



The Jerry Rose Scholarship of Excellence,  
**The Velma Schrader Scholarship of Perseverance,**  
and  
The Friends of West Virginia Culture and History Scholarship



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### APPLICATION

The West Virginia State Dance Festival offers three \$500 scholarships to exceptional dancers who perform at the festival. The Jerry Rose Scholarship of Excellence is named for the Beckley dance instructor who is committed to mentoring dance students and supporting the state's dance community and is funded by the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History. The Velma Schrader Scholarship of Perseverance is named for the Schrader Ballet dance instructor who is committed to the continued education of ballet and dance in the state through continued support of the dance community and is funded by a private donor. The Friends of West Virginia Culture and History Scholarship is a generous donation from the nonprofit organization, which is dedicated to supporting programs of the department.

The scholarships provide opportunities for young dancers to further their dance education by assisting them with expenses associated with professional dance-related workshops or classes.

### CRITERIA FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

- Candidates must be 14 to 18 years old.
- Candidates must be advanced dancers for two years in accordance with the West Virginia State Dance Festival guidelines.
- Candidates must be full-time dancers with a West Virginia dance company that attends the West Virginia State Dance Festival.
- Candidates must be residents of West Virginia.
- Candidates must be enrolled and attend classes at this year's Dance Festival.

**Applications must be received by the Department by February 7, 2025.  
Late applications are not accepted.**

### AUDITION GUIDELINES

- Candidates must audition during the adjudication weekend. Video auditions are not accepted. West Virginia Dance Festival adjudicators will select the scholarship recipients.
- Candidates must perform a short audition piece consisting of a dance excerpt or a dance improvisation of a performance piece.
- **The audition piece can be no longer than three minutes and must be different from the candidate's adjudication piece for the Dance Festival.**
- The dancers who are awarded a scholarship must be available to perform either Friday or Saturday night during the festival.
- Music must be on a flash drive or a CD format.
- Following the class/workshop, the dancer must provide a summary of their experience to the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History.

**Send all applications to Department of Arts, Culture and History, c/o Dance Scholarship,  
The Culture Center, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston,  
West Virginia 25305-0300.**

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**DANCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
APPLICATION DUE FEBRUARY 7, 2025  
(Please Print CLEARLY or Type)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dance Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dance Company Director: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title of Piece: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of Piece: \_\_\_ Classical \_\_\_ Jazz \_\_\_ Modern \_\_\_ Story \_\_\_ Abstract \_\_\_ Other  
 Composer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Choreographer: \_\_\_\_\_ Exact playing time: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide information about the class or workshop you would like to attend. Include the location, instructor, class title, date, etc. (Provide brochures or a printed class description if possible.)

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Please explain why you want to attend the workshop and your expectations.

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 Candidate's Signature or Guardian's Signature (if applicant is under 18)

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 Dance Company Director's Signature

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Following the workshop or class, the dancer must provide a short summary of their experience to West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History, c/o Dance Scholarship, The Culture Center, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0300

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