

The 2020 Robert Emmet Society Scholarship

Presented by the Robert Emmet Society and North Central Michigan College

INTENT TO PARTICIPATE:

_____ Yes, I intend to participate in this scholarship competition.

_____ Yes, I am enrolled in an academic program at North Central for the 2019-2020 school year for at least seven credits per semester.

Name (print): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Credit Hours completed: _____

References: Please provide contact information for three references. References should be a variety of North Central faculty and personal references.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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I, _____, have discussed the application requirements and understand the responsibilities that may be required of me in regards to submitting an essay and completing the necessary actions if awarded the scholarship. **I also understand and accept that failure to complete any of the necessary steps may disqualify me for the scholarship.**

Student Signature

Date

Director of Student Outreach and Engagement Signature

Date

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The Robert Emmet Society is a local organization dedicated to promoting the legacy of Irish patriot Robert Emmet, the namesake of Emmet County. For more information about the organization, visit www.emmetsociety.org.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Entrants must be enrolled for at least SEVEN credits each semester in an academic program at North Central for the 2019-2020 school year, and be committed to studying at GMIT from mid-September 2020 through the end of the fall term (December).
- Online courses may count toward the seven-credit minimum.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Meet with Corey Lansing, Director of Student Outreach and Engagement at North Central by **January 31, 2020**. Complete and turn in the Scholarship Application.
2. Write an essay on the following topic:
Who was Robert Emmet, what did he believe/value and, how does that relate to our world today?
3. **NOTE: If you are a prior applicant for the scholarship, you will need to write a new essay around the same general question, above.**
4. Essay criteria:
 - 1,250 words minimum, 2,500 words maximum
 - Typed, double-spaced
 - Source material for factual information cited in APA, MLA, or Chicago style format
 - Bibliography page citing all sources (video, print, Internet - with annotations as needed)
 - Title page showing: Name, home address, email address and phone number.
5. Research on the life and times of Robert Emmet are available at the North Central library. Cite research in the essay according to criteria.
6. Submit essay to Corey Lansing, Director of Student Outreach and Engagement by **February 14, 2020**.
7. Selected scholarship recipient (see process below) will commit to attend the **Fall Semester at GMIT in September 2020**. Student has reviewed and understand the responsibilities to be an International Student.
8. **Failure to complete any of the steps above, may disqualify student for scholarship.**

SELECTION PROCESS:

Three finalists will be chosen for interviews based on the quality of their essay submissions as judged by a panel of readers. The final decision will be made by a joint panel that considers the interviews, the essay results and student records at North Central. The scholarship recipient will be announced by March 31, 2020. Awarding of this annual scholarship is contingent on the committee's decision that a candidate has emerged from the essay competition and interview process who will be an outstanding representative in Ireland of the Robert Emmet Society, North Central Michigan College and our community.

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Robert Emmet Society responsibilities:

Tuition. The Society will cover, through agreement with Galway Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT), tuition for classes in the Heritage Studies Department at GMIT. Classes from other departments at GMIT are not eligible, and are not covered by the scholarship.

Round trip airfare. From Detroit, or Chicago to Dublin Ireland. Alternate departure locations from the United States are possible, but must be agreed to by RES. Changing the return date to your original departure location is possible. There would be an additional charge to do so, and would be the student's responsibility.

Cost of student accommodations at Glasan Student Village. Located just off the GMIT campus. Specifically a Twin En Suite sharing room. This is a room you will be sharing with another GMIT student. Specifics about the room are available on request from RES, or online. Note that RES does not cover the required damage security deposit. This deposit is refunded to the student at the end of the semester. Refund of your security deposit is subject to you returning your room in the same condition it was when first occupied by you.

Health insurance. This is required by Irish Immigration. Insurance must be purchased by the student, and proof of insurance will be required, prior to departure, as you need this health insurance documentation to enter Ireland. RES will reimburse the student for the cost of the policy prior to the student leaving for Ireland. A copy of the insurance certificate will be required for reimbursement.

Immigration registration. The student will complete this requirement after arrival in Ireland, and having settled into Glasan. Once registered, the student will need to email a copy of the registration, and cost, so RES can reimburse the cost.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

Register for classes. The scholarship awarded student will need to take the lead applying to Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT) with North Central's Vice President of Student Affairs. Student Affairs will guide student through the course registration process with GMIT. There is a GMIT orientation booklet for International Students available from GMIT.

Departure, and return date. The GMIT website (www.gmit.ie/) will state when classes start. **Departure date needs to be given to RES by mid-June.** They need to give the travel agency a departure and return date to buy a ticket. The ticket will be one that the student can change the return date, if desired. However, any additional fees to change the return date or possible airline cost differences will be the student's responsibility.

Accommodations. Student is responsible for arranging accommodations. RES recommends the student to stay at Glasan student village, www.galwaystudentlettings.com , just off campus. Additional student housing information may be found at Tir na gCapall (www.tirnagcapall.com) and Gleann Na R (www.gmitstudents.com). Student need to contact them and register for lodging. Space is limited, but sure to arrange soon as possible. **Application to Glasan for accommodations should start within two weeks of being awarded the scholarship.**

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Security deposit. Damage-Security deposit for accommodations at Glasan are the responsibility of the student. RES does not cover this fee.

Book costs. Student pays for, then RES will reimburse. Most materials needed are available in the library, or supplied as part of the class.

Immigration registration and fees. Student registers and pays for, then RES will reimburse. Required under Irish law.

Health Insurance. Student register and pays for, then RES will reimburse. Required under Irish law. This insurance must be purchased before departure, as proof of insurance needs be shown to immigration control upon entry to Ireland.

A bank account in Ireland. Under Irish law, once in Ireland, the student is required to open a bank account there.

Passport. Acquiring a Passport is the responsibility of the student, and a requirement to enter Ireland, and reenter the United States. **If you do not have a passport, we strongly suggest you apply for one, now. Applications can be delayed by the US Government. The sooner you apply, the better.**

Correspondence. Student will maintain contact with a representative of RES throughout the semester. Provide regular updates including letters to home and photographs of the student's time at GMIT, so that they may be posted to the RES website and Facebook page.

NOTE: Failure to complete any of the steps above by the deadline, mid-June, may disqualify student for scholarship.

A short note from the Chairman of the Robert Emmet Society

We appreciate your interest in the Robert Emmet Society Scholarship, and congratulate in advance the recipient of the 2019-2020 scholarship. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience an amazing part of the world. Many of our past scholarship winners tell us this opportunity and experience in Ireland has truly changed their lives.

Answering your questions regarding the scholarship process, subsequent enrollment, and "life in Galway" while attending GMIT, are available from a variety of sources. At the GMIT website, there is a handbook for International students that can cover many questions you might have. The Vice President of Student Affairs at NCMC can help with the class enrollment process. In addition, Corey Lansing, Director of Student Outreach and Engagement is also available to talk with you.

Good luck on your application, and we look forward to working with the winner of the Scholarship

*Corey Lansing
Director of Student Outreach and Engagement
North Central Michigan College*

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