

**THE SCHOOL OF ROCKFORD DANCE COMPANY**  
**SCHOLARSHIP POLICY**  
**(Age six and Over)**

It is a policy and desire of the Rockford Dance Company to provide financial assistance for RDC classes to students based upon their financial need and aptitude for dance.

**Scholarships are offered with the understanding that student participation in the school (classes and events) will be their first priority.**

**Scholarship students will be re-evaluated at the end of the first semester to determine their continuing eligibility. Inconsistent attendance or lack of class participation will affect eligibility.**

**Scholarship students (or their parents) will be required to help and assist the school performances & other school functions.**

Accordingly, the following shall apply to scholarships offered by Rockford Dance Company:

- 1) Scholarships are available for classes of the School of the Rockford Dance Company based upon the availability of funds and in accordance with the determination of the Board of Directors. **Scholarship recipients are required to take ballet. Scholarship recipients must be age six by Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 2010.** The School Director will recommend appropriate classes for each scholarship student.
- 2) Rockford Dance Company commits a portion of its budget for scholarships. There is a limited amount of scholarship funding and not every scholarship student will receive a full scholarship. Each participant will be required to pay the \$40 registration fee **prior to the start of class and to purchase the required school uniform. Participants will also be responsible for the school performance fee in the spring.**
- 3) A scholarship applicant must produce evidence of their family's financial need. This evidence is based upon appropriate documentation. **Previous year's Federal Income Tax Return must be submitted with application. (First 2 pages only)**

- 4) The School Director of the Rockford Dance Company with the approval of the Executive Director will award scholarships on a case by case basis.

- 5) All students with scholarships must show consistent effort and progress, behave in a disciplined, responsible and proper manner, and act as role models for their fellow classmates at the School and outside of it. Students must attend classes regularly – any absences must be fully and satisfactorily explained.

- 6) The granting of the scholarship will be kept confidential from other students and the public as to the name of the recipient except as may be necessary for reporting requirements.

- 7) Scholarship recipients are **NOT** permitted to study at any other dance school, attend auditions, and accept any amateur or professional performing engagement without the official approval of the Director of the School of Rockford Dance Company.

- 8) **Receiving a scholarship award from Rockford Dance Company is a full year commitment. If you do not complete the year you must pay for all classes taken.**

**THE SCHOOL OF ROCKFORD DANCE COMPANY**  
**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**2010 – 2011**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Home) (Work)

BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

If under age 18, parent's names: \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONALITY: \_\_\_\_\_ African American \_\_\_\_\_ Caucasian \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic  
\_\_\_\_\_ American Indian \_\_\_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_\_\_ Other

*(Information on the student's nationality is for statistical and reporting purposes only and does not affect scholarship decisions.)*

Please list all formal dance training the student has received:

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Has the student ever been affiliated with any other dance company or school? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, please provide the name of the school and the length of time the student studied there:

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Has the student ever been the recipient of any other dance scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:** Each student applying for a Financial Assistance Scholarship must provide Rockford Dance Company with documented evidence of financial need. Please attach a copy of your 2009 Federal Income Tax return. If this is not possible, contact the School Director. In addition, a letter explaining your current financial situation should be attached. All financial information will be kept in the strictest confidence. **This application cannot be processed without financial information.**

**DEADLINE:** Applications due in the Rockford Dance Company Office by **3:00pm on Wednesday, August 18, 2010.**

**AUDITION:** Applicants must attend the audition on **Saturday, August 21, 2010.** *(See below for specific audition times.)* Students currently enrolled in RDC classes do not need to attend the audition however a parent or guardian must attend the parent meeting. Applicants MUST arrive no later than 6:45 PM.

**PARENT MEETING:** A guardian of all applicants, including current scholarship students, and regardless of students' age, must attend a parent information meeting during the audition. Applicants will not be considered without a responsible adult attending this meeting.

**Audition times:**

**7:00-7:30 ages 6-9**

**7:30-8:00 ages 10-12**

**8:00-8:30 ages 13 and up**

**QUESTIONS:** Call RDC Office at 963-3341.

**Mail application to:**

Rockford Dance Company  
Riverfront Museum Park  
711 North Main Street  
Rockford, IL 61103-6999