



I.D.T.A.M.A. 2019 Scholarship Program

The Irish Dance Teacher's Association of Mid 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 IDTAMA is proud to offer academic scholarships:

- (a) for high school seniors graduating in Spring, 2019 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 18-19 school year.

Winners will be announced by May 5, 2019. ***The deadline to submit applications is December 15, 2018.***

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

<p>CHECK ONE:</p> <p>_____ I am a full-time undergraduate college student at _____.</p> <p>_____ I am a high school senior graduating in Spring 2019 and entering a four-year undergraduate college in Fall 2018.</p>
<p>NAME (print full name, first and last, no nicknames)</p>
<p>HOME ADDRESS (provide house number, street name, town/city, state/province, and zip code/postal code)</p>
<p>PHONE NUMBER (with area code)</p>
<p>HIGH SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS</p>
<p>E-MAIL ADDRESS (for you and/or your parents)</p>

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

NUMBER OF YEARS AS AN IRISH DANCER/CURRENT COMPETITIVE LEVEL

MY SIGNATURE

- I understand that I must submit a complete application to be considered.
- ***I understand and agree to abide by all rules governing scholarship applications, including the fact that any application received late or sent by a prohibited method will not be considered.***
- I agree to accept all decisions of the IDTAMA 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 application to be considered at the initial phase.
- ***I understand and agree to abide by all rules governing scholarship applications, including the fact that any application received late or sent by a prohibited method will not be considered.***
- My/our child has permission to apply for this scholarship program.
- **I/we agree to accept all decisions of the IDTAMA scholarship committee and its agents as final.**

Signature _____ Date _____

MY DANCE TEACHER'S SIGNATURE

- I/we understand that this dancer must submit a complete application to be considered at the initial phase.
- ***I understand and agree to abide by all rules governing scholarship applications, including the fact that any application received late or sent by a prohibited method will not be considered.***
- 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 all decisions of the IDTAMA scholarship committee and its agents as final.**

Signature _____ Date _____

IMPORTANT information for all applicants:

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. The official application pages and all supporting materials must be submitted electronically as described below. No other formats will be accepted.
2. Any application materials received/dated electronically later than December 15, 2018 will not be considered, NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. You must provide a current e-mail address, which the committee will use to provide written notification of the results. No other form of notification will be used.
4. Put all materials in proper order and then create **ONE** .pdf file of the group of documents. Send the .pdf file as an e-mail attachment to the e-mail address provided below.
5. In the subject line of your e-mail, please type ONLY the first and last name of the scholarship applicant, followed by 2018.
6. Supporting materials should be included with your total application when you submit it electronically. If your school has a policy requiring that they send the transcript directly (and not give it to you to send), it is YOUR responsibility to ensure that the transcript arrives prior to the deadline, NO EXCEPTIONS. All mailings must be sent to the e-mail address provided below. DO NOT SEND MATERIALS TO ANY OTHER E-MAIL ADDRESS OR IN ANY OTHER FORMAT.
7. E-mail all required application materials, in a PDF file only, to: Mary G. Clarkson, TCRG, Chairperson, IDTAMA Scholarship Committee at the following e-mail address only: IDTAMAscholarship@hotmail.com
8. There will be no extensions of deadlines if the committee must notify an applicant that any e-mailed materials have been received in a format that cannot be opened and downloaded by the scholarship committee using its available computer software.
9. Please be considerate and submit applications according to the rules outlined above.

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 IDTAMA.
2. The evaluation will include academic transcripts, test scores, written response to prompts, extracurricular activities, volunteer experiences, a list of Irish dance experiences (competitive and non-competitive), and letters of reference. The evaluators will use a rubric to evaluate each component of the application.
3. The exact number of scholarships awarded, and the amount of each, will be determined by the committee.
4. All applicants will be notified in writing **by e-mail** of the committee's final decisions.

