

George J. Mitchell Scholarship

Purpose	From the website: <i>To introduce and connect generations of future American leader to the island of Ireland while recognizing and fostering intellectual achievement, leadership and a commitment to public service and community.</i> Established by the US-Ireland Alliance. Honors the role Senator Mitchell played in peace talks in Northern Ireland.
Award	
<i>Tenable</i>	Any university in Ireland or Northern Ireland. All majors are eligible. Award is only applicable to graduate study.
<i>Number & Amount</i>	Twelve awards annually. Funds tuition and housing. Also funds travel to and from Ireland. A living stipend and additional travel stipend (to encourage travel in Ireland and beyond) are also provided.
<i>Duration</i>	One year of graduate study. Students are encouraged to select programs that offer a degree in that timeframe.
Eligibility	
<i>Who</i>	US citizen between 18-30. Complete undergrad degree before matriculating in Ireland. Any major offered by the university of choice (but funding duration makes one-year degree programs most logical).
<i>When</i>	May apply as college senior or recent graduate.
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Record of leadership and service. Stellar academic record. Demonstrate desire to serve others and better the world. Two interview stages. Twenty finalists interview in DC. Studying a distinctly Irish topic and/or claiming Irish descent confers no advantage. The Mitchell prefers students who (<i>ceteris paribus</i>) have <i>not</i> spent time in Ireland before . . . but merit factors are most important.
Campus Deadline	Students should apply for nomination in conjunction with the Rhodes/Marshall nomination process. Generally due in March.
Deadline	Typically in early October.
Application	Online application. Resume data. 1000 word personal statement. Five letters of reference. Campus endorsement. Additionally sent by mail: proof of citizenship, ten transcripts (one original) and five photos of the applicant.
Contact	Jim Hohenbary is the Mitchell Representative for K-State. He can be reached at 112 Eisenhower or (785) 532-6904
Other	Flexibility regarding which school you attend is valued. The Mitchell is extremely competitive. Mitchell interviews have recently conflicted with Rhodes interviews. More information is available at www.us-irelandalliance.org . The profiles of Irish schools and of past winners are very helpful.