



New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade®

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2017 SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

The NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade is pleased to announce a College Level Research Paper Contest and a High School Level Research Paper Contest. In memory of two outstanding Parade leaders who have gone on to their eternal rewards, these scholarships are named the Francis P. Beirne College Scholarship Contest and the Margaret O'Rourke High School Scholarship Contest.

1. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND CONTEST CALENDAR – FRANCIS P. BEIRNE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Francis P. Beirne was the Chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in the 1990's. He was a man of immense popularity with the Parade organizations and is best known as the person who protected and saved the Parade at a difficult time. He was from Carrick-on-Shannon Co. Leitrim and was a strong supporter and friend of John Cardinal O'Connor and the church.

- 1.1 College Level Eligibility: College Contest applicants must be **currently attending** as an undergraduate or graduate student in an accredited college or university, school of nursing, medical school, business school or law school;

AND

The applicant's college, university or school, if affiliated with the Parade, must have paid its 2017 affiliation fee or the applicant must be a family member of any person belonging to an organization which has paid its 2017 affiliation fee to the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade. (Family members may include son, daughter, spouse, brother, sister, niece, nephew, grandchild, grandniece, grandnephew and great grandchild.)

- 1.2 Applicant must have completed and emailed his/her research paper **with the official application form scanned and attached** no later than **Monday, APRIL 17, 11:00pm.**
- 1.3 Research Paper contest winners will be announced by Thursday, May 25, 2017.

2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS & CONTEST CALENDAR – MARGARET O'ROURKE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Margaret O'Rourke was the Parade Secretary in the 1980's & 1990's and a close personal friend of Francis P. Beirne. Both of them worked together in protecting the Parade. Margaret was known as a compassionate and gracious lady who worked diligently behind the scenes for the Parade. She attended many advisory meetings and helped guide Parade matters at a difficult time in the Parade's history.

- 2.1 High School Level Eligibility: High School Contest applicants must be **currently attending** high school;

AND

The applicant's high school, if affiliated with the Parade, must have paid its 2017 affiliation fee or the applicant must be a family member of any person belonging to an organization which has paid its 2017 affiliation fee to the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade. (Family members may include son, daughter, spouse, brother, sister, niece, nephew, grandchild, grandniece, grandnephew, and great grandchild.)

- 2.2 Applicant must have completed and emailed his/her research paper **with the official application form scanned and attached** no later than **Monday, APRIL 17, 2017, 11:00pm.**
- 2.3 Research Paper contest winners will be announced by Thursday, May 25, 2017.

3. INDIVIDUAL – FRANCIS P. BEIRNE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

3.1 The first, second, and third place winners will receive individual prizes of \$3,250, \$2,000, and \$1,500, respectively.

4. INDIVIDUAL – MARGARET O’ROURKE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

4.1 The first, second, and third place winners will receive individual prizes of \$1,500, \$1,000, and \$750, respectively.

5. METHOD OF ADJUDICATION

5.1 A number of raters, who will not be provided with any identifying information regarding the names of the applicants or their affiliations, will independently score each paper, based upon an agreed set of standards established by said raters.

*****2017 SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST TOPICS*****

6. TOPIC & MANNER OF PRESENTATION – FRANCIS P. BEIRNE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

6.1 TOPIC – *Discuss Ireland’s ongoing contributions to global technological innovation in the 21st Century.*

6.2 A minimum of 8 and a maximum of 10 typewritten pages (2,000-2,500 words) double spaced, standard one inch margins. A bibliography and citation page are necessary to satisfy requirements and should not be included in the word count. **Writing on the wrong topic will deem the entry invalid.**

7. TOPIC & MANNER OF PRESENTATION – MARGARET O’ROURKE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

7.1 TOPIC – *Discuss the contributions of the Irish and Irish Immigrants to WWI.*

7.2 A minimum of 6 and a maximum of 8 typewritten pages (1,500-2,000 words), double spaced, standard one inch margins. A bibliography and citation page are necessary to satisfy requirements and should not be included in the word count. **Writing on the wrong topic will deem the entry invalid.**

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

8.1 The New York City St. Patrick’s Day Parade Scholarship Committee for 2017 is comprised of the following members: Catherine Tully Muscente, Co-Chairperson, Hilary Beirne, Co-Chairperson, Linda Dowling Almeida, Michael Boyle, Jack Calcado, Ann Garvey, John Garvey, Catherine Hogan, Mary Hogan, Mary Pat Kelly, Turlough McConnell, John O’Connell, Ruth Riddick, Michael Howley and Laura Travers.

8.2 The research paper will be scored on the following criteria: quality of insight/central idea; strength of supporting information; adherence to topic and requirements; cohesiveness; consistency of point of view; grammar/language; sources/documentation.

8.3 Funding for the scholarship is made possible by the generosity of the NYC St. Patrick’s Day Foundation.

8.4 It shall be understood that no award from this scholarship contest shall cause any other financial aid received by any students to be in any way diminished.

8.4 All entries become the property of the St Patrick’s Day Parade Scholarship.

8.5 If there are any additional questions, contact Catherine Muscente - Office: (516) 323-4710.

8.6 All are encouraged to publicize the St. Patrick’s Day Parade Scholarship contests, and to duplicate this announcement and the accompanying application, in order that the maximum number of eligible students might avail themselves of this opportunity.

SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST APPLICATION FORM

The research paper with the official application form attached must be emailed to paradescholarship@molloy.edu no later than **Monday, April 17, 2017**.

Name _____ Home Phone No. _____

Address _____

COLLEGE LEVEL _____ HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL _____ (check one)

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University, College or High School in which the entrant is enrolled

Name _____

Address _____

Principal or Faculty Advisor _____

Telephone No: _____

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Name of family member belonging to an organization affiliated with the 2017 NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Name _____

Relationship to Entrant _____

Name of Organization _____

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For information or questions, please contact:

Catherine Tully Muscente, co-chair, at (516) 323-4710 or email: paradescholarhsip@molloy.edu