

**HWDC Scholarship Application
2023-2024 Season**

Application Date: _____
 Student's Name: _____ Age: _____ Student's Date of Birth: _____
 Student's School: _____
 Home Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Parent/Guardian Email: _____
 Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____
 Relationship to Applicant: _____
 Occupation of Parent/Guardian: _____
 Employer: _____
 Work Phone: _____
 Circle one: Full time employment Part time employment Self-employed Other: _____

Second Parent/Guardian (N/A if not applicable): _____
 Relationship to Applicant: _____
 Occupation of Parent/Guardian: _____
 Employer: _____
 Work Phone: _____
 Circle one: Full time employment Part time employment Self-employed Other: _____

Based on the number of people in your household, circle the correct household income in the column below (including public assistance, child support, etc.)

Number of People in Household	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
	Below \$18,000	Below \$23,000	Below \$27,500	Below \$32,000	Below \$37,000	Below \$41,500	Below \$46,000
Household Income	\$18,001-\$ 24,300	\$23,001-\$ 31,050	\$27,501-\$ 37,125	\$32,001-\$ 43,200	\$37,001-\$ 49,950	\$41,501-\$5 6,025	\$46,001-\$6 2,100
	\$24,301-\$ 32,800	\$31,051-\$ 41,900	\$37,126-\$ 50,100	\$43,201-\$ 58,300	\$49,951-\$ 67,400	\$56,026-\$7 5,600	\$62,101-\$8 3,800
	\$32,801-\$ 44,300	\$41,901-\$ 56,600	\$51,101-\$ 67,600	\$58,301-\$ 78,700	\$67,401-\$ 91,000	\$75,601-\$1 02,100	\$83,801-\$1 13,175
	\$44,301-\$ 59,800	\$56,601-\$ 76,400	\$67,601-\$ 91,300	\$78,701-\$ 106,300	\$91,001-\$ 122,900	\$102,101-\$ 137,800	\$113,176-\$ 152,800
	Above \$59,800	Above \$76,400	Above \$91,300	Above \$106,300	Above \$122,900	Above \$137,800	Above \$152,800

Please list any major outstanding household expenses:

If you do not earn the scholarship, how do you earn funds to participate in HWDC?

Tax Return: Please verify the above information by attaching a copy of your household's most recent tax return (pages 1 & 2 only of Form 1040 or Form 1040A) to the application. Please remove social security numbers from the copy provided. If you cannot provide these documents, please contact us as your student may still be eligible to receive scholarship support.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us? Please describe any extenuating circumstances or additional information not reflected in this application. _____

Personal Recommendation: Attach two (2) letters of recommendation from a non-family member such as an academic teacher, school guidance counselor, dance teacher or mentor.

Student Essay: Attach an essay which describes why you wish to be a part of the Heather Wayne Dance Company. Guidelines for essay: one (1) page handwritten for elementary school students; 200-words for middle school students; 500-words for high school students.

ALL INFORMATION SUPPLIED FOR THIS APPLICATION REMAINS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

I verify that all information on this form is complete and accurate.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Thank you for your interest in the Heather Wayne Dance Company Scholarship Program. Due to limited funds, we cannot guarantee every applicant a scholarship, though we do our best to help those who need assistance. Upon receipt of your application, we will send you an email confirmation and will inform you of the decision making process and timeline.

Application Deadline: July 15, 2023- 9:00am.
Please ensure mail delivery or hand delivery of the application,
two personal recommendations, student essay and tax return forms
by July 15, 2023 - 9:00am to:

Heather Wayne Dance Company
Attention: Scholarship Committee
5370 Thompson Mill Road
Hoschton, GA 30548

Heather Wayne Dance Company

Scholarship Regulations

2023-2024

Background

- It is the desire of the Heather Wayne Dance Company (“Company”) to provide financial assistance to students based upon financial need and aptitude for dance.
- Scholarships will be granted to recipients in the form of a full scholarship, partial scholarship or for a specific purpose or event.
- Scholarships will be granted to students based upon a demonstrated financial need.
- Race, gender, religion, national origin, creed or color may not be used or considered as a criterion for the reward of a scholarship.
- The scholarship program is available to all eligible applicants, both current and prior members of the Company and new students who choose to inquire and audition for the Company. Prior affiliation with the Heather Wayne Dance Academy (“Academy”) is not a requirement.

Scholarship Guidelines

Application: Each recipient must submit a completed application with all required supporting documentation.

Application Deadline is July 15, 2023 at 9:00am.

Age: Non-professional students 7 – 19.

Aptitude for Dance: Students must meet minimal levels of dance technique through an audition evaluation.

Artistic Director Recommendation: The Artistic Director must recommend the student based upon the audition evaluation from a dance technique evaluation, overall appreciation of dance, respect demonstrated to dance instructors and fellow students, and overall maturity level.

Personal Recommendation: Student must submit two (2) letters of recommendation from a non-family member such as an academic teacher, school guidance counselor, dance teacher or mentor.

