



2012 Rose of Raleigh Contest Application

Deadline February 4, 2012

This contest is open to young women of Irish birth or ancestry residing in the North Carolina Triangle area (counties of Wake, Franklin, Johnston, Durham, Chatham, Harnett or Orange). Contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 23. Two finalists will be chosen for a brief personal interview Saturday, February 18, 2012.

The Winner will receive \$500, Sash & Tiara The Runner-up will receive \$250

The two finalists must be present at the *Grand Irish Ceili* to be held Saturday, February 18, 2012, in downtown Raleigh for the presentation of the winner; and the Winner must be present at the **2012 St. Patrick's Day Parade** on **Saturday, March 17th** at noon in downtown Raleigh.

The "Rose of Raleigh" contest consists of an essay submission of 500-700 words on one of two topics:
What Irish traditions are you most proud of and how do you keep them alive in your life.
or

What does your Irish ancestry and heritage mean to you

Applications and essays will be accepted via email to Debbie Murphy dmurphy@raleighstpats.org or via US mail to

**Raleigh St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee
P.O. Box 80391
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Name	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone Home/Cell	
Permanent Address (if different)	
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Current School	
Parents Name(s)	
Describe your Irish Ancestry, including counties of heritage if known	
Briefly describe yourself (characteristics, interests aspirations)	

Please attach written essay