

**IRISH CULTURAL SOCIETY
WRITING CONTEST 2008**

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all students in grades 9 through 12 in the schools in Nassau County.

PROJECT: An interview with a person from Irish history or culture. The subject of the interview will be found in an article saved in the archives in our web site: **irish-society.org**.

Contest entrants will write the questions and answers of an interview with a person found in the articles from our newsletter, *The Hedgemaster*. These articles are archived at our web site, **irish-society.org**. The writer can choose to be him/herself as the interviewer, or the writer can role play the part of a professional interviewer from the media. The interviewer can pose easily answered questions about facts, or the interviewer can be an aggressive, probing interrogator. The writer has free choice in the tone of the interview. Length: About 300-500 words.

USEFUL RESOURCES: Our articles archived at **irish-society.org** are sufficient for the writer to generate an interview. Of course, the writer can enrich the entry by finding more information about the subject on the internet or in books. There are many examples of interviews that can be used as models on television and the radio and in magazines and newspapers.

CRITERIA: The judge will rate most highly those entries which create convincing characters, both the interviewer and the subject. Probing and insightful questions and authentic responses will be recognized.

ENTRY FORMAT: Typed, writer's name at
end of entry; no school identification

DEADLINE: March 17, 2008

COVER SHEET: Writer's name, address,
home phone; school; sponsoring
teacher (No plastic covers, please.)

PRIZES: 1st \$125; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$75
(three awards); Honorable
Mention \$25 (twenty awards)

All entrants will receive a Certificate of Merit

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