

The Révérence Scholarship for Dance Arts

Purpose

The Révérence Scholarship for Dance Arts is being offered by Tupelo Ballet, a 501c(3) organization established in 1982. A révérence (pronounced ray-vay-RAHNS) in dance refers to the last exercise of a class as a finish to the class and a gesture of mutual appreciation between a teacher and a student. This scholarship is designed to reward the efforts of a senior student as a final appreciation to their contribution to dance arts as a high school student.

Award

Two scholarships of \$1500 will be awarded annually and paid directly to the honoree. Eligibility Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- A college-bound high school senior
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Enrolled in an official school of dance in Lee County, Mississippi, and trained in any dance genre.

Selection Criteria

The selection committee is made up of a panel of three community leaders who share a devotion to dance arts and have no current affiliation with the Tupelo Ballet organization.

The scholarship will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated appreciation for dance arts
- Recommendation and Reference
- Essay
- Video performance
- Academic Standing

Application Requirements

To be considered for The Révérence Scholarship for Dance Arts, applicants must submit the following by March 31, 2026:

- Application Form
- High School Transcript, including GPA
- One letter of recommendation from a non-family member to speak to your character (teacher, community leader, mentor, etc)
- Application Essay—in no more than 500 words, give a self-description, explain your dance experience, and share the impact dance has had on your life.
- Performance Video—email a one-minute video of you performing a dance selection of your choice. It can be choreographed or improvised and does not need to be professionally rehearsed or recorded—no special effects or editing.

All of the aforementioned items must be submitted before the application is considered. Submissions and videos will be accepted via email at info@tupeloballet.com using "SCHOLARSHIP" in the subject line. Applications and letters can also be mailed to Tupelo Ballet, P.O. Box 484, Tupelo, MