



Thank you for your interest in applying for the Empower Dance Foundation Scholarships for the 2023-24 season.

The Empower Dance Foundation believes that dance significantly adds to students' learning and self-esteem. As students develop their creative minds, dance allows students to discover who they are and what they are passionate about. Dance promotes creativity, and improves the way in which people see themselves. It enables people to express themselves emotionally, promotes diversity, and exposes people to other cultures

The Empower Dance Foundation provides dance scholarships to help dancers follow their passion to dance. The ideal applicant will be a youth between the ages of 5-17 years old who has aspirations to dance. Recipients will be dedicated to completing an entire year of dance class(es) at Empower Dance Studio. Underrepresented minorities in dance will be highly considered, although it is not required to be a minority in order to apply.

There are two types of scholarships.

Financial Scholarships are geared toward students' families with financial difficulties. There are many reasons families have financial difficulties, The Empower Dance Foundation aims to remove cost as a barrier to having access to quality dance classes. A statement explaining why the financial need and a financial certification form are part of the application process.

The Nicole Oxendine Performance Scholarships are geared toward **current or prior** Empower Dance students who want to pursue further dance skills outside of Empower Dance Studio. This includes additional specialized dance classes, workshops, camps, or competitions to enhance their skills. A video clip of a personal dance piece is one of the requirements.

Please make sure you have completed all requirements in order to be considered for a scholarship. There are a few things to remember:

- ❖ Complete the on-line application [Empower On-line Application](#)
- ❖ The Deadline to apply for the Financial Scholarship: August 12th
- ❖ The Performance Scholarship deadline is Open
- ❖ **(Financial scholarship applicants only)** The Financial certification form must be notarized by an NC-certified notary. Please contact us if you need assistance with notary services. (Form is attached)
- ❖ **(Performance Scholarship applicants only)** Must submit a dance video.



FINANCIAL CERTIFICATION FORM

Name of dancer applying for financial scholarship	
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Dancer's age	
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Parent(s) Name:

Parent/Guardian 1, Name:	
Parent/Guardian 2, Name:	

Check which category(ies) is applicable to the household of the applicant, if any:

- SNAP
- Medicaid
- Disability Benefits (Parent or applicant)
- Unemployment
- None of the above

I certify that the information listed above is true to the best of my knowledge at this time. I understand this will be used in part of my child's application for scholarship funds supplied by Empower Dance Foundation. I also understand I do not have to supply any numerical data.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

NOTARIAL CERTIFICATE FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT

_____ County, North Carolina

I certify that the following person(s) personally appeared before me this day, each acknowledging to me that they signed the foregoing document:

Name(s) of principal(s)

Date: _____

(Official Seal)

*Official Signature of Notary
Notary Public*
Notary Public printed or typed name
My commission expires: _____