



I.D.T.A.N.A. Scholarship 2009

The Irish Dance Teacher's Association of North America is proud of the accomplishments of all dancers not only competitively and artistically, but also academically. To recognize the accomplishments of dancers who excel in the classroom and in the dance studio, the IDTANA is proud to offer academic scholarships:

- (a) for high school seniors graduating in Spring, 2009, and
- (b) for students enrolled in a four-year undergraduate college program who will be still be enrolled during the 09-10 school year.

Winners will be announced in mid-June with scholarships to be presented at the 2009 North American Championships in Nashville, TN in July 2009. **The deadline to submit all information is March 27, 2009.**

Part I: Complete the following information (*all information is required*):

Check one:

- I am a full-time college student at _____ .
- I am a high school senior graduating in Spring 2009 and entering a four-year college in the Fall.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Home Telephone: _____

Cell Phone(s): _____

E-mail address: _____

Irish Dance School and TCRG(s): _____

How long have you been involved in Irish Dance? At what level do you currently compete (e.g. prize-winner, preliminary championship, etc.) ?

Where do you attend college or hope to attend college? What is your (proposed) major?

Part II:

On separate sheets (**maximum 3 pages total, double spaced, 10 point type minimum**), please list:

(a) your **extracurricular activities** (whether school, community, or church related). Be sure to indicate number of years for each activity, the time (weekly or monthly) devoted to the activity, as well as any positions of leadership or responsibility. Also, describe any award(s) or special recognition(s) earned.

(b) your **paid work experience** (part-time, summer, volunteer). Be sure to describe your duties and responsibilities, as well as any positions of leadership or responsibility.

Part III:

Develop a formal essay in which you respond to the following prompt:

How will you be better able to pursue your college and/or career plans thanks to your experiences in Irish Dance?

The essay must be typed, double-spaced; you may have no more than 2 typed pages (type size no smaller than 12). Your name must appear in the upper right corner of each page.

Part IV:

Obtain a letter of recommendation from your Irish Dance teacher(s). This letter must be an original letter on official school stationery (or the teacher's personal stationery). The letter must be written specifically for this scholarship application. E-mail letters or unsigned letters are not acceptable. The letter must be from a registered TCRG, TMRF, or ADCRG, who is a member of the IDTANA.

Part V:

Students in high school: Include with your application an official high school transcript.

Students in college: Include with your application an official high school transcript **AND** an official college transcript.

NOTE: *If your school will not release an official transcript directly to you but insists on mailing it to the committee, please be advised that it is your responsibility to ensure that the transcript reaches the committee by the deadline.*

Part VI:

If not already a part of your official transcript, provide a copy of all PSAT/SAT/ACT scores earned; for Canadian students, **where possible** provide equivalent test scores and explanations of scoring ranges.

Part VII:

Every scholarship applicant must enclose with the application materials a stamped self-addressed, letter-size envelope, which will be used to send verification that your application has been received. Canadian applicants send a self-addressed envelope **WITH NO POSTAGE**.

Part VIII:

All applicants who are selected as scholarship winners will be notified by e-mail. Each winner will be required to provide a portrait (head/shoulders) for publicity purposes; the photo must be sent electronically in a required format.

**Submit all applications and supporting materials by
March 27, 2009 to:**

Russell J. Beaton, ADCRG
IDTANA Scholarship Committee Chair
P. O. Box 3568
Frederick, MD 21705

Email: Scarpia3170@aol.com

Important:

- ❑ All application materials (Items 1-5) must be ORIGINALS and must be submitted on the official form(s); application materials intended for other scholarships are not acceptable.
- ❑ Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all materials arrive by the deadline. It is recommended that, as far as possible, all materials be submitted together with the application. Late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered regardless of the reason(s).
- ❑ **All applications, including ALL required materials, must be in hand no later than March 27, 2009.**
- ❑ **All materials must be sent to the post office box NOT to any other address.**
- ❑ Send applications and supporting materials by regular mail service. Do NOT send applications by registered mail or any other postal service option that requires a signature.
- ❑ NOTE: If you send an application by any kind of special service provided by the US Postal Service, be sure to initial the space that indicates that the package may be delivered **without someone being at the home to provide a signature**. If you do not do this, the USPS will require a signature and the package **WILL** be returned to you. It is not possible to receive these items during the regular work day, and it also not possible for me to get to the post office during their business hours to pick up items requiring a signature. Items sent this way will NOT be picked up and will be returned to sender. NOTE: This applies to mail sent to the post office box....anything requiring a signature will NOT be picked up, since it must be picked up during regular post office hours.
- ❑ If a dancer is also applying for a scholarship to be awarded by one of the IDTANA regions, applications for the IDTANA national scholarship must be sent directly to the address listed above and received by the deadline, or they will not be considered
- ❑ Any questions or inquiries should be addressed by e-mail only to Russell J. Beaton, ADCRG, at Scarpia3170@aol.com .