



## DANCE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP FORM

### **WHAT IS THE COLES COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL DANCE SCHOLARSHIP?**

The **Dance Arts Scholarship**, a program of the **Coles County Arts Council**, was established to provide scholarships to Coles County *middle and high school students* with a demonstrated talent and interest in dance. The goal of the scholarship is to provide young dancers opportunities to advance their dance education in different genres.

The **CCAC Dance Arts Scholarship** has no set award range, but past awards have averaged approximately \$200. In accordance with scholarship policy, all checks must be paid directly to the program or organization the applicant selects, on behalf of the recipient, and must be used by March of the following calendar year.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?**

- Applicants must reside in Coles County, IL.
- Applicants must have a demonstrated interest and talent in dance.
- Applicants must be registered, or in the process of registering to attend a dance activity/program. ***These funds are NOT for college attendance or tuition.***
- Applicant must be in grades 6–12 and attending a middle or high school in Coles County, IL. Homeschooled students must be in equivalent grade levels, and can provide documentation.
- Applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

### **WHAT TYPES OF ACTIVITY WILL THIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND?**

- One-day workshops and master classes offered by a non-local dance teacher, organization or company.
- Camps or intensives at a higher education institution, dance company, arts school or arts organization
- Internship opportunities at a dance company
- Attendance at a dance conference/convention
- Formal or informal study or travel conducted according to an individual program or proposal
- Membership in dance training organizations
- Online training programs such as dance education institutes, professional training programs, etc.

This scholarship will not be used to fund local private arts instruction (for example, a home studio); the purchase of gear (leotards, pointe shoes, etc.) or the purchase of subscriptions.

If you have questions concerning the application or eligibility of an activity, contact the Coles County Arts Council (ATTN: Krishna Thomas) for clarification.

### **WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED?**

The Coles County Arts Council requests that scholarship recipients provide a summary follow-up report following the conclusion of the activity/program.



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### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To be considered for a scholarship, an applicant must submit ALL of the following by the deadline. Due to scholarship competitiveness, late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. One complete application.
2. Typed, 1-page, statement, *written by the applicant*, addressing the following:
  - a. Your interest and training in dance (include performance/technical experience in your discipline as well as any community awards or recognitions received)
  - b. Why you are applying for the scholarship; and
  - c. Your educational/career goals.
3. One official copy of applicant's most recent report card.
4. At least one recommendation completed by someone who can evaluate applicant's dance aptitude and potential, is not related to applicant, and will not financially benefit from the award.
5. One dance sample in the following format: a 1-3 minute on YouTube, flash drive, DVD.

### **SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2016**

Submit complete applications by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, April 29, 2016 by either method below:

By Mail:  
Coles County Arts Council  
520 Jackson Avenue,  
Charleston, IL 61920

By Email: [krishna.i.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:krishna.i.thomas@gmail.com)

Applicants will be notified of the scholarship panel decision by **Friday, May 20, 2016**. The **CCAC Dance Arts Scholarship** is awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, or national origin.



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**APPLICATION FORM (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ACTIVITY/PROGRAM DETAILS**

Name of program to which the award is to be applied:

\_\_\_\_\_

Description of activity/program:

\_\_\_\_\_

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DATES: \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

COST: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ (tuition and residential or material fees)

WEBSITE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**RECOMMENDATION LETTER (S)**

NOTE: Each letter should be sealed in its own envelope by referee before being attached to the application form. Letters should be from non-family members (teachers, professors, guidance counselor, principal, coach, employers, etc.), who will not benefit from the award and can speak to applicant's dance aptitude and potential.

**MY SEALED LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ARE FROM:**

(1) NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

I affirm that the statements in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Note, if applicant is under the age of 18 at the time of application, the applicant's parent or legal guardian must sign this form.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

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For CCAC use - do not write below this line:

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved? \_\_\_ Amount\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected? \_\_\_

Applicant Notified: \_\_\_\_\_ Follow-up Report Received: \_\_\_\_\_



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**SUMMARY REPORT**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATES: \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of activity/program:

\_\_\_\_\_

Description of activity/program:

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Describe how funds were used:

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Describe what you learned and experienced: (Use a separate sheet if necessary)

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How did this scholarship benefit you as a dancer? (Use a separate sheet if necessary)

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Return completed summary report to:  
Coles County Arts Council  
520 Jackson Avenue  
Charleston, IL 61920

Please include a picture of you in the activity or program. Thank you.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

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