



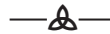
# The MAE O'DRISCOLL SCHOLARSHIP

MAE O'DRISCOLL was born in Lisheen, Skibber-  
een, County Cork, Ireland.  
She was educated at the lo-  
cal National School and the Convent of Mercy in  
Skibbereen. In 1958 she immigrated to New York  
and worked in the Banking and Travel Industries.  
She continued her education at Brooklyn College  
where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree  
in Accounting. After twenty eight years of service  
Mae recently retired from J. P. Morgan & Compa-  
ny where she was an Assistant Vice President.

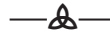
Mae has been active in the Irish American com-  
munity since her arrival in New York. Whether  
it was in organizing a benefit for a worthy cause  
or walking a picket line in support of Civil  
Rights, Mae could always be counted among the  
most actively involved. Mae's care and concern  
once again manifested itself in the 1980s when  
thousands of undocumented Irish immigrants  
flocked to our shores. In response to the cri-  
sis situation facing these immigrants, the Irish  
Immigration Reform Movement (IIRM) was  
founded at the Cork Association meeting in May  
1987. Mae is a charter member and served as  
Chairperson of the New York State Branch. The  
IIRM successfully lobbied for comprehensive  
immigration reform. As a result of their dedi-  
cated efforts the "Immigration Act of 1990" was  
passed into law providing thousands of visas for  
the Irish through the "Morrison Visa" program.  
Mae is also a founding member of the Emerald  
Isle Immigration Center, a fully staffed Immi-  
grant Advice Center, with offices in Woodside,  
Queens and Woodlawn, in the Bronx. Mae has  
encouraged many to pursue education to college  
level as she did herself. She continues to serve the

Irish immigrant community in her work as Di-  
rector and Trustee of the EIIC.

Mae resides in Brooklyn and is a member of  
Good Shepherd Parish.



The Mae O'Driscoll Scholarship was established  
by the Board of the Emerald Isle Immigration  
Center with funds contributed by friends of  
Mae to recognize her singular contribution to  
the Irish American community and particularly  
Irish immigrants to New York. The "inaugural"  
scholarship awards will be in the amounts of  
\$500, \$300 and \$200 to provide financial aid for  
higher education to an immigrant or the son or  
daughter or grandson/granddaughter of an im-  
migrant to the US.



## WHO CAN APPLY?

Applicants must be: Qualifying immigrants (indi-  
viduals who have immigrated to the US from an-  
other country), or, children and grandchildren  
of such immigrants who are enrolled in an ac-  
credited US post-secondary educational facility.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

*(Please read carefully)*

- **All submissions will be accepted via email only**
- **The email address to send your submission to: scholarship@eiic.org**
- **Place use the following subject line: Mae O'Driscoll Scholarship**
- **Applications must be recieved before 5pm on October 12, 2010**

## REQUIREMENTS

Your requirements are both an essay (as speci-  
fied below) and the answers to these questions:

- 1) Your Name
- 2) Your Address
- 3) Your Phone Number
- 4) Why do you qualify to apply for this scholar-  
ship? (See previous section: 'Who can apply?';  
please specify if you are a qualifying immi-  
grant, or the child or grandchild of a qualify-  
ing immigrant)
- 5) Depending on your answer to Question 4,  
what year did you, your parent or your grand-  
parent immigrate to the US, and what was the  
country of origin?
- 6) What is the highest level of education you  
have obtained thus far?
- 7) Where will you be enrolled for the upcoming  
Spring semester?

**ESSAY:** We would like to know something about  
your educational background and/or work his-  
tory, your post secondary college plans and your  
long term career goals. Please provide us with an  
essay (1000–1500 words or 3–5 pages) that dis-  
cusses your life as a learner and the way that the  
Mae O'Driscoll Scholarship would help you to  
realize that future.

Place your answers to our questions in the  
body of your email response, and attach your  
essay in one of the following two formats only:  
Microsoft Word, or as a PDF.

**Note:** an incomplete application (i.e. an in-  
complete set of answers to our questions, and/or  
an essay which doesn't meet our guidelines) will  
be rejected.