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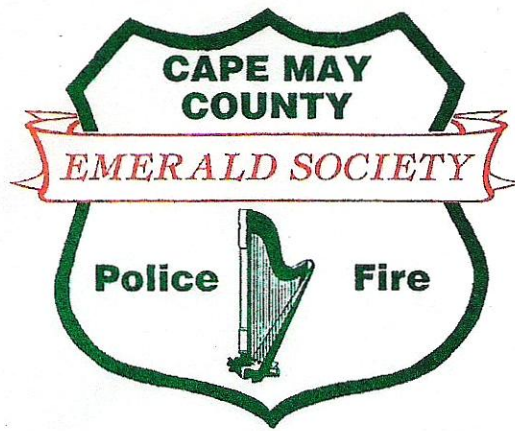
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November 18, 2017

Dear Child/Grandchild of Cape May County Police and Fire Emerald Society Member:

The Cape May County Police & Fire Emerald Society is a charitable organization. Its members are active and retired Law Enforcement, Firefighters, EMT's and civilians of Irish Heritage who live in Cape May County and surrounding areas. The Society has numerous charitable endeavors and we would like to include schools in the Cape May County area as well as Member's children or grandchildren to participate in our Scholarship Program. We are conducting an essay contest in which the student explains the reasons "Irish Americans are attracted to the Public Safety Sector" (i.e. Police, Fire and EMT). The essay should include the writer's opinion on this subject along with the writer actually interviewing an active or retired Irish American from the Public Safety Sector. The students who participate must be of Irish Heritage and be active in the community. The deadline for the application and essay is March 15th, 2018. Applicants must be high school seniors who will be graduating in 2018 and pursuing a higher education.

There will be three (3) winners selected from the applicants who submit essays. There will be a total of \$3,000 in scholarship prizes awarded to students who wish to advance their education. The prizes awarded will be as follows: \$1,500 for the 1st place winner, \$1,000 for 2nd place and \$500 for 3rd place.

We would like to present the scholarship winners at our May meeting and have them read their essays to our membership. The checks will then be sent to the recipients upon proof of attendance and a copy of their marks for the first semester at the college they are attending.

Patricia Hall, a former teacher and contributing Columnist for the Herald Newspaper, will act as our judge. Enclosed are applications; if you need more, they can be found on our website at www.cmcemeraldssociety.com or can be copied. If you or your guidance counselor have any questions, please e-mail them to the below address. Respectfully,

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