



## Attention – Irish Colleens

You are cordially invited to apply for the

### Miss Saint Patrick 2025 Scholarship

The following scholarships will be awarded:

Miss St. Patrick winner will receive **\$2,000 scholarship.**

Runner up will receive up to **\$1,000 scholarship.**

Miss St. Patrick and Runner Up will be honored in the Hamilton St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 8, 2025. The contest is sponsored by the Hamilton St. Patrick's Parade and Scholarship Committee. Rain date March 22, 2025.

#### **APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS:**

The Scholarship is open to single or never married women of American Citizenship and Irish ancestry between the age of 17 and 21 and a resident of Mercer County New Jersey. You also have to meet ONE of the following criteria.

**Attend a Mercer, Burlington, Somerset, Monmouth, and Ocean County High School in New Jersey and a resident of the counties list in NJ.**

**Must live in Mercer, Burlington, Somerset Monmouth, and Ocean County.**

**Have a parent, grandparent or a sponsor who is a member in good standing of one of the Irish Organizations as follows.**

**Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 1 or Division 10. The Sons and Daughters of Erin. The Friendly Sons and Daughters of St. Patrick. The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 6 or Division 10, The Hamilton St. Patrick Parade Committee and Scholarship or an Irish Organization.**

**You will NOT qualify if you have ever been Miss St. Patrick**

- Deadline for completed entries: Must be postmark by November 20, 2024 (No Applications will be accepted after this date.) Must be received by November 24, 2024
- **We will not accept hand delivered applications. The address to mail is shown on the attached application.**
- Interviews will be held at a future date and time.
- If you are a scholarship winner you will be requested to attend a regularly scheduled Parade Committee meeting to present to the Committee.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB SITE – [www.hamiltonparade.com](http://www.hamiltonparade.com)

# **Hamilton St. Patrick Parade and Scholarship Committee**

## **Miss St. Patrick Scholarship Application 2025**

**Basis of Judging:** The scholarship committee will judge the applicants based on the information presented in the application, an essay evaluation and a personal interview with the committee.

### **Entrance Procedure and Dates:**

1. Complete the attached application. (Please print neatly or type) May attach required information on additional pages if needed.)
2. Each applicant is required to submit a **typed**, original essay entitled, **"My Irish Heritage and Why It Is Important to Me"**. The essay should not exceed 400 words. (Word count at end of the essay double space, Times New Roman 12.
3. A letter of recommendation from a community member (i.e. Guidance Counselor, Teacher, and School or Community Leader or Irish-American Mercer County Organization).
4. Applicants must be available for interviews upon notifications and the winner must be available for presentation to the committee upon notification.
5. Submit the completed application, essay and recommendation forms **MUST BE POST MARK NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 20, 2024**, to the following address:
6. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY ANYONE OR ANY OTHER ADDRESS.**
7. **All applications must be send to**

**The Hamilton St. Patrick Day Parade and Scholarship Committee**  
**P.O Box 9380**  
**Trenton NJ 08650**  
**attn: Jamine McLaughlin**

**Make sure it is POST MARK BY November 20, 2024.**

**HAMILTON'S MISS SAINT PATRICK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2024**

**FULL NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE INITIAL)

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

The phone number given **MUST** be one the Applicant has access to **AND** can receive voice mail.  
Please do not give phone number where the voice messages are not checked!

**DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CELL PHONE NUMBER:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **DO YOU TEXT?** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTHER'S NAME (INCLUDING MAIDEN NAME):** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTHER'S NATIONALITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FATHER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FATHER'S NATIONALITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION**

<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>NAME &amp; LOCATION OF SCHOOL</b>	<b>YEARS ATTENDED</b>	<b>DATE GRADUATED</b>
<b>Elementary School</b>			
<b>Middle School</b>			
<b>High School</b>			
<b>College (Major)</b>			
<b>Technical or Business School</b>			

**Describe your scholastic achievements, interests or any honors received in one or more of the following areas: Scholarship, Music, Art, Athletics, Leadership, Civic involvement or other:**

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**Please list the Organizations/Clubs of which you are a member and give a brief description of your involvement. (Irish, Religious, Civic, Social, School, Community Service, etc.):**

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**If you are awarded our scholarship what does being Miss St. Patrick means to you.**

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**Do you read, write or speak any foreign languages?**

**YES**

**NO**

**If Yes, which language?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What special talents or hobbies do you have?** \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that the information on this application is complete and true.**

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMITMENT:**

**\*\*In order to receive our scholarship, all Applicants MUST agree and sign the following: \*\***

**If selected Miss St. Patrick or Runner Up, I understand that I must participate in the Hamilton St. Patrick Day Parade on Saturday March 8, 2025 (Rain Date March 22, 2025)This includes parade committee fund-raiser, pre-parade events dates prior to parade day and post parade commitments on the dates above.**

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Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
organization and phone number

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Sponsor Signature (if applicable)    organization and phone

## COMMUNITY MEMBER RECOMMENDATION FORM

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate how long you have known the applicant, whether you consider the Applicant worthy of the honor of Miss St. Patrick and what your opinion of the Applicant's ability to carry out the role of Miss St. Patrick. Complete your answers in the space provided or attach your recommendation to this form. Please include Applicant's name, your name and title on any attachments.**

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**Community Member-Print Name**

**Signature**

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**Position/Title**

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### Address, City, State and Zip

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### Phone Number and Email Address

Original essay entitled, **"My Irish Heritage and Why It Is Important to Me"**.

**The essay should not exceed 400 words. (Word count at end of the essay double space, Times New Roman 12.**

## Requirement if you become Miss St. Patrick

### **Miss St. Patrick.**

Your role is to come to all functions that the St. Patrick Scholarship and Parade Committee runs or sponsor. You must be committed all day to being available on parade day or rain date if necessary. You will need to be on the float on those dates of the parade.

### **Runner up**

If you are the runner up, you must be available on parade day dates. Also, you must be available if Miss St. Patrick cannot fulfill her obligations you would need to step up into that position.

### **All Candidates**

All candidates will be score on 4 categories. The categories will be in weighed and scored from 1 to 5 with implements of .25.

Application – Essay

Community involvement

Interview

Presentation