

## 2017 Ballet Forest Grove Memorial Dance Scholarship

### Application Instructions

Ballet Forest Grove is happy to present the 4th annual dance education scholarship. The Ballet Forest Grove Memorial Dance Scholarship application and instructions are available online at [www.balletfg.org](http://www.balletfg.org) and at the front office of Forest Grove Dance Arts. The application deadline is June 1, 2017.

If you have any questions please contact:

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#### **Guidelines:**

- Scholarships are available to individuals only.
- Scholarships are available to residents of Washington, Multnomah, and Yamhill counties.
- All types of dance are eligible: Ballet, Jazz, Modern, Tap, Lyrical, Hip Hop, Street, Belly, Folk, Irish, etc.
- Although there is no age limit, those applying must be able to complete the packet independently.

*The packet must include the following:*

1. Scholarship application form.
2. Cover Letter.
3. Essay on “Why I love to Dance.” The essay must be typed and 250 - 300 words.
4. A statement about how the funds will be used. Examples of use are: dance intensives, dance classes, proper clothing and shoes, or housing, books and other materials (if attending college.)
5. Headshot photo.

*Optionally, you may include:*

- Parent/Guardian Statement of Support
- Letters of Recommendation from: teachers, parents, relatives, community leaders or their representatives.
- Proof of Community Service.
- Supporting materials such as: one additional photo, 1-2 minute video, award certificates. (These items will not be returned; submit copies only.)

Scholarships are awarded primarily on the basis of merit and not financial need. We want to know about your dreams. We want to know how the program or training you would like to fund will benefit you, as a dancer, on a personal level.

Candidates are selected by a committee on an objective and non-discriminatory basis, consistent with the purpose of the fund. Factors such as age, religion, race, ethnic group and gender are not considered in the selection process.

**Timeline:**

May 1	Scholarship applications will be available on May 1 <sup>st</sup> of each year. Applications will be available both online at <a href="http://www.balletfg.org">www.balletfg.org</a> and at the front office at Forest Grove Dance Arts
May 1-May 31 (annually)	Application period will run from May 1 <sup>st</sup> to May 31 <sup>st</sup> . Candidates must complete and submit scholarship application by hand delivering it to the office at Forest Grove Dance Arts in a sealed envelope or by mailing it to Ballet Forest Grove, PO Box 1170, Forest Grove, OR 97116. If mailed, the application must be post marked before the deadline. Applications must be signed by the applicant (and a parent/guardian if the applicant is under the age of 18.)
June 1 – June 14	Review of applications by the selection committee.
Before Recital	Approval by the Committee will occur within the first two weeks of June. The committee will inform the applicants and award recipient(s) of their scholarship status.
Within 5 business days of the recital	Funds will be distributed in the form of an awards letter and check.

We encourage everyone who dreams of dancing to submit an application.

Good Luck,

Ballet Forest Grove