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**Scots' Charitable Society**  
**Boston, Massachusetts**  
Instituted in 1657

Dear applicant,

We at the Scots' Charitable Society welcome your interest in becoming a member of the oldest active charitable society in the western hemisphere. As a member, you will have the opportunity to connect with other people of Scottish background, promote Scottish culture and contribute to the betterment of the Scots community.

The Scots' Charitable Society was formed in Boston in 1657 to assist those Scots imprisoned following the Battles of Dunbar in 1650 and Worcester in 1651 and then exiting indentured servitude after 7 long years of hard labor, mostly in the iron works of Saugus and communities surrounding Boston. Today, our main cause is the award of scholarships to undergraduate students of Scottish extraction. We also have several committees, focusing on Scottish culture, the history of the society, finance and investment, entertainment and events, marketing and communications, scholarship awards, maintaining two gravesites owned by the society and relief for those in need.

More of the history of the society can be found at our website: <http://scots-charitable.org/>.

While we put on a variety of events over the course of the year, our major fundraising event is the St Andrew's Day dinner, held each November. It's a fun night out with food, music, dancing and prizes. Additionally, we hold an annual golf outing. For more information on these events, please keep an eye on our website.

The best way to keep informed about upcoming events is to stay tuned to any of the following:  
<http://scots-charitable.org/>  
<http://www.facebook.com/scotscharitable>  
<http://www.meetup.com/Scottish-Heritage/>  
<https://twitter.com/ScotsCharitable>

The process for membership involves the applicant submitting a completed application with the application fee of \$10. The application will be reviewed by the membership secretary and then will be invited for an in-person interview or teleconference with members of the membership committee. If the membership committee finds all is in order, you will become a member upon the \$50 first year's payment of dues. You will then be introduced at the next quarterly membership meeting. Membership is limited to men and women of Scottish extraction, while those not of Scottish blood may choose to join as a member of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Newly-inducted members will be subject to a 2-year probationary period, during which the member may not recommend a family member for a scholarship. This restriction may be waived during this period if the member serves as an active member of a committee or as an officer of the board of governors.

I look forward to meeting you in the future.

Yours aye,

Christopher Young

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