



Ancient Order of Hibernians in America

Irish Way & Study Abroad Scholarship Programs

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TO: All National Board Officers, both Elected and Appointed
All State, County and Division Presidents

From: Bill Sullivan

Date: February 23, 2016

RE: AOH National Board Irish Way & Study Abroad Scholarships

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

The AOH National Board offers several scholarship opportunities for the children and grandchildren of its members. We ask that you please share this information on our scholarship programs with your membership at your next meeting or in your next newsletter or communication. Please also feel free to make copies of this letter and distribute it to your membership. Many thanks in advance for your assistance and cooperation with this request and endeavor. If you are no longer President, please pass this letter onto your successor.

The Irish Way High School Scholarship: The Irish Way Program is unique cultural experience for teenagers, and is a nationally recognized summer study abroad program that has educated over 3000 high school students since its inception in 1975. The 2016 Irish Way High School Program will take place this summer in Ireland from June 30 to July 24, 2016.

The Irish Way Program is a 25-day cultural academic program offered to American and Canadian high school students. The Program consists of a wide variety of classes, workshops, and tours based in three locations throughout Ireland. The goal of the Irish Way is to introduce North American students to the essential characteristics and qualities of Irish life. By being immersed in Ireland's history and culture, young adults are able to better understand and appreciate a country whose people have played a significant role in the history of western civilization

The AOH and LAOH National Boards offer two \$500 Scholarships for this program. One of these scholarships is for the children and grandchildren of an AOH member, and the other scholarship is available for the children and grandchildren of an LAOH member. Anyone who would like an application or further information about this program should contact the Irish American Cultural Institute, PO Box 1716, Morristown, NJ 07962. The Irish Way telephone number is: 973 605 1991. More information on this program is also available by going to: www.irishway.org.

The AOH Study Abroad Scholarship: The National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians offers two (2) Study Abroad Scholarships for the son, daughter or grandchild of an AOH member. The recipients of these scholarships must attend an accredited college or university in the United States, and be accepted at an accredited college/university in Ireland, that is recognized by the institution that he/she attends. Should not enough applications for the Study Abroad Scholarship be realized, then \$500 Scholarships for Semester Abroad Programs or \$1000/500 Masters Degree in Irish Studies Abroad Scholarships will be considered and granted when appropriate. Please contact me for more information and or a scholarship application on this program. The deadline for the next round of applications for this scholarship is May 1, 2016.

Financial Assistance: Scholarships, loans and grants are available for study abroad accredited programs. For information on these financial opportunities, please visit the websites Education in Ireland, US Government Aid and the Direct Loan Program. These sites offer a host of information regarding financial assistance and grants that can be used to supplement our scholarships and help make an education in Ireland more affordable.

Please feel free to contact me for more information on any of these above programs by e-mail, phone or mail. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Application Request Form
AOH & LAOH NATIONAL BOARDS 2016 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

TO APPLY - PLEASE CHECK ONE

- AOH IRISH WAY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)
- LAOH IRISH WAY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)
- AOH IRISH STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP IN IRELAND (College)

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____ E-Mail Address _____

Present HS Grade _____ or College Attending _____

Parent/Grandparent is a Member of Division _____ County _____ State _____

Parent/Grandparent Name _____

Parent/Grandparent must be a paid up member of a Division. Verification will be checked with National & Divisional Secretaries

Please mail this request form to:
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