

The Patti Pugh Moore Scholarship for Dance Guidelines

Purpose

The following scholarships are being offered to dancers who, by audition, are qualified, both in talent and in need, to receive such an award. The purpose of these scholarships is to:

- Support the development and training of the serious ballet student toward a performing or teaching career in classical ballet.
- Recognize the sacrifice and dedication of the serious ballet student and their family.
- Promote the merit and influence of the discipline of dance on one's life and future.

Audition and Application Process

The scholarship auditions are conducted by a panel of adjudicators from the local dance community. This panel will not contain any member of the teaching staff of the Saratoga City Ballet School. Dancers auditioning must be the age of 8 years old by the date of the auditions. Scholarships are offered to students up through their senior year of high school. Applicants aged 8-10 years old need not have any prior dance experience. Those 11 and up must have completed some form of classical ballet training in order to apply. They must specify this training on the audition application. Applications must be filled out completely before the dancer may audition. Financial documentation must be submitted with the application.

Responsibilities

Scholarship recipients and their families are expected to be role models for other Saratoga City Ballet dancers and families through the following:

- Excellent attendance and punctuality.
- Consistent adherence to dress code, etiquette, and other SCB policies.
- Exceptional, positive attitude toward other dancers in the SCB School.
- Outstanding, healthy nutritional habits.
- Dancer must exhibit consistent respect and positive attitude toward SCB teachers and staff.
- Full, proactive participation in all SCB performances, fundraising activities and other events.
- Parental involvement and volunteerism.

Revocation of Scholarship

If a student fails to meet the above responsibilities his/her scholarship may be revoked. Revocation of scholarship is a serious step, and will be considered in the following circumstances:

- Information provided in application proves to be false

- Chronic lateness or absenteeism in class or rehearsals
- Negative attitude or poor role model behavior

Alcohol (for students under the age of 21), cigarette or drug use will result in the immediate revocation of all scholarship awards and possible dismissal from the school.

Amount, value and scope of assistance

The amount of each scholarship is determined by financial need and other factors. Full or partial scholarships may be awarded. Scholarship students are expected to take the recommended number of classes for their level; therefore, the value of each scholarship will vary.

Scholarship awards may only be applied toward tuition at the Saratoga City Ballet School for the academic year of 2007-2008. Dancers receiving partial scholarships are expected to take the remaining recommended classes for their level at SCB. Students receiving full scholarships are expected to take all recommended classes at SCB. All scholarship recipients are expected to participate in any school or company performances where applicable.

Scholarship awards may not be used for the following:

- Payment of school and company fees, including registration and costume fees
- Summer school tuition
- Payment of overdue tuition owed for prior sessions
- Purchase of SCB tickets or merchandise

Granting Process

Applications must be completed before the audition. Prior year's tax return is required with all applications. All sources of household income must be disclosed, including child support.

Input may be solicited from SCB staff and faculty if the dancer has studied previously with SCB. Additional input may include information on past history of paying bills, participation in SCB functions, and attitude/attendance in SCB classes, performances, fundraisers and other events.

Applicants will be notified by phone or mail when the review process is complete. Qualified applicants may be invited to take class at no charge pending the final decision.

Saratoga City Ballet is an equal opportunity arts organization. Scholarship decisions are made based on the above criteria and are not based on race, color, origin, religion, gender or sexual orientation.