



Riverfront Museum Park
711 North Main Street
Rockford, IL 61114

Joan Stonecipher Scholarship Criteria

It is the desire of the Joan Stonecipher Scholarship Board of Trustees to provide merit scholarships to 2 individuals annually who have demonstrated an outstanding aptitude, desire, and dedication to the discipline of dance. To support these goals, the Joan Stonecipher Scholarship award amount is to be applied to tuition at the School of Rockford Dance Company. Two Scholarships are awarded each year. One is awarded to a dancer at the Company level, and the other on the Student level, ages 10 years and up.

1. Scholarship Eligibility is based on the following criteria:
 - A strong aptitude and motivation for dance. Evaluation of this is determined by the Joan Stonecipher Scholarship Board of Trustees.
 - Evidence of financial need.
 - Please attach a copy of the 1st 2 pages of your 2022 Federal Income Tax Return to the application form.
 - Family support and participation in the education and teaching of dance.
 - A display of respect for dance, dance instructors, and other students by the student obtaining the scholarship.
2. Race, religion, national origin, creed or color will not be used or considered as a criterion for the reward of a scholarship.
3. The Scholarship will be awarded by the Joan Stonecipher Scholarship Board of Trustees, in conjunction with the recommendations of the Executive Director of Rockford Dance Company.

4. The Scholarship may be terminated for the following reasons:
 - Failure to attend class.
 - Failure to maintain motivation.
 - A showing of disrespect.
 - Failure to follow the policies and guidelines in the RDC School Handbook and/or Company Policy Manual (if applicable).

5. The Recipient of the Joan Stonecipher Scholarship is required to meet the expectations below:
 - a. Recipients must be enrolled in both Fall and Spring semester classes at Rockford Dance Company. If recipient doesn't complete both the Fall and Spring semester, he/she will be required to re-pay the total amount of the scholarship awarded to the Rockford Dance Company.
 - b. Recipients must maintain an attendance record in accordance with the Rockford Dance Company guidelines for both Fall and Spring semester classes.
 - c. Recipients must complete at least four (4) volunteer hours by the end of the current season, assisting with pre-performance preparation and/or volunteering in the Rockford community as a representative of Rockford Dance Company as approved by the Executive Director.
 - d. Recipients are expected to audition for at all applicable Rockford Dance Company performances during the current season and to perform in all performances as cast by the specific choreographer.
 - e. Recipients must maintain a high standard of excellence in all Rockford Dance Company and non-Rockford Dance Company activities. The recipient must display behaviors appropriate of a role model and refrain from behaviors and activities that would reflect negatively upon Rockford Dance Company.
 - f. Recipients must participate in the annual RDC school performance/recital of the School of Rockford Dance Company.

Joan Stonecipher Scholarship Application

2023-2024

The Joan Stonecipher Scholarship is a partial scholarship for one year's study at the Rockford Dance Company.

Student Name: _____

The Joan Stonecipher scholarship is awarded on the basis of merit and financial need. In order to help the Board of Trustees make this determination, please answer the following questions (additional pages may be attached as necessary).

How many years have you attended classes at RDC? _____

Have you ever been affiliated with any other dance studio or company? If yes, which organization?

Have you ever received any awards or other recognized achievements for dance? If so, list the entity that issued such as award or honorarium, the nature of the award and the date upon which it was received:

Briefly relate a meaningful dance experience that has shaped you as an artist.

What are your future goals and aspirations?

Is there any additional information, which you believe the Joan Stonecipher Scholarship Board of Trustees should consider?

Explain how you will lead by example if you receive this award:

Application Requirements

Applications are due Wednesday, August 30th 6PM. All applicants must be 10 years old and above by the day of the audition in order to be eligible.

Rockford Dance Company is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing excellence in the art of dance through performance, education, and outreach