Financial Need: Student must demonstrate a financial need. The criteria to be considered will be overall family income, ongoing financial hardship of family, and any other circumstance disclosed by the family in the application. A signed or certified copy of the student’s family’s prior year Federal Income Tax Return is required with the scholarship application. If you cannot provide these documents, please contact us as your student may still be eligible to receive scholarship support.

Student Essay: Each applicant must submit an essay which describes why the dancer wishes to be a part of the Company. Guidelines for essay: one (1) page handwritten for elementary school students; 200-words for middle school students; 500-words for high school students.

Student & Parent Interview: All finalists, and at least one (1) parent or guardian, must meet with the Scholarship Committee for an interview prior to final distribution of scholarships.

Maintenance of Scholarship

Scholarships are granted on an annual basis at the beginning of each season. Recipients must submit a new application each year to be eligible for a scholarship.

Scholarships may be terminated and dismissal from the Company may result at any time for the following reasons:

- Disrespect to instructors, other students, dance company property (costumes, props, equipment) or rehearsal/performance venues.
- Failure to have regular attendance at Company rehearsals, community events, performances and other Company functions. Absences must be approved in advance by the Artistic Director. The student must submit a completed absence request form as soon as the absence is anticipated.
- Failure to have regular attendance at dance technique classes at HWPA. The Artistic Director must be notified via an absence request form within 2 days of the occurrence of an unscheduled absence from class. The Artistic Director should be notified in advance of missed HWPA classes via an absence request form if known ahead of time.

Expectations of Scholarship Recipient

- Scholarships are offered with the understanding that the recipient will make the Company (performances, community events, rehearsals and technique classes) as her/his first priority.
- Scholarship students and parents will be required to help and assist the Company with performances, community events, and any volunteer activities conducted by the Company. The level of participation will be the same as non-scholarship students and parents.
- The Artistic Director must review and grant approval prior to any Scholarship recipient's study at any other school, attendance at auditions, or acceptance of any amateur or professional performing engagements.
- Students accepting any Company Scholarship award are making a full year commitment to the Company. Students who do not complete the entire year will not be eligible for future scholarship grants.
- **All Scholarship recipients must participate in both fall and spring fundraising efforts. It is expected that the scholarship recipient family raise \$550 for HWDC's Annual 5k.**

Application Deadline

Saturday, July 15, 2023 by 9:00am

- Please ensure mail delivery or hand delivery of the application, two personal recommendations, student essay and tax return forms by the Application Deadline to:

Heather Wayne Dance Company
Attention: Scholarship Committee
5370 Thompson Mill Road
Hoschton, GA 30548

Upon receipt of your application, we will send you an email confirmation and will inform you of the decision making process and timeline.

HWDC Scholarship Information

- The HWDC scholarship is for the purpose of assisting those with a financial need to assist with the monthly payments to be a member of HWDC.
- Jordan Douglas, HWDC alum & board member and Kelley Trippe, HWDC mom of alum and board member will be the facilitator of the scholarship program. Outside of Jordan and Kelley, no HWDC board members or parents are privy to any scholarship applications or selections.
- The review process & final recipient decision is made by a 3rd party who has no affiliation with HWDC nor prior knowledge of any HWDC families. The decision is solely based on the application information that is submitted.
- All applicants will be notified by letter via US mail or email.
- Decisions are not discussed or shared among any HWDC members or their families.
- The 3rd party decision makers will also make the decision on how the scholarship funds are to be allocated. They have the option to award 1 or 2 recipients. Typically, it is only 1.
- The final deadline for this year's application is Saturday July 15, 2023 at 9am.
- The goal is for the award recipient decision to be made by August 1st.
- Each year based on the fundraising efforts throughout the prior year, the HWDC board determines the scholarship amount to be awarded for that season. This can change each year.
- Once the scholarship amount is determined, the recipient will be notified of the amount.
- The awarded scholarship amount for the recipient is divided among the 10 monthly payments due to HWDC throughout the season. (ex. 1 recipient, \$2000 total, divided over 10 months, \$200 applied to the dancer's monthly payment). It is not all credited upfront.
- Scholarship recipients are not allowed to compete or perform a solo/duet/trio outside of any that may be included in the selected number of HWDC dances. Scholarship recipients are also not allowed to do an extra dance outside of 5 group dances.
- Any recipient not complying with any & all HWDC rules & regulations can have the scholarship funds rescinded.
 - Participation in mandatory HWDC activities is expected and required upon receiving the HWDC scholarship.
 - This includes participating in concerts, competitions, workshops, community performances, fundraising, etc.
 - Non-participation may result in loss of scholarship.
- Both HWDC & HWPAA accounts must remain current at all times to continue to receive the scholarship funds each month. At any time, if these accounts fall delinquent, it is possible that the remaining funds of the scholarship will not be awarded.
- Upon receiving the Heather Wayne Dance Company scholarship, the dancer who receives it will write a brief essay outlining his/her performing arts goals and paths to achieve them for the dance season. At the end of the dance season, the dancer will meet with the scholarship board to reflect upon completion of the goals, areas of improvement, and areas for growth.
- Fundraising requirements:
 - Scholarship recipients must participate in both fall and spring fundraising efforts.
 - This will include a \$550 minimum fundraising effort for the annual 5k in the fall.