

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WILLIAM F. O'CONNOR SHANACHIE AWARD**

**The William F. O'Connor Shanachie Award is given annually to one high school senior from Northampton High School, Smith Vocational High School or Hampshire Regional High School. Students who apply for this award must meet the following criteria:**

### **CRITERIA**

- **Be a graduating senior of one of the following High Schools: Northampton High School, Smith Vocational High School or Hampshire Regional High School**
- **Has worked to his/her full potential during his/her high school years by making the best use of the abilities that he/she possesses**
- **Displays a good sense of humor and a knack for story-telling**

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

1. Students may pick up an application in their Guidance Office and must complete it in full. In addition, Guidance Counselors may also submit their nominations for this award.
2. The application **must be accompanied by appropriate documentation** to support the criteria established for this award.
3. Completed applications and accompanying documentation may be submitted through your Guidance Department or by mailing to:

Jean Bryant  
46 Whittier St.  
Florence, MA 01062

4. All applications must be submitted with accompanying material **NO LATER THAN THE FIRST FRIDAY OF FEBRUARY OF THE AWARD YEAR.** This is a firm deadline.

5. **This award carries with it a \$1000 check in hand to the student and does not affect financial aid since this is an award and not a scholarship.** The winner is presented the award at the annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast; newspaper coverage includes a photograph and an article about the winner; and the winner is invited to be a part of the Northampton delegation in the annual Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade.

**THE WILLIAM F. O'CONNOR SHANACHIE AWARD**

**Write a funny story and win \$1000**

**APPLICATION FORM**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL** \_\_\_\_\_



1. **SHORT ESSAY.** Please write a short essay that shows how you embody the criteria for this award.
2. **Recommendations.** Please list the 3 or more names of those who support your candidacy for this award and are aware of the specific criteria mentioned above. Written recommendations **must be enclosed** with your application.
3. Please attach all accompanying documents to the application form and submit **NO LATER THAN THE FIRST FRIDAY OF FEBRUARY OF THE AWARD YEAR.** Applications received after that date will not be considered. Submit to your Guidance Department or mail to: Jean Bryant, 46 Whittier St., Florence, MA 01062.