

James A. Brennan Memorial Scholarship

The James A. Brennan Memorial Scholarship has been established by the Irish Cultural & Folk Art Assoc. of WNY Inc. to honor past chairman, Jim Brennan.

One \$ 500 scholarship will be awarded to a Buffalo Feis Participant.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a current student in 10th, 11th or 12th grade levels
- Competed in any of the events at the Buffalo Feis in 2016.
- Be registered for any event in the Buffalo Feis 2017.

TOPIC:

"an rud atá sa smior ní féidir a bhaint as an gcnámh"

"that which is in the marrow can't be removed from the bone"

This proverb speaks to the primeval, transcendent roots of our heritage that is found at the heart of each of the facets of our Celtic culture.

The art of 'the dance' is one such thread. It is woven in the 'call to the tune' and the 'innate response' expressed through skillful feet which spans the centuries.

Student are asked to write an essay about his/her response to 'the call of the tune', the art of 'the dance'.

Work should reflect a knowledge of

-the history of Irish dance as a Celtic Art; ---

-the arrival of Irish Dance to Western New York;

-how the mission of his/her school promotes the continued weaving of dance as a thread of Irish culture;

-how (s)he has personalized this 'call' in his/her journey as an Irish dancer.

Essays are to be mailed by May 1, 2017 to: ICFAA (2017 Scholarship)
245 Abbott Rd. Buffalo. NY 14220

Essay must be no longer than 1000 words and computer generated.

Scholarship Presentation: Opening Ceremony, Buffalo Feis, June 3, 2017.

Review and award decision will be handled by an independent committee.

James A. Brennan Memorial Scholarship Application

Student Name: (PRINT) _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip code _____

Phone (____) _____

Email: _____

High School: _____

Address: _____ zip _____

Grade Level _____

Applicant must have competed in at least one of the following for Buffalo Feis 2016. Mark an X by the events you participated in.

Dance _____ Language _____
Music _____ Art _____

Essays becomes the property of the ICFAA and may be published.

Student Signature: _____ DATE _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ DATE _____