

# 2019 Ballet Forest Grove Memorial Dance Scholarship

## Application Instructions

Ballet Forest Grove is happy to present the 6th 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.

Completed applications must be received by the deadline of **5 pm on May 1, 2019** by hand delivering to the office at Forest Grove Dance Arts or by mailing to Ballet Forest Grove, PO Box 1170, Forest Grove, OR 97116. If mailed, the application must be received (not post-marked) by the deadline. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**

Funds will be awarded for dance education purposes only. Scholarships are awarded primarily on the basis of merit and not financial need. Award recipients are selected by a committee on an objective and non-discriminatory basis, consistent with the purpose of the fund. Specific award amounts are determined at the sole discretion of the committee. Factors such as age, religion, race, ethnic group and gender are not considered in the selection process.

If you have any questions, please contact: [info@balletfg.org](mailto:info@balletfg.org) or Lenika Hutchens, Ballet Forest Grove Board Member and Scholarship Committee Member.

### *Applicant eligibility criteria:*

- Scholarships are available to individuals only.
- Applicants must be in grades 6 through 12 and age 19 or under.
- Those applying must be able to complete the application packet independently. Proofreading/review assistance by an adult is recommended.
- All types of dance are eligible: Ballet, Jazz, Modern, Tap, Lyrical, Hip Hop, Street, Belly, Folk, Irish, etc.

### *Eligible expenses for scholarship funds:*

- Costume fees
- Shoes/dancewear
- Forest Grove Dance Arts tuition
- Convention fees
- Dance Intensive fees/tuition

### *Completed application packets must include the following:*

- Scholarship application form, complete and signed.
- Essay:
  - Explain how the program or training you would like to fund will benefit you, as a dancer, on a personal level.
  - If you have received the BFG Memorial Dance scholarship in the past the alternate essay topic is: Explain how the program or training that was funded by that award impacted you, as a dancer.
  - **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Essays may not be resubmitted from prior year BFG Memorial Dance Scholarship applications. Doing so may disqualify the applicant.

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- Technical essay requirements:
  - Font size: 10 - 12 point
  - Margins: no greater than 1" and no smaller than .5"
  - Minimum length: one paragraph
  - Maximum length: one page
- Headshot/dance photo, sized 2"x3" to 5"x7" only

*Optionally, the application packet may include:*

- Letter(s) of recommendation from non-relatives such as teachers, coaches, community leaders or their representatives etc.
- Proof of community service.

Submissions will not be returned. You are encouraged to make a copy for your own records.

### **Timeline:**

April 1	Applications available online at <a href="http://www.balletfg.org">www.balletfg.org</a> and at the front office of Forest Grove Dance Arts at 1819 19 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Forest Grove, OR 97116.
May 1 by 5pm	Completed applications due. <b>Late submissions will not be accepted.</b>
May 1 – Recital	Selection committee review of applications.
Recital	Applicants informed of their scholarship status by the first day of FGDA recital performances.
Within 5 business days after the final FGDA recital performance.	Scholarship funds will be distributed in the form of an awards letter and check or FGDA credit, as appropriate.