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The Society of the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick is pleased to announce that we are seeking applications for the Society's grants for students planning to spend a semester of study in Ireland/United States. The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick was started in 1771 and is dedicated to promoting good will and friendship between the peoples of the United States and Ireland.

We will be granting a select number of scholarships for the 2011-12 academic year. These scholarships will be a minimum of \$1,500 per award.

In order to qualify students must meet the following pre-requisites:

1. Applicants must be in good academic standing
2. Applicants must have completed Sophomore year by June of 2011
3. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or B Equivalent
4. Applicants must be studying for a semester in Ireland or United States for the 2011-12 academic year

If you have students that meet these qualifications please have them send the following required documents no later than February 15, 2011 to the attention of William Kane at 1609 Claudia Way, North Wales, PA 19454

1. Official college transcript
2. Letter of recommendation from an academic advisor or a faculty member who has taught the student
3. Evidence of acceptance in a college-level program of study in Ireland or the United States
4. An essay (600 to 800 words) on one or more of the following topics:
 - a. How the program in Ireland or United States will relate to the applicant's studies at his or her present institution
 - b. How the experience in Ireland or United States will deepen the applicant's understanding of Irish history and culture
 - c. Why the applicant is interested in obtaining a Society grant.

All acceptance and rejection letters will be announced by The Friendly Sons Society by April 15, 2011.

Please note that scholarship recipients are **required** to submit a two-page report following their semester in Ireland/U.S. This should include a list of courses completed and a description of special experiences while studying abroad. The Society is very interested and eager to hear about the scholarship winners experiences.

Sincerely,

William Kane
Chair, Scholarship Committee

Criteria for Eligibility:

- Have completed Sophomore Year with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better
- Copy of Official College Transcript
- Letter of Recommendation from an academic advisor or a faculty member who taught the student
- Evidence of acceptance in a college-level program of study in Ireland or in Greater Philadelphia area
- Essay of 600-800 words describing why the applicant is interested in studying abroad in Ireland or in the U.S. and how the receipt of this scholarship from FSSP would help them achieve their study abroad goals.
- Completed FSSP Irish Studies Scholarship application(attached)
- Copies of current Financial Aid packages if applicable, or a letter from the applicant stating the specific needs of applicant
- Students must submit the application form, essay, copies of aid packages, reference letter(s), college transcripts, and acceptance letter to educational facility in Ireland or in the U.S. to the Scholarship Committee and it must be postmarked by February 15th prior to the academic year in which they plan to study abroad.
- Winning students must submit a report to FSSP outlining their experience and how they benefitted from studying abroad. If they do not, the school from which they came from will be ineligible to participate in the scholarship program the following year.
- Once the students return from the trips to Ireland, they will be encouraged to attend a quarterly FSSP meeting to detail their travels and experience in Ireland or the U.S. to the members of FSSP