

Instructions for San Diego Civic Dance Association Esther Feier 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.

A. Purpose of the fund is:

1. To be a continual living memorial of Esther Feier, passionate advocate of the arts, equal rights and education, who passed away after a long full life, September 20th, 2014.
2. To support and encourage higher education and facilitate the drive for excellence, a passion of Esther Feier's.
3. To provide scholarship stipends for higher education preparation and exploration for San Diego Civic Dance Company members who have demonstrated exemplary passion, involvement and dedication to their dance and education studies.

B. Goals of the Fund are:

1. To provide the ability to afford further exploration into higher education in all careers.
2. To support the dreams and passions of motivated San Diego Civic Dance Company members.
3. To perpetuate the fund.
4. To provide an incentive for students in the San Diego Civic Dance Arts to explore options not previously available to them in higher education, achieve their full potential and enhance their appreciation of dance.

C. Classifications of Eligibility

1. High School Juniors who are exploring the possibilities of higher education.
2. Must be a member of San Diego Civic Dance Company and enrolled in the San Diego Civic Dance Arts program for the last two consecutive years.
3. Must have committed to continuing with San Diego Civic Dance Company through their Senior Year.
4. Must have demonstrated a passion for arts, San Diego Civic Dance and an interest in pursuing higher education.
5. Must not have been an Esther Feier Memorial Scholarship Recipient in the past year.
6. Eligibility for any SDCDA scholarship requires applicant and their immediate family members to be in good financial standing with the San Diego Civic Dance Association, Inc. and the San Diego Civic Dance Arts Program.

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 29th, 2017.

Applications are accepted during the application period of December 6, 2016 - Feb 8, 2017. 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 SDCDA Staff must be requested by January 8, 2017. 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 Wednesday, February 8, 2017. Do not turn your application in to your teacher. Your teacher WILL NOT accept it.

Application Submission/Interview Requirements:

(Submission deadline Feb 8, 2017, Interviews April 29, 2017)

Please note, only the following formats will be accepted for applications and essays: Word doc or pdf. *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 in-person interview, with the date and time set by the Scholarship Committee. You will be notified of your interview time. Interviews will be held on Sat April 29th, 2017 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 14th, 2017. 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 the day of award.

Esther Feier scholarship awards and amounts are determined yearly based upon total of qualified field of candidates, applications, interviews and recommendations. These scholarships may not be awarded if there are no qualified candidates. Scholarship Award amounts are determined by the Scholarship Committee.

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

PART ONE- ESTHER FEIER 2017 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? <i>(ie first, middle and last name)</i>	Please list your time preferences for interviews April 29, 2017 (from 8:30am-1:30pm). <i>Example 8:30-10:00 am</i>
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_____	If awarded scholarship, to whom should award check be made out to?

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

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- ESTHER FEIER 2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Requested</u>	<u>SDCDA/School/Other</u>
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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.

Esther Feier Scholarship Essay

Applicants First Name Only: _____ Date: _____ Age as of April 29,2017 _____