



**Raleigh St. Patrick's Day Parade
Shamrock Irish Heritage Essay Contest**

Deadline - February 6, 2017

The contest is open to young men and women of Irish birth or ancestry residing in the Triangle Area and surrounding counties, North Carolina. Contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 23. Two young men and two young women will be chosen as finalists from submitted essays and must be present for a personal interview on February 11, location to be determined.

The two selected Winners must be present at the **2017 St. Patrick's Day Parade** on **Saturday, March 11th** at 10:00AM in downtown Raleigh.

The Winners will receive \$1000, & Sash The Runner-ups will receive \$500

The Shamrock Irish Heritage 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/essays will be accepted via email to Debbie Murphy dmurphy@raleighstpats.org or via US mail to: Raleigh St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, PO Box 98862, Raleigh, NC 27624

Name	
Email	
Street	
City, State, Zip	
Phone Home/Cell	
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