



GERARD MCDONNELL MEMORIAL AWARD

Administered by the Irish Club of Alaska

Gerard McDonnell (1971-2008) was a beloved member of the Alaska Irish Music Community. Gerard's musical abilities were well respected in the Community. He encouraged young people to participate in Irish music and dance as well as promoting those arts in Alaska. Gerard was born in Ireland but considered Alaska his home away from home. To honor Gerard's contributions and remember his special place in the Alaska Irish music community, the Irish Club of Alaska created the GERARD MCDONNELL MEMORIAL AWARD, which is presented each year to a young individual selected from the applications sent to the Board of Directors of the Irish Club of Alaska (ICA). The award trophy and plaque were contributed to ICA by Gerard's family from Ireland.

An applicant for the Gerard McDonnell Memorial Award should be a person under 25 years of age who participates in and contributes to the Irish Music/Dance/ Culture and Community of Alaska. Applications (with supporting documents) should be returned to the Irish Club of Alaska C/O Celtic Treasures (addresses on page two of application packet). Applicants should be a member of the Irish Club of Alaska.

Applicant's Name: _____

Irish Music/Irish Dance/Cultural (Storytelling, Poetry) Interest: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name (if under 18): _____

Please answer the questions below: (You may attach additional pages, if needed.)

1. Please describe how you contribute to the Irish Music/Culture of Alaska:

2. Please describe how you intend to use the funds from the Ger McDonnell Award to further your education or contribution to the Irish Music/Culture of Alaska:

Please provide two letters of reference from members of the community who can verify your participation in the Irish Arts (Music, Dance, Storytelling, Poetry)

Please attach the letters to this application and turn in the complete packet to the Irish Club of Alaska

**C/O Celtic Treasures,
4240 Old Seward Hwy. #2,
Anchorage, AK 99503**

2012 Nominations Due Oct. 15, 2012