



Federation of United States Teachers and Adjudicators (FUSTA)
2026 EUNICE BAIRD WHITTLESEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship provides financial assistance to a dancer in college, graduate school or other educational programs who has met the eligibility requirements and demonstrated a high level of participation and interest in the art of Highland Dance. This scholarship may be won only once.

ELIGIBILITY: An applicant must be

- A U.S. resident, a current-year SDUSA/FUSTA registered dancer and the student of a SDUSA member in good standing.
- Or a U.S. resident, a current-year SDUSA/FUSTA registered dancer and an SDUSA member in good standing.

FINANCIAL: The recipient of the Whittlesey Memorial Scholarship will receive \$1000.00. Funds will be paid directly to the recipient for the purpose of further education.

CRITERIA: Completed applications must be submitted electronically to the Scholarship Committee chair Ann Johnson at scholarship@scotdanceusa.com and received no later than 11:59 PM PDT on April 1. Incomplete applications or those received after April 1 will not be considered.

A completed application includes:

1. Page 2 of the scholarship application form legibly completed, signed, dated and with page/s attached listing Awards and Honors, Interests and Extra Curricular Activities
2. Three required letters of recommendation:
 - one from the applicant's Highland Dance teacher
 - one from a college/university/educational program instructor
 - one personal reference not from a member of the immediate family
3. Transcript from college, university, grad school or educational program
4. A copy of the applicant's current-year RSOBHD registration card
5. An essay not to exceed 500 words. Applicant to select from one of three topics on page 3 of the scholarship application form.



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Name _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Applicant's SDUSA/FUSTA Registration card # _____

Applicant's SDTA, BATD or UKA #, if applicable _____

Applicant's teacher's SDTA, BATD, or UKA # _____

College/University/Educational Program	Dates Attending	Graduation Date
_____	_____	_____

Major _____

Attach separate page/s listing

- Awards and Honors
- Interest and Extra Curricular Activities

Signature _____

Date _____



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Essay: On a separate piece of paper write a brief essay (maximum of 500 words) choosing one of the following topics:

1. Who or what inspired you to remain involved in Highland Dance while in college/grad school/other educational program, and what are your plans to remain involved in Highland Dance and the U.S. Scottish community after graduation?
2. How did the lessons learned and the discipline gained from Highland Dance ready you for your current educational experience, and how has the continuation of Highland Dance enhanced your experience both academically and socially?
3. How have the discipline and practice of Highland Dancing influenced your decision-making abilities?

Application Check List

- ___ 1. Page 2 of the scholarship form legibly completed, signed, dated, and with page/s attached listing Awards/Honor and Interests/Extra Curricular Activities
- ___ 2. Three required letters of recommendation which must accompany the application
- ___ 3. Transcript from college, university, grad school or educational program
- ___ 4. A copy of the applicant's current-year RSOBHD registration card
- ___ 5. An essay not to exceed 500 words

All parts of the completed application including letters of recommendations must be attached to one email and not sent individually or via Google links.

Application must be received at scholarship@scotdanceusa.com no later than 11:59 PM PDT on April 1.

The Whittlesey Scholarship recipient will be notified no later than May 15 and is requested to promptly acknowledge acceptance of the scholarship. scholarship@scotdanceusa.com

By June 1, the scholarship recipient will provide a photo and short write-up to the USIR program editor.