

The Greater Washington Ceili Club Frankie Kennedy Memorial Scholarship for Musicians and Dancers

The Frankie Kennedy Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the memory of a wonderful Irish musician whose contributions to Irish culture were much appreciated by the members of GWCC. The scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance to individuals who fall under one of two following options. Option A: the individual has successfully competed in the United States and will travel to Ireland to participate in a major competition. Option B: the individual has successfully enrolled in a structured learning experience from a recognized institute or instructor in Ireland. The scholarships can be awarded throughout the year to accommodate various competitions and educational programs.

The following rules apply to both options:

- 1) The application process is open to any individual who is a member, or the child of a member, in good standing, of the Greater Washington Ceili Club. Applicants must complete the Frankie Kennedy Memorial Scholarship application process set forth in paragraph 6 below, and submit it to the GWCC Board, along with other required documents, at least 45 days prior to planned departure for Ireland. Applications may be submitted electronically or to P.O. Box 1703, Silver Spring, MD 20915-1703.
- 2) The amount of the scholarship will be up to \$500 per student, depending on the availability of funds.
- 3) Upon return to the U.S., each scholarship recipient is expected to submit a short report about the travel/competition or learning experience to the GWCC Board of Directors. [This is more commonly known as a 'thank you' note.] This report can also be in the form of an article for the GWCC newsletter *In Step*.
- 4) Each scholarship recipient is invited to perform at a mutually agreed upon venue for the GWCC community. [This usually occurs as a short piece at one of the monthly ceilis or at another club function. The date, time and length of the performance will be mutually agreed upon and is usually done within the year following the award of the scholarship.]
- 5) All award decisions will be made at the discretion of the GWCC Board of Directors and will be decided by a quorum vote at the board's monthly meeting. All board decisions will be final.
- 6) Specific rules for each option:

Option A: The applicant must write a letter to the GWCC Board, outlining his/her desire and need for such a scholarship, listing the U.S. competition results and listing the Irish competition and dates.

Option B: The applicant must write a letter to the GWCC Board, outlining his/her desire and need for such a scholarship, identifying the Irish institute or instructor and the dates of the learning experience. The applicant must include a recommendation from his/her current instructor and a statement of acceptance from the Irish institute or instructor.

If you have any questions, please contact the GWCC Scholarship Committee at scholarship@gwcc-online.org.