

Instructions for San Diego Civic Dance Association Bonnie Ward Memorial Scholarship

Mission Statement: *Our mission is to support and promote a premiere dance arts program and an appreciation of the arts, in cooperation with the San Diego Park and Recreation Department Dance Arts Program.*

The SDCDA Scholarship Program is funded by generous donations and grants and is subject to availability of funds.

I. Purpose of the Fund is:

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

II. Goals of the Fund are:

1. To reward the fine character and standard as exemplified by Bonnie Ward.
2. 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.
3. To perpetuate the fund.
4. 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

1. Graduating High School Seniors and Post High School Graduates** of one year may apply if they meet the following minimum requirements.
 - a) Must be a member of San Diego Civic Dance Company.
 - b) Must have been enrolled in the San Diego Civic Dance Arts for the last three consecutive years.
 - c) Must have maintained a 90% attendance record with minimal to zero tardiness all year round for those years.
 - d) 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.
 - e) Must have demonstrated Company leadership and mentoring qualities and involvement in the San Diego Civic Dance Arts program over and above the basic contract commitment of San Diego Civic Dance Company.
 - f) Must not have been a Bonnie Ward Scholarship Recipient in the past year.

***Please note: 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).*

IV. Application Instructions: ALL APPLICATIONS WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT WITHIN ONE WEEK OF SUBMITTAL. If you do not receive one, please notify sdcdascholarships@gmail.com immediately. We are not responsible for lost emails or mail. All applications MUST be received by the dates noted below. Please allow for enough time to receive in a timely manner.

Please note: San Diego Civic Dance Scholarships are a competitive process. Applications and essays are scored by the interviewing panel and should be complete, with attention to detail in all directions as noted in this application. There are NO exceptions to the application process. You must be available for an in-person interview on April 23rd, 2016.

Applications are accepted during the application period of August 15, 2015 - Feb 3, 2016. Applications will be available online on our website at www.cividdancearts.org. or from your dance instructor. As San Diego Civic Dance cares for the environment, preferred method of submittal is electronic (via email).

Requests for letters of recommendation from SDCDArts Staff must be requested by Nov1, 2015. Staff will be instructed to email letter to both applicant and sdcdascholarships@gmail.com. Letters of recommendation may be received after you have submitted application, but must be received by application deadline.

Applications may also be obtained by sending a #10, self-addressed, stamped envelope to the San Diego Civic Dance Association, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 2125 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101
Email your completed application to: sdcdascholarships@gmail.com

If you are unable to email your application, you may mail your completed application and essay to San Diego Civic Dance Association, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 2125 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101. You will receive an email or mailed confirmation (if no access to email) within a week of mailed receipt.

Applications must be postmarked by Saturday, February 3, 2016. Do not turn your application in to your teacher. Your teacher WILL NOT accept it.

Application Submission/Interview Requirements:

(Submission deadline Feb 3, 2016, Interviews April 23, 2016)

Please note, only the following formats will be accepted for applications and essays: Word doc, jpeg, or pdf. *.docx, all other formats may result in application being disqualified.*

Please do not submit copies of transcripts, award letters or documentation not specifically required by this application package.

1. Submit completed application
2. Request and/or submit one or more letters of recommendation from SDCDArts Staff or School/Extracurricular Activities. Please note, letters of recommendation may be received after your application, but before the final deadline.
3. Submit Personal Essay/Letter to Scholarship Review Board. (include with application package)
In your essay, tell us a little about yourself. Discuss how your involvement with San Diego Civic Dance Arts and Company has impacted your life, why you should be considered for this scholarship, how you have been a leader and a mentor in this program and explain your expectations for the future. Your essay should be typed, double spaced and 1-2 pages in length. DO NOT INCLUDE your full name, family member names or where you attend school.
4. 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 in person on Sat April 23rd, 2016 starting at 8:30 am. There will be no exceptions to these dates.