Application Process:

1. Complete the **two-page application form**. Be sure to include all requested signatures.
2. Provide a **copy of your most recent report card or transcript** showing final grades for courses completed last semester. You may use an “unofficial” copy of the report card you have already received.
3. Obtain a copy of your most recent SAT and/or ACT scores, if these are not shown on your transcript. You may include scores from previous SAT and/or ACT administrations but these are not required. **If SAT/ACT scores reports appear on the transcript, DO NOT send extra copies.**
4. Provide a **list of your involvement and accomplishments in Irish dancing**, including competitive level, major competitions/awards, etc., as well as non-competitive experiences. This list must be typed and may not be any longer than one page (front only); font size may be no smaller than 10.
5. Provide a **list of your extracurricular activities during high school or college (if applicable)**, including any positions of leadership held. This may include activities that are sponsored by your academic school, as well as those sponsored by churches or community organizations. This list must be typed and may not be any longer than one page (front only); font size may be no smaller than 10.
6. Provide a **list/description of any volunteer or service work**, in which you have been involved during high school or college. This list must be typed and may not be any longer than one page (front only); font size may be no smaller than 10.
7. Provide a **brief letter from your Irish dance teacher** which supports your scholarship application. This must be an original letter, written for this specific application on personal or dance school letterhead, signed by the teacher, who must be a currently registered, certified TMRF/TCRG/ADCRG with An Coimisiun le Rinci Gaelacha and the IDTANA. This letter may not be any longer than one page (front only).
8. Provide a **brief letter from a teacher, administrator, or counselor at your academic school** describing the commitment to academic excellence which makes you unique at your school. This must be an original letter, written for this specific application on personal or school letterhead, signed by the professional completing it. This letter may not be any longer than one page (front only).
9. Develop **three short paragraphs that respond to the writing prompts** provided on a later page. Be sure to respond as specifically as you can to each prompt and what it is asking of you. The paragraphs must be typed and may not, in total length, be any longer than two pages (front only); font size no smaller than 10.

Writing Prompts:

For each of the prompts listed below, develop a well-written, well-supported paragraph (NO LONGER THAN 15-20 lines) that responds to the prompt. Be specific, provide examples and explanations, and focus your paragraph on what the prompt is asking you to discuss or provide. Each paragraph is also expected to display mechanical and structural accuracy. **NOTE: Your paragraphs must be typed, double-spaced, and may not, in total length, be any longer than two pages (front only); font size no smaller than 10.**

Prompt #1

Explain how Irish dancing has enriched your life.

Prompt #2

Describe the various challenges (i.e., school, family, friends, etc) you face as an Irish dancer and how you work to overcome them.

Prompt #3

Explain the greatest lessons you have learned through Irish dancing.

NOTE: Every scholarship applicant must be a registered dancer in a dance school instructed by a certified TCRG. All TCRGs affiliated with CLRG, IDTANA, and the seven North American regions are expected to comply with all rules governing teachers. This includes the fact that no classes may be taught without a certified teacher being present, including any taught by scholarship applicants. The scholarship committee will take into consideration any indication that such rules are not being followed by a scholarship applicant, if evidenced in the essay and/or any of the other pages provided by an applicant.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST (*all information is required; PRINT only*)

Applicant's Name _____

E-mail address _____

Be sure that you have included all of the following items:

- _____ Two-Page application form
- _____ High school transcript **AND** (if applicable) college transcript. ("unofficial" copies accepted)
College students only – provide list of current courses.
- _____ A copy of your most recent SAT and/or ACT scores
- _____ List of involvement and accomplishments in Irish dancing (1 page max)
- _____ List of extracurricular activities (1 page max)
- _____ List of volunteer service (1 page max)
- _____ Letter of support from your Irish dance teacher (1 page max)
- _____ Letter of support from a professional staff member at your
academic school (1 page max)
- _____ 3 Paragraphs responding to the 3 writing prompts (2 pages max)

E-mail all required second phase application materials, in one group, to:

Mary G. Clarkson, TCRG, Chairperson, IDTAMA Scholarship Committee
at the following e-mail address only: IDTAMAscholarship@hotmail.com

Deadline for receipt of all materials is December 15, 2018.