



## I.D.T.A.N.A. 2010 CYRIL MCNIFF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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, 2010 and planning to attend a four-year undergraduate college or university, and
- (b) for students enrolled in a four-year undergraduate college program who will still be enrolled as an undergraduate in a four-year undergraduate college or university during the 10-11 school year.

Winners will be announced in mid-June with scholarships to be presented at the 2010 North American Championships in Orlando, FL in July 2010.

**The deadline to submit initial applications is February 1, 2010.**

### **Initial Application Form** (all information, including signatures, is required):

**CHECK ONE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a full-time undergraduate college student at \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a high school senior graduating in Spring 2010 and entering a four-year undergraduate college in Fall 2010.

**NAME** (print full name, no nicknames)

**HOME ADDRESS** (provide number, street name and zip code)

**HOME PHONE** (with area code)

**CELL PHONE** (for you and/or your parents; with area code)

**E-MAIL ADDRESS** (for you and/or your parents)

**IRISH DANCE SCHOOL** (Print the name and location of your dance school, as well as the TCRG(s) who instruct that school)

**NUMBER OF YEARS AS AN IRISH DANCER/CURRENT COMPETITIVE LEVEL**

**COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES THAT YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND IF ACCEPTED**

**MY SIGNATURE**

- I understand that I must submit a complete initial application to be considered at the initial phase.
- I understand that a percentage of the total number of initial applicants will be advanced to the second phase of consideration based upon evaluation of the initial phase applications. I also understand that not all second phase applicants will be awarded scholarships.
- I agree to accept the decision of the IDTANA scholarship committee and its agents as final.

Signature

Date

**MY PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE**

- I/we understand that our child must submit a complete initial application to be considered at the initial phase.
- I/we understand that a percentage of the total number of initial applicants will be advanced to the second phase of consideration based upon evaluation of the initial phase applications. I/we also understand that not all second phase applicants will be awarded scholarships.
- My/our child has permission to apply for this scholarship program.
- I/we agree to accept the decision of the IDTANA scholarship committee and its agents as final.

Signature

Date

**MY DANCE TEACHER'S SIGNATURE**

- I/we understand that this dancer must submit a complete initial application to be considered at the initial phase.
- I/we understand that a percentage of the total number of initial applicants will be advanced to the second phase of consideration based upon evaluation of the initial phase applications. I/we also understand that not all second phase applicants will be awarded scholarships.
- This dancer is enrolled in and actively participating in my/our dance class currently. I/we am/are currently registered with CLRG, IDTANA, and my/our IDTANA region.
- I/we agree to accept the decision of the IDTANA scholarship committee and its agents as final.

Signature

Date

**The Irish Dance Teachers Association Of North America, Inc  
(IDTANA) Announces  
The 2010 Cyril McNiff Memorial Scholarship Program**

- The process for submitting an application for consideration for an IDTANA Scholarship 2010 has been changed.
- There is now an initial application phase and a second application phase.
- Please read ALL of the following information carefully and follow ALL steps as outlined below.
- DO NOT use forms or information from previous years.

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**Phase One.....Initial Application/Evaluation:**

1. All complete applications received with all required supporting materials by the deadline will be evaluated by education professionals, including individuals who are not associated with the IDTANA.
2. The initial evaluation will focus on the academic transcripts and test scores. The evaluators will use a rubric to score each transcript in terms of academic rigor, final grades, grade point averages (GPA), and overall strength of academic history and preparation. Individual transcripts will not be compared to other transcripts for purposes of this initial evaluation but will be evaluated independently in terms of the rubric only.
3. Once all initial evaluations have been completed and a rubric score is determined for each applicant, a percentage of initial applicants will be selected to move forward (on the basis of the rubric score earned on the initial evaluation) to the second phase of application and evaluation. The minimum number of applicants who will be moved forward to the second phase of application and evaluation will be 30% of the total number of applications submitted initially; however, the committee reserves the right to increase the number moved forward to a higher percentage based upon the quality of the initial applications and the initial evaluation rubric scores awarded.
4. All initial applicants will be notified in writing of the decision reached at the initial evaluation phase, whether they are to be advanced to the second phase of evaluation or not.

## Initial Application Procedures:

**Students currently enrolled as seniors in high school (09-10 school year), who will graduate from high school in Spring 2010 and who will attend a four-year college/university in Fall 2010**