Interviews and Awards

You will be contacted via email to schedule and confirm your interview time. We make every effort to schedule around SDCDA classes so that you do not miss your class. Interviews can run between 20-40 minutes each. Headshots for publicity will be taken at the interview and displayed in the lobby of theater for the run of recitals. Notifications of award status will be emailed out by May 10th, 2016. Scholarship awards are presented in the Casa Del Prado Theater during recitals (date and time will be announced in your award notifications. Awarded funds will be paid out in the form of reimbursement within 10 days of awardee submittal of approved reimbursement paperwork.

Bonnie Ward scholarship awards and amounts are determined yearly based upon total of qualified field of candidates, applications, interviews and recommendations. If awarded a scholarship, 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).

If you have any questions regarding this application or the requirements, please email the scholarship committee at sdcdascholarships@gmail.com with "Bonnie Ward application question" in the subject line.

PART ONE- BONNIE WARD 2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant's Name	Birthdate	How many years in Company/T Troupe	How many years dancing with SDCDArts?	
		Company _____ T Troupe _____		
Parent/Guardian Name	Mailing Address		City	Zip
Applicant's Email	Parent's/Legal Guardian's Email		Home Phone	Cell

How would you like your name written on award and in programs? (ie first, middle and last name)	Please list your time preferences for interviews April 23, 2016 (from 8:30am-1:30pm). Example 8:30-10:00 am
We may use parts or all of scholarship letters to share with staff and for publicity. Do you give your permission to share? Yes _____ No _____	

Please note, if you are submitting application via email, you do NOT have to sign and scan document. Simply add your names and dates.

If you are mailing, please sign below agreements before mailing.

Dancer agreement - by submitting this application electronically via email you agree that:

I 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. I understand that if I fail to meet any of these requirements, I may be 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. Applicant Name: _____
Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Agreement - by submitting this application electronically via email you agree that:

I, as parent/legal guardian of the dancer named in the above dancer agreement do hereby consent to abide by award decisions and 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.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Date: _____

Please list any other dance related activities you have participated in within the past 4 years OUTSIDE OF the San Diego Park and Recreation Department Dance Program. Include the total number of years you have been involved in that activity.

Activity	Number of Years (Include dates)	Studio	Notes to scholarship committee

Please list any other extra-curricular activities, leadership programs, special awards and volunteer service you have participated in within the past 4 years OUTSIDE OF the San Diego Park and Recreation Department Dance Program. Include the total number of years you have been involved in that activity.

Activity/Award	Number of Years (Include dates)	Studio/School	Notes to scholarship committee

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

Organization	Type of Aid	Year	Total Amount
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$

PART TWO- BONNIE WARD 2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please list requested letters of recommendation that are not included with this application:

Name Date Requested SDCDA/School/Other

Submit Personal Essay/Letter to Scholarship Review Board and interviewers.

In your essay, tell us a about yourself and why you embody the spirit and intent of the Bonnie Ward Scholarship.

Essay may be 2-4 pages, double spaced and typed 11 point Times New Roman. If you do not have access to a computer, handwritten essays will be accepted for mailed applications. Please title your essay "Bonnie Ward Scholarship Essay" and list your first name and date of essay at top left of page.

We have included some suggested topics for you to include in your essay/letter, but by no means be limited to the following:

- What about you makes you a mentor and a leader with SDCDA?
- Why do you think you are a good candidate for this scholarship
- What does dance mean to you? What do you like best about dance?
- What inspired you to begin dancing and how long have you been dancing?
- What does being a part of San Diego Civic Dance Arts mean to you?
- What other activities do you like to do?
- What is the best part about taking classes with San Diego Civic Dance?
- What are your long and short term dance/life goals?
- What does being a part of one of the SDCDCompanies mean to you?

For privacy reasons, we request that you do not list your full name, any family member names or school names in the body of your essay. Your essay is being shared with interviewers.

Bonnie Ward Scholarship Essay

Applicants First Name Only: _____ Date: _____ Age as of April 23, 2016 _____
