

Oak, Ash, and Thorn: School of Bardic Wisdom

Mission Statement:

Oak, Ash, and Thorn: School of Bardic Wisdom shall exist for the purpose of:

- collecting, preserving, developing, teaching, and promoting the cultural wisdom, arts, and skills of the six Insular Celtic nations of: Ireland, the Isle of Man, Scotland, Wales, Cornwall, and Brittany as they expressed and developed themselves from prehistory to the present time
- providing a comprehensive, holistic education that emphasizes healthy social and personal development and integrates the knowledge and skills of multiple disciplines through cultural immersion, practical experience, and personal, creative exploration and expression
- encouraging students of the Celtic arts to follow their dreams and supporting them in the development, refinement, and mastery of their chosen skills through sponsorship, respectful competition, and recognized accomplishment
- fostering healthy, interdependent, mutually beneficial relationships amongst the members of the local and wider Celtic community through education, festive events, and intentional gatherings
- training individuals to serve in the Order of the Threefold Flame so as to promote Druidry and serve the community for charitable, religious, and educational purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code
- Upon dissolution of this organization, assets shall first be distributed to its parent organization, The Order of the Threefold Flame—such that it qualifies for 501(c)(3) status at the time of dissolution of this organization—for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or excepting this shall then be distributed to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for Celtic Neopagan religious, educational or charitable purposes as shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

OAT promotes an environment of tolerance and acceptance of diversity and thus enrollment shall not be denied to any person on the basis of gender, race, affectional orientation, creed, religion, or national origin.