1. Complete the two-page INITIAL APPLICATION FORM, providing all information requested. This form must be signed by the dancer, his/her parent(s)/guardian(s), and his/her dance teacher (must be a registered TCRG/ADCRG).
2. Request of your high school an **official** transcript showing final grades for all courses completed by the end of the 08-09 school year, as well as a complete list of all courses enrolled in for the 09-10 school year. Include interim reports or course grades for any course already completed during the senior year of high school.
3. Request of your high school an **official** copy of your complete attendance record showing all attendance for all years of high school up to the date of your request for the record.
4. Obtain a copy of your most recent SAT or ACT scores, if these are not shown on your transcript; you may include scores from previous SAT administrations but these are not required. If SAT or ACT score reports appear on the transcript, DO NOT send copies in addition. [*Canadian applicants: submit any standardized testing that you have completed or a statement that such testing is not a part of your academic program.*]
5. Provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope, which the committee will use to provide written notification of the results of the initial evaluation phase. [*Canadian applicants should provide a self-addressed envelope but NO postage.*]
6. Submit the INITIAL APPLICATION FORM, your transcript, your attendance record, your SAT score report(s), and your self-addressed, stamped envelope no later than February 1, 2010.
7. Mail all required materials **by regular surface mail** to:  
Russell J. Beaton, ADCRG, Chairperson  
IDTANA Scholarship Committee  
P. O. Box 3969  
Frederick, MD 21705

## Initial Application Procedures (continued):

### **Students currently enrolled in a four-year undergraduate college or university (and who will continue to be full-time undergraduate students during the 2010-2011 school year)**

1. Complete the two-page INITIAL APPLICATION FORM, providing all information requested. This form must be signed by the dancer, his/her parent(s)/guardian(s), and his/her dance teacher (must be a registered TCRG/ADCRG).
2. Request of your high school an **official** transcript showing final grades for all courses completed during high school, and an **official** copy of your complete attendance record for your high school years, as well as SAT or ACT score reports. [*Canadian applicants: submit any standardized testing that you completed or a statement that such testing was not a part of your academic program.*]
3. Request an **official** copy of your college/university transcript for all courses that have been completed by the time that you submit your initial application form.
4. Obtain a copy of the list of all courses for which you are enrolled in the current semester of this school year.
5. Provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope, which the committee will use to provide written notification of the results of the initial evaluation phase. [*Canadian applicants should provide a self-addressed envelope but NO postage.*]
6. Submit the INITIAL APPLICATION FORM, your high school transcript, your high school attendance record, your SAT score report(s), your college/university transcript, the list of courses for which you are enrolled during the current semester, and your self-addressed, stamped envelope no later than February 1, 2010.
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**IMPORTANT information for all initial applicants:**

1. Any initial application materials **received** later than the deadline date (February 1, 2010) will be returned unopened to the sender, **NO EXCEPTIONS**
2. If your school has a policy requiring that they mail the transcript directly (and not give it to you to mail along with your initial application form), it is **YOUR** responsibility to ensure that the transcript arrives prior to the deadline, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. All mailings must be sent to the post office box only (see address above).
3. If you want to receive verification that your materials were received, please include a stamped, self-addressed post card. [*Canadian applicants should provide a post card but NO postage.*] Verification will **NOT** be provided by any other method (including e-mail or telephone).
4. Any mailing that requires a signature for pick up will be returned unaccepted and unopened, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. It is not possible for me to get to the post office during regular office hours, and mailings that require a signature can only be picked up during regular office hours. USPS procedures require that, for anything sent **overnight mail**, you **MUST** check off and sign the area that indicates that the package may be left with no signature required; if you do not do so, the package will be returned to you unaccepted and unopened. ***There will be no extensions of deadlines for any package that is returned to you for this (or any other) reason.*** It is advisable to mail items by regular surface mail well in advance of the deadline date and **NOT** to use overnight mailing.

## **Second Phase Application Procedures:**

1. All initial applicants who are moved forward to the second phase of application and evaluation will receive written notification that they have been moved forward.
2. Included will be a complete set of directions about additional materials to be submitted as part of the second phase of application and evaluation, including, but not limited to: an updated transcript; a written response to a writing prompt; a list of extracurricular, volunteer, and service experiences; a list of paid work experiences; a list of Irish dance experiences (competitive and non-competitive); a letter from an academic teacher describing your commitment to academic excellence; and, a supporting letter from your Irish dance teacher.
3. All materials required for the second phase of application and evaluation will be due by an established deadline (TBA: close to April 1, 2010). Any materials received after that deadline will not be considered and the application will not be moved forward to the scholarship committee for evaluation or consideration.
4. All complete second-phase applications (with all required supporting materials) will be forwarded to the seven-member IDTANA scholarship committee. They will evaluate and score each complete application (including all of its component parts) according to a scoring rubric. The composite scores of the entire committee will then be used to rank order all second phase applications.
5. Second phase applications will be evaluated in two groups: (a) those submitted by students who are seniors in high school, graduating from high school in Spring 2010, and attending a four-year college program during the 2010-2011 school year; and (b) those already enrolled in a four-year college program who will still be enrolled in an undergraduate college/university program for the 2010-2011 school year.
6. Based upon this rank order list in each of the two groups of applications, all decisions about scholarship to be awarded will be made. The exact number of scholarships awarded, and the amount of each, will be determined by the committee.
7. **Not all applications advanced to the second phase evaluation will be awarded scholarships.**
8. All second-phase applicants will be notified in writing of the decision reached at the second evaluation phase, whether they are to be awarded a scholarship or not.
9. All applicants who are selected to receive a scholarship will receive additional information about the date and location of the official presentation of awards, as well as other important details regarding media announcements, etc.