



## **Scholarship Guidelines 2025 Inland Empire Dance Collective**

### **Purpose**

The Dance We Do offers scholarships to support young dancers of all abilities, backgrounds, and genders who are passionate about pursuing dance education. We recognize that financial limitations can prevent some dancers from continuing their training, exploring their artistic growth, and fully committing to their passion. Through these scholarships, our goal is to help remove these barriers by providing financial assistance with tuition and fees, allowing talented dancers to focus on what matters most—developing their skills and nurturing their love for dance.

### **Criteria for Selection**

- The application must be received by May 10, 2025
- Applicants must be performing in the 2025 Inland Empire Dance Collective
- Prior dance training is not required
- Applicants may range in age from 18 months to 18 years old
- Applicants dance studio/organization must be in Riverside or San Bernardino County
- Dancer's application will be evaluated based on:
  - Completion of the application requirements including attention to detail and elaboration of information requested

### **Amount and Scope of Scholarship**

- The scholarship amount is to be determined by The Dance We Do
- Scholarship funds may only be applied toward tuition and fees
- Families with multiple dancers may apply for a scholarship for each child, however, separate applications must be completed for each child

#### ***Scholarship funds may be used for the following:***

- Payment of regular tuition and competition rehearsals
- Payment of company/competition costumes and required recital/showcase costumes
- Payment of competition/convention fees for competitions/conventions registered by the dancer's studio/organization
- Payment of private lessons at the dancer's studio/organization
- Payment of master classes held at dancer's studio/organization
- Payment of studio/team apparel
- Registration/audition fees required to participate at studio/organization

#### ***Scholarship funds may not be used for the following:***

- Payment of lessons outside of the dance studio/organization in which the recipient is enrolled at the time of selection
- Payment of wellness appointments, including physical therapy, chiropractic and massage
- Payment of tuition more than scholarship award

- Payment of hotel for out of town performing events
- Payment of overdue tuition owed for prior sessions

## Application:

### Basic Information

- Dancer's Name
- Dancer's Age
- Dancer's Date of Birth
- Parent's Name
- Address
- Email
- Dance Studio/Organization's Information
- Dance Studio/Organization's Contact
- Dance Studio/Organization's Email

### Essay

- The dancer must provide a detailed response to the information listed below:
  - **Personal Needs/Limitations Related to Dance:** Describe any challenges, limitations, or barriers you face in pursuing dance. Be specific about how these affect your ability to continue training or progress in your dance journey.
  - **Impact of the Scholarship:** Explain how receiving this scholarship would directly support your dance education. How would it alleviate your current challenges and help you grow as a dancer?
  - **Why You Should Be Awarded This Scholarship:** Share why you believe you are a deserving candidate for this scholarship. Highlight your passion, dedication, and commitment to your dance education and any qualities that make you stand out.
  - **Your Future in Dance:** Discuss your aspirations in dance. Where do you see dance taking you in the future, both personally and professionally?
  - **Additional Information:** Include any other details that you feel are important for the selection committee to know. This could include special accomplishments, personal stories, or other circumstances that make you a strong candidate for this scholarship.

### Dancer's Photo

- A professional photo is not required
- Please ensure the photo is appropriate for a general audience

### Dancer's Video

- Submit a video that showcases your dancing
- The video should be between 1 to 2 minutes long

## Award Process

- Application must be complete and include all requested documentation
- Applicants will be notified of selection on May 18, 2025, at the Inland Empire Dance Collective Event

- The Dance We Do is an equal opportunity organization. Scholarship decisions are made based on the above criteria and are not based on race, color, origin, religion, gender or sexual orientation

**Responsibilities if awarded a Scholarship**

- Scholarship recipients and their families are expected to be good role models for other dancers in the community and the organizations that are affiliated

**Renewal of Scholarship**

- This scholarship is not automatically renewed each year
- Dancers who receive a scholarship must re-apply to be awarded additional scholarships