

DCNT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & GUIDELINES

Dance Council of North Texas (DCNT) Scholarships are awarded to exceptional dancers who demonstrate ability, artistry and passion. Scholarships are for summer intensives at least 100 miles from your home studio unless otherwise stated. All materials must be in by **February 9** of the offered year. Recipients are notified by **March 15** of the offered year. Recipients are showcased by DCNT throughout the year.

BEFORE YOU GET STARTED:

You must be a member of DCNT at the Household rate of \$75, Individual Adult rate of \$40 or the Full Time Student rate of \$30 to be considered for a scholarship. There is no application fee. Go to http://dancecouncil.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=60&club_id=752324 to renew or become a member.

Membership must be confirmed to apply for individual scholarships.

You are able to start your the application process (your contact information, your headshot, etc.) before confirmation.

Returning applicants can use their page from the previous year.

You must register and apply for scholarships online at www.dancecouncilscholarships.org.

You may apply for more than one scholarship.

You may receive only one scholarship in any one year. If you have received 2 or more scholarships in consecutive years, preference will be given to applicants who do not meet this condition.

You cannot receive the same scholarship more than once.

Student applicants must be between the **ages of 13 - 21** on **February 9** of the offered year unless otherwise stated.

ALL DANCE VIDEO REQUIREMENTS & SUBMISSIONS:

Videos of live performances **ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**

- Introduce yourself by full name. Smile! (if this is not included on the video, you will be disqualified)
- State your age and grade level in school.
- Tell where this scholarship will allow you to attend a workshop. Have you already been accepted? (If plans change, you must notify DCNT.)
- Talk to the camera as if you are telling a friend about yourself and your plans.
- Select an audition piece to showcase your talent and skill. Use appropriate technique; e.g. jazz technique for a jazz scholarship; a ballet variation for ballet, lyrical for lyrical, tap dancing for tap, etc.
- If you apply for scholarships in different styles, you must include multiple styles of technique in your video or separate videos labeled appropriately. (For example, DCNT would discourage you to apply for a tap dancing scholarship in bare feet.)
- Since this is an audition, wear appropriate class attire for your discipline (including shoes). No baggy clothing. No costumes.
- When you apply for a musical theater scholarship, check the guidelines to find out if you need to include singing in your video.
- No lip synching.
- Include a full face shot and a full body shot at the end of your film. Smile!
- Make sure your full body is visible at all times in your video and that there is enough room to dance without restriction.
- If you are being filmed from your reflection in the studio mirror, make sure that the mirror is clean.
- Do not shoot from the diagonal or at an angle. It is difficult for the judges to see a movement finish or the landing in a jump.
- Music accompaniment needs to be as clear as you can make it. Not loud, just clear.
- Make sure your pointe shoes are not heard. Make sure your taps and rhythm are clear.
- Limit your video to about 2 minutes. Longer videos are allowed— adjudicators usually review the first 2 minutes.
- Treat this as an audition and put your best moves first.

MUSICAL THEATER VIDEO REQUIREMENTS

- Sing Happy Birthday or an upbeat song from a musical theatre piece. You may sing "a cappella" or with a karaoke CD. No background vocals.
- Prepare a musical theater dance combination with music of no longer than 2 minutes.
- Prepare a 1 minute or less of memorized monologue.

VIDEO UPLOADING

Open a free YouTube account and upload variation, solo dance or choreographed demonstration of each technique applied for.

Videos **MUST be UNLISTED.** Please follow these instructions:

Creating an unlisted YouTube video:

- Create or sign into your YouTube Account
- Click on your account name located in the top right of any page. Click on My Videos from the expanded menu.
- Choose the video you want to edit and click the Edit button below the video thumbnail.
- Scroll down to the Broadcasting and Sharing Options and find the Privacy section.
- You'll see the option to make the video Public, Unlisted, or Private.
- Select Unlisted. Make sure to click the Save Changes button at the bottom of the page.

Sharing an unlisted YouTube video:

Once you've set your video as unlisted in your Account settings, you're ready to share your video. In order to share your video, just highlight, copy and paste the URL into the space provided on your DCNT scholarship application. The selection committee will then be able to view the video.

I'm unable to create an unlisted video. Why? Only YouTube Accounts in good standing have access to create unlisted videos. If you don't see the option to make your video unlisted in your Account settings, it could be that your YouTube Account is not in good standing and has a Terms of Service violation or a strike for copyright infringement.

PHOTO SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Upload one high resolution headshot to the application site. If the image is over 1 meg, you may have trouble uploading. Reduce the file size to allow upload.

IF AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship awardees are required to submit proof of registration and proof of travel arrangements (if a travel per diem is included). You will be disqualified and the scholarship will be awarded to someone else if these are not provided by the announced deadline. These submissions may be made by email to maircawston@yahoo.com.

Financial Support is issued by check to the recipient after your agreement is signed and submitted with proof of registration to the DCNT. A Full Tuition award means that funds are waived by the host organization.

At the conclusion of your intensive, you are required to submit a report to the DCNT about your experience. Email to maircawston@yahoo.com by **September 15** of the application year.

If you do not attend your intensive or workshop, you will return any funds sent to you or to your institution. The purpose of each scholarship is to participate in a learning experience. A scholarship is not to be perceived solely as an award.

Questions: Mair (my-er) Cawston at 972-884-8537 or maircawston@yahoo.com. The office of Dance Council of North Texas cannot assist you with anything involved in the application process except membership questions and issues.