

HE BONNIE WARD SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRADUATING SENIORS AND POST HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

I. Purpose of the Fund is:

- A. To encourage higher education and promote dance excellence, as always encouraged by Bonnie Ward.
- B. To provide scholarship stipends for dance instruction and higher education for San Diego Civic Dance Arts members who have demonstrated exemplary interest, attendance, cooperation and dedication to their dance studies.

II. Goals of the Fund are:

- A. To reward the fine character and standard as exemplified by Bonnie Ward.
- B. To build character derived from being an exemplary San Diego Civic Dance Arts member. Very dramatic changes occur in young people who strive to live up to a standard set for them. It is important to take note of these character traits and give a meaningful award that will attract more of our younger students to aspire to a higher standard of life.
- C. To perpetuate the fund.
- D. To provide an incentive for students in the San Diego Civic Dance Arts to excel in dance and achieve their full potential and enhance their appreciation of dance.

III. Classifications of Eligibility

- A. Graduating High School Seniors and Post High School Graduates of one year may apply if they meet the following minimum requirements.
 - 1. Must have been enrolled in the San Diego Civic Dance Arts for the last three consecutive years.
 - 2. Must have maintained a 90% attendance record with minimal to zero tardiness all year round for those years.
 - 3. Must have demonstrated interest in the San Diego Civic Dance Arts by having cooperated with instructors, staff, fellow students, and volunteers, as well as having shown a dedication to dance.
 - 4. Must not have been a Bonnie Ward Scholarship Recipient in the past year.

IV. Application Process

- A. Applications and copies of the rules and requirements may be obtained by sending #10 self addressed stamped envelope to the San Diego Civic Dance Association, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 2125 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101. They may also be obtained from your dance instructor or on our website at www.civildancearts.org.
- B. Mail your completed application, (Page 2), your personal essay and letter of recommendation from a Civic Dance Arts instructor, as outlined below in Section V., Paragraph A to San Diego Civic Dance Association, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 2125 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101. **Applications must be postmarked by Monday, March 23, 2009. Do not turn your application in to your teacher. Your teacher WILL NOT accept it.**
- C. Applicants for the Post High School Graduate Scholarship(s) will be required to attach a certified copy of their grading report from the college or university attended commencing the fall after high school graduation, along with current proof of enrollment and carrying a minimum of nine (9) units with a minimum 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA).

V. Further Requirements

- A. Applicants must submit a personal essay and a letter of recommendation from one of their dance instructors in the Program. **Your request for the letter of recommendation must be given to your teacher(s) prior to March 16, 2009.** Members of the San Diego Civic Dance Company must submit a letter of recommendation from one of their Company dance instructors, as well as a personal essay. In your essay, tell us a little about yourself. Discuss your accomplishments in the field of dance and explain your expectations for the future, including why this scholarship is important to you. Your essay should be typed, double spaced and two pages in length.
- B. Each eligible applicant will be required to be present at an interview, with the date and time set by the Scholarship Committee. **You will be notified of your interview time. Interviews will be held on April 4 and 5, 2009. There will be no exceptions to these dates.**
- C. In order to receive payment, each Graduating Senior and/or Post High School Graduate awarded a scholarship must provide the San Diego Civic Dance Association Scholarship Committee with a certified copy of the grading report, received from the college or university attended, commencing in the fall after receiving this scholarship, and showing a minimum student load of nine (9) units with a minimum 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA).

VI. Awards

The San Diego Civic Dance Arts member who wins the scholarship may be awarded up to \$2,000 to be paid when the stipulations above are met. At the Scholarship Committee's discretion, a scholarship up to \$1,000 may be awarded to the runner(s) up.

THE BONNIE WARD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Student's Name: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: _____ School Grade: _____ School Attended: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Parent's/Legal Guardian's Name: _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____ (c) _____

Please list all San Diego Park and Recreation Department dance classes which you have taken in the past three years and in which you are currently enrolled.

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Instructor</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
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Please list any other activities and volunteer service you have participated in within the past three years both within and outside the San Diego Park and Recreation Department Dance Program.

In what ways have you helped the organization beyond what is required of you.

Please list any financial aid or scholarships you have received in the past 2 years with San Diego Civic Dance or other organizations.

I, the undersigned, have read and fully understand all the qualifications, requirements and obligations of the Scholarship Program and do hereby agree to abide by them should I be selected as a Scholarship recipient or runner-up. I understand that if I fail to meet any of these requirements, I am subject to disqualification. All of the information I have provided is true and correct. **I further stipulate that I have maintained 90% attendance with minimal to zero tardiness in my San Diego Park and Recreation Department dance classes.**

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, the undersigned, as parent/legal guardian of _____ do hereby consent to release the San Diego Civic Dance Association and its agents or representatives from any and all liabilities arising from the application to or administration of the San Diego Civic Dance Association Scholarship Program.

Signed: _____ Date: _____