

## George J. Mitchell Scholarship

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<b>Purpose</b>	<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 US-Ireland Alliance. Honors the role Senator Mitchell played in peace talks in Northern Ireland.
<b>Award</b>	
<i>Tenable</i>	Any university in Ireland or Northern Ireland. All majors are eligible. Award is only applicable to graduate study.
<i>Number &amp; 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.
<b>Eligibility</b>	
<i>Who</i>	US citizen. Must be at least 18 years old. Must not yet have turned 30 on September 30 in the deadline year. Must complete undergrad degree before matriculating in Ireland. Any major offered (but funding duration makes one-year degree programs most logical).
<i>When</i>	May apply nationally as college senior or recent graduate.
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Judged on scholarship, leadership, and service/sustained commitment to community. Two interview stages. Semifinalists interviewed remotely. Twenty finalists interview in D.C. Studying a distinctly Irish topic and/or claiming Irish descent confers no advantage. The Mitchell prefers students who have <i>not</i> spent time in Ireland before, but merit factors are most important.
<b>Campus Deadline</b>	Students should apply for campus nomination in the Spring semester before the national deadline. Generally due in March or early April.
<b>Deadline</b>	End of September/early October.
<b>Application</b>	Online application. Résumé data. 1000 word personal statement. Five letters of reference. Campus endorsement. Proof of citizenship. Photo. Transcripts. Copy of signature. All uploaded. Also an automated video interview.
<b>Contact</b>	Jim Hohenbary is the Mitchell Representative for K-State. He can be reached at 204 Leadership Studies or (785) 532-3422.
<b>Other</b>	Flexibility regarding which school you attend is valued. Mitchell interviews conflict with Rhodes interviews so applying for both in the same year poses a dilemma.  More details are available at <a href="http://www.us-irelandalliance.org">www.us-irelandalliance.org</a> . The profiles of Irish schools and of past winners are very helpful.

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