

Larry Reynolds Memorial Scholarship

Administered by the
Reynolds-Hanafin-Cooley (RHC) CCÉ Branch

Larry Reynolds (1932 - 2012) emigrated from County Galway, Ireland bringing a passion for his homeland's music and traditions. Dedicating the rest of his life to sharing that passion with others, he became a mainstay of Boston's Irish scene, helping found the Boston branch of **Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann** and its music school. He encouraged young people to participate in Irish music, song and dance as well as promoting those arts in the New England area.

To honor Larry's contributions and remember his special place in the New England Irish community, the Reynolds family enabled the Reynolds-Hanafin-Cooley CCÉ Branch to create the LARRY REYNOLDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, which is presented each year to a young individual selected from the applications sent to the Board of Directors of the Boston CCÉ Music School. The award is funded through donations to RHC CCÉ in memory of Larry Reynolds. The amount of the award is dependent on funds available and to the extent to which the Scholarship compliments the RHC CCÉ branch's commitment to enriching Irish culture in New England. Some examples of scholarship use are, but not limited to, support for participation in events such as Scoil Éigse or All Ireland Fleadh in Ireland or the Catskill Irish Arts Tír na nÓg's Children & Youth Program camp.

- An applicant for the Larry Reynolds Memorial Award should be a person under 21 years of age who participates in and contributes to the Irish Music/Dance/Song/Culture and Community of New England and is a member of the Reynolds-Hanafin-Cooley branch of CCÉ. Previous winners may not apply again for 5 years.

In addition to the requirement of intermediate to advanced ability of the applicant, the following preferred qualifications are applicable:

1. Those who demonstrate an earnest dedication to advance traditional Irish culture.
2. Those who demonstrate the capacity to benefit from participation in advanced traditional cultural experience.
3. Those who would offer to the Reynolds-Hanafin-Cooley branch some of the benefits of traditional cultural knowledge.

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 toward the tuition scholarship, 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 camp/school attendance.

I understand and concur with the statement above.

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____
(Please Print)

Signature: _____

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Larry Reynolds Memorial Scholarship Application Form (Please Print or Type)

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

Date of birth: _____
Month/Day/Year

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: who your teachers are, who you want to study with in the future, etc.
- 3) State any experience you have had in Irish instrumental music or song.
- 4) Provide a brief video or audio clip (3 – 6 minutes) of you performing.
- 5) Provide a brief, but thorough description of any involvement in Irish-related activities.
- 6) Provide AT LEAST one letter of recommendation from a current teacher (Music/Song/Dance) 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 Larry Reynolds 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: _____