

Annie Mullen Memorial Scholarship Application

Administered by the
Reynolds-Hanafin-Cooley (RHC) Branch Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Annie Mullen, a native of the Connemara region in Co. Galway, Ireland, emigrated to the Boston Massachusetts area where she and her husband Coleman raised their family. In her youth, Annie enjoyed the local gatherings for traditional music seisiuns and dancing that were an integral part of her family life. In America, she passed that tradition on to her own children and enabled them to experience the culture of their heritage. Annie readily displayed her love for traditional Irish music through her enthusiasm whenever she was present at a ceili or seisiun.

After Annie's passing in the summer of 2016, Annie's friends and family gathered to find an appropriate manner to honor her life and love of traditional Irish music. A scholarship fund was created so that just as Annie passed on the Irish culture to her children, other youth will be able to experience this traditional music, *keeping the tradition alive!*

The scholarship is administered by the Executive Committee of the Reynolds-Hanafin-Cooley CCÉ Branch. Presently the branch anticipates awarding up to 4 scholarships of \$500 per year to applicants meeting the following requirements:

- ♪ Youth under the age of 21,
- ♪ A member of the Reynolds-Hanafin-Cooley CCÉ Branch,
- ♪ Enrolled in the Boston CCÉ Music school within the 12 months prior to the application date,
- ♪ **Beginner to Intermediate** skill level, and
- ♪ Has not previously received the Annie Mullen memorial scholarship within the past five years.

The scholarship may be used in a program that enables the student to enhance their skills that are part of the instrument (musical or voice) which they are studying through the Boston CCÉ Music School. Some examples of scholarship use are, but not limited to, support for participation in events such as Scoil Éigse, the Catskill Irish Arts Children & Youth Program camp, or lessons provided through an artist recognized for their skill in that instrument.

Note to parents or legal guardians of child applicant: The Reynolds-Hanafin-Cooley Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann is not liable for expenses or other obligations beyond providing the designated scholarship amount toward the tuition, nor any injuries incurred as a result of Irish camp/school attendance, and is not responsible for the supervision of the scholarship recipient under 18 years of age. Parents/legal guardians are responsible for arranging both supervision and transportation related to the program attendance.

I understand and concur with the statement above.

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

(Please Print)

Signature: _____

Applications accepted May 1st to June 15th. Announcement of recipient will be by July 15th.
All applicants will be responded to.

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(Please Print or Type)

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Name of parent/guardian if under 18 years of age: _____

Address: _____
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Day phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

Email: _____

Please respond to the following items on a separate sheet of paper and attach with above information.

1. State in 50 words or less your specific plan for using the scholarship to study Irish music or song.
2. List background information: instrument and instructor
3. Provide a brief, but thorough description of any involvement in Irish-related activities in addition to your enrollment in the Boston CCE Music School.
4. Provide AT LEAST one letter of recommendation from a current teacher (Music/Song) stating
 - How you would benefit from the scholarship. Your application will be strengthened if you can provide one or more letters of reference from an unrelated person(s), for example, an experienced/proficient musician.
 - All letters of reference MUST be sent under separate cover to the address below or emailed to cceboston@verizon.net (please use Annie Mullen Memorial Scholarship in the subject line).
 - Letters are due by the same date as your application.

Feel free to provide any other information you think might be relevant for the Scholarship Committee to adequately appraise your application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Completed application and documentation to be mailed to:

Annie Mullen Memorial Scholarship
c/o 84 Old Sudbury Rd
Wayland, MA 01778