an undergraduate or graduate student in an accredited college or university, school of nursing, medical school, business school or law school; The applicant must be either attending an affiliated educational institution or must be a family member of any person belonging to an affiliated organization. In both instances, the affiliated institution or organization which the student is relying upon must have paid its 2019 affiliation fee to the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade.

(Family members may include son, daughter, spouse, brother, sister, niece, nephew, grandchild, grandniece, grandnephew, and great grandchild.)

Applicant must have completed and emailed his/her research paper with the official application form scanned and attached no later than Monday, APRIL 1, 2019, 11:00pm.

TOPIC – Do the ideals and values of the 1919 Irish Declaration of Independence reflect the ideals and values expressed in the 1916 Proclamation for Independence? Compare and contrast the two documents.

A minimum of 8 and a maximum of 10 typewritten pages (2,000-2,500 words) double spaced, standard one inch margins. A bibliography and citation page are necessary to satisfy requirements and should not be included in the word count.

Writing on the wrong topic will deem the entry invalid.

Research Paper contest winners will be announced by Thursday, May 16, 2019.

### MARGARET O'ROURKE SCHOLARSHIP

Margaret O'Rourke was the Parade Secretary in the 1980s & 1990s and a close personal friend of Francis P. Beirne. Both of them worked together in protecting the Parade. Margaret was known as a compassionate and gracious lady who worked diligently behind the scenes for the Parade. She attended many advisory meetings and helped guide Parade matters at a difficult time in the Parade's history.

### High School Level Eligibility:

High School Contest applicants must be currently attending high school, or be home schooled at the high school level.



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TOPIC – What was the influence of Irish women emigrants and Irish American women on the women's suffrage movement in the United States?

A minimum of 6 and a maximum of 8 typewritten pages (1,500-2,000 words), double spaced, standard one inch margins.

A bibliography and citation page are necessary to satisfy requirements and should not be included in the word count.

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### ROSEMARY LOMBARD SCHOLARSHIP

Rosemary Lombard was an award-winning educator who actively participated in the preservation and promotion of Irish heritage and culture in the Tri-State area. She was a founding member and President of the American Irish Teachers Association; a member of the board at the Emerald Isle Immigration Center; she chaired the Irish History Essay Contest of the United Irish Counties Association of New York, Inc. and was an active member of the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade where she served as Treasurer and member of the scholarship committee.

### AWARD AMOUNTS

#### COLLEGE-LEVEL ESSAYS

There will be one award for each of the above-named scholarships in the amounts of \$3,250, \$2,000, and \$1,500. Determination of amount will be based on those achieving first, second or third place in the contest based on scores of the independent judges.

#### FOR HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL ESSAYS

There will be one award for each of the above-named scholarships in the amounts of \$1,500, \$1,000, and \$750. Determination of amount will be based on those achieving first, second or third place in the contest based on scores of the independent judges.

### METHOD OF ADJUDICATION

A number of judges, who will not be provided with any identifying information regarding the names of the applicants or their affiliations, will independently score each paper, based upon an agreed set of standards established by said judges.



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The research paper will be scored on the following criteria:

quality of insight/central idea;  
strength of supporting argument;  
adherence to topic and requirements;  
cohesiveness;  
consistency of point of view;  
grammar/language;  
sources/documentation. (Minimum 4 plus published sources required.)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade Scholarship Committee for 2019 is comprised of the following members:

Catherine Tully Muscente, Co-Chairperson,  
Hilary Beirne, Co-Chairperson,  
Linda Dowling Almeida,  
Michael Boyle,  
Jack Calcado,  
Daniel Dromm,  
Ann Garvey,  
Catherine Hogan,  
Mary Hogan,  
Michael Howley,  
Mary Pat Kelly,  
Turlough McConnell,  
John O'Connell,  
Ruth Riddick,  
Laura Travers.

Funding for the scholarship is made possible by the generosity of NYC St. Patrick's Day Foundation

It shall be understood that no award from this scholarship contest shall cause any other financial aid received by any students to be in any way diminished.

The winners of the essay contest will have an opportunity to read their essays at a salon hosted by the Irish American Writers and Artists (IAW&A). The salons are held monthly in New York City.

All entries become the property of the St Patrick's Day Parade Scholarship.

If there are any additional questions, contact Catherine Muscente – Office: (516) 323-4710.

All are encouraged to publicize the St. Patrick's Day Parade Scholarship contests, and to duplicate this announcement and the accompanying application, in order that the maximum number of eligible students might avail themselves of this opportunity.

For more info, on line registration and to submit your essays please follow the link

<https://www.nycstpatricksparade.org/2019-scholarship-contest/>