

# U.S. High School Program in Galway, Ireland



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Adventure 2018

### SCHOLARSHIP

Win a place on our  
Summer Program in Ireland.  
July 7th - 20th 2018

**The “O’Brien” Scholarship**  
Value: \$2,500 : Runner-up: \$1,000

To enter, write an essay based on the  
inspiring words of President J. F. Kennedy  
“Leadership and learning are indispensable  
to each other”.

Deadline: Tuesday April 17th 2018

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## Contest

Essay Competition for the O'Brien Scholarship 2018

Essay Title: "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other".

Using the inspiring words of J.F.K., write an essay, giving your personal response to this title.

## Background

We are delighted to present the 2018 O'Brien Scholarship. The scholarship is dedicated to the memory of the O'Brien family of Galway and Roscommon, Ireland, and we are extremely grateful to their extended family in Chicago, Michael and Marlene Gaffney, who have so generously sponsored this award.

The O'Brien Scholarship presents high school students with an opportunity to display their ideas, beliefs and of course their writing skills. The winner of this year's scholarship will be awarded a free place on our summer program.

Speaking to the assembled crowds on his visit to Galway, June 29th 1963, President John F. Kennedy emphasised the connection between the West of Ireland and the United States of America. He was made a Freeman of Galway and given the Freedom of the City.

Recognised as one of the greatest U.S. Presidents, he deeply impacted the United States and the world. The descendant of Irish emigrants, his homecoming to Ireland in 1963 generated a huge outpouring of warmth and welcome throughout Ireland. This wonderful welcome to U.S. citizens and great bond between our two countries is stronger now than ever. Galway's beautiful city centre park in Eyre Square is named John F. Kennedy Memorial Park in honour of the late President. This is also where the Celtic Irish American Academy began and it is why we have chosen his words for the title of our essay for the O'Brien Scholarship.

## **Rules of Competition**

All submissions must be emailed to  
Scholarship@CelticIrishAmericanAcademy.com  
by April 10th 2018.

You must be a High School student to enter.

Only one entry per student and the maximum  
number of words is 1000.

All entries must be student's original work.

CIAA reserves the right to disqualify an entry if we  
suspect plagiarism.

Each entry must have a school sponsor.

The sponsor can be your school principal,  
guidance counsellor or a subject teacher.

This person's contact details must be included  
with your entry.

You must include the following details on the cover  
page of your essay: name, school, age, class year  
and other relevant information.

You need to have parental consent to travel  
should you be a winner.

The scholarship and the other awards are not  
transferable. The winners can only use the awards  
as credit towards their place on our 2018 program.

Air fares are not included.

Winners will be notified by email and must confirm  
to us that they will be in a position to accept their  
award, within 48 hours.

A shortlisting of entries will be held by the judges  
of the competition.

Winners will have to complete a CIAA program  
application form.

CIAA reserves the right to reproduce submissions  
to be used for contest promotion.

The decisions of the CIAA judges are final.

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