



DANCE DISCOVERY FOUNDATION'S 2016 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

"Dance Discovery Foundation is dedicated to sustaining and empowering the vitality of our artistic community through education by providing scholarships to students who wish to continue and further their dance and performing arts training. Our Scholarship Program is designed to support the achievements of young students who are already seriously engaged in the arts and to expose and engage underserved and low-income students to high quality dance training."

Application Process

All Information in regards to this application and supporting materials are for the sole use of the Applicant and their Conservatory, University, Institution or other School of Study.

Scholarship Amount:

DDF will award a limited number of scholarships, based on the availability of foundation and private funds, to eligible students. The scholarships awarded may be granted annually and in the amount of \$500-\$2000.00US per student as determined by DDF in its sole discretion. Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the institution where the recipient is enrolled.

Categories of Scholarship Awards:

SHINE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Designed to create opportunities for high quality dance/performing arts training to young students who wish to continue their education, to experiment, risk, and to grow as a dancer and performing artist.

ACCEL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Designed to support students that have an accelerated more extensive training program that includes but is not limited to, classes, workshops, performances, dance team participation, and private lessons.

DREAM SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Designed for students who are going into college to support, improve, and increase opportunities for continued education for those who wish to make a career in dance and the performing arts, to share their work and their ideas and to gain professional growth.

Application Time Frame:

The Scholarship Program will open yearly for applications on April 01.

The SHINE, & ACCEL Scholarship application time frame will close on May 31 and will be conducted as follows: An invitation will be sent out to the performing arts school and companies affiliated to DDF when the scholarship program opens. Information on the amount of scholarships awarded, time frame, process, and online forms will also be provided at that time for the sole use of the teachers/faculty. Scholarships will be announced through the affiliated institution between June 19-30. Scholarships will be announced on-line September 1st.



The DREAM Scholarship application time frame will close on July 1st and will be conducted as follows: An invitation for application will be sent through Scholarship.com when the application time frame opens. Information on the amount of scholarships awarded, time frame, process and online forms will be provided for the sole use of the applicant. Scholarships will be announced by mail or email between July 20-31. Scholarships will be announced on-line September 1st.

Application Process:

Applications will be available through the Dance Discovery Foundation's website or at Affiliated Schools & Conservatories when applications open. Applicants must complete and return the required material to the affiliated institution in which you are enrolled or mail to: Dance Discovery Foundation, Scholarship Committee, 27652 Camino Capistrano, Laguna Niguel, Ca 92677

All scholarship applications go through the following process:

Applications are received by Dance Discovery Foundation. Dance Discovery Foundation performs a preliminary review based on the Scholarship Eligibility Criteria. If Dance Discovery Foundation's scholarship director determines the applicant to be eligible for scholarship, they will share the application with a team of managers from across the organization who have responsibility for developing the scholarship program. This team reviews the proposed application and does an in-depth review according to the Scholarship Evaluation Criteria. If the team considers the applicant to be a potential fit they will then be carefully considered accordingly with the other applicants for interview and audition (if necessary). Following this process helps ensure that applications receive careful consideration and timely responses.

Eligibility Criteria:

Scholarship Awards will be awarded to a male or female student who will be judged based on talent, technical skill, determination and/or economic need. All students must be at least 8 years old, and an American citizen. They must be a resident of Southern California, and studying at a dance or performing arts school, company, studio or institution in our Southern California community. All students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent).

Evaluation Criteria:

Scholarship applications are evaluated against four general criteria. These criteria have been developed to ensure that Dance Discovery Foundation awards scholarships and creates relationships that will mutually benefit Dance Discovery Foundations mission for the community and the receiving applicant. Scholarships are evaluated for: Opportunity to create long-term relationships. Ability for receiving applicant to reach targeted goal. Positive representation for the Dance Discovery Foundation and tangible benefits associated with the applicant for the community. Which include, leadership skills, community service and future plans in the entertainment industry.

Supporting Materials:

All Supporting Materials should be attached to the Scholarship application Form. Which includes, the applicants application and one page essay describing themselves, family, personal interests, and the purpose, intent, need and plan for the scholarship award. (The essay must demonstrate their respect, joy,



creativity, and gratitude for their talent and their craft and must describe their understanding of the scholarship program and the importance of supporting and sustaining the performing arts). Two letters of reference for the applicant: 1 from a qualifying teacher who can vouch for your talent and 1 from someone not related to (teacher, guidance counselor, etc.) that can vouch for your character. And, a video submission of talent, preferably a youtube link.

Scholarship Guidelines:

Our Scholarship program is set up to support the dance and performing arts school, university, dance company and applicant to give and receive valuable training as a dancer, a leader, and contributor to the community. DDF realizes that every dance and performing arts school, university and company has their own specific responsibilities and requirements for their scholarship students. DDF expects that those responsibilities and requirements are to be fulfilled and used to its full potential. We also expect that the recipient represent and support DDF as a respectful dancer and performing artist in the studio and out in the world.

Notice of Awards:

SHINE, ACCEL & FULL RIDE Scholarship recipients will be announced at the end of June. You will receive notice by email for award, not always denial. On the event your application is accepted for scholarship, Granting of Scholarships will be done in person from a representative of DDF.

DREAM Scholarships will be announced at the end of July. You will receive notice by email for award, not always denial, and through the institution in which you are enrolled for the upcoming school year.

Renewal of Scholarship:

If this application is a renewal please attach a separate sheet describing how the scholarship benefited you and why it should be renewed in lieu of the one page essay for new applicants.

Revocation of Aid:

DDF reserves the right to cancel any scholarship awarded at any time if the applicant fails to meet the scholarship requirements, or falsifies information reported.

Submission Procedure: Applications must be received by May 31, 2016 to be considered. Please submit scholarship documents in the following order:

- Scholarship Application Form
- Teachers Letter of Reference
- 1 page essay (new or renewing applicant)
- Character reference from a non-relative (teacher, guidance counselor, employer)
- Video of talent with YouTube link

APPLICATION TURN IN DATES: All Accel & Shine Applications must be received by May 31, 2016 to be considered. Dream Applications must be received by July 1st, 2016. Submit to: Dance Discovery Foundation, Scholarship Program Department, 27652 Camino Capistrano, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677.



2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CATEGORY

_____ **SHINE** _____ **DREAM** _____ **ACCEL** _____ **FULL-RIDE**

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

_____ First-time application

_____ Renewal application

NAME OF INSTITUTION _____

_____ Performing Arts School _____ College/University _____ Dance Company

INSTITUTION ADDRESS:

Number Street City State Zipcode

PHONE: (_____) _____ E Mail: _____
 area code number

CONTACT: _____

Please verify the following:

_____ Will be at least 8yrs. of age in September

_____ Resident of Southern California

_____ Accumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher

_____ Displays talent, technical skill, determination & attributes deserving of Scholarship

_____ Demonstrates financial need

REQUESTED SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT (Must not exceed \$2,000) _____

Be sure to include what scholarship award category is being chosen and the intended purpose for the scholarship along with a written statement of your verifications for the applicant and reasons why this applicant would make a great representative to your institution and to DDF, not only in the studio but in the community.

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that all the information included in this Scholarship Invitation Application is true and complete. I hereby grant permission to Dance Discovery Foundation to verify such information.

Signature

Date



If selected for a scholarship, how many training hours would you commit to in the next school year? _____

If you are a renewal applicant what type of Scholarship Award did you previously receive?

SCHOLASTIC EDUCATION:

What Grade are you in: _____

What is your GPA: _____

If you are enrolled in advanced courses at the school, please list:

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES:

List any organizations are you a member of:

List any volunteer/community service work:

List other extra-curricular activities you have previously or currently engaged in:



Questions: (Please attach any additional sheets as needed with your name on them.)

What awards or recognitions have you received? List those achievements specifically related to your dance and performing arts training.

Please describe activities and work experience other than those directly related to dance and performing arts training. You may list community service, church work, part-time or full-time employment.

Please attach the following:

1. Write a short essay (one page only) about yourself explaining your family background, personal interest, what you plan to study and why you are applying for the scholarship. (If this application is a renewal please attach a separate sheet describing how the scholarship benefited you and why it should be renewed in lieu of the one page essay for new applicants.)
2. Submit a letter of reference by someone you are not related to (teacher, guidance counselor, employer)

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that all the information included in this application is true and complete. I hereby grant permission to _____ to verify such information and to release information to the donor or potential donor of any scholarship for which I may be eligible.

Signature

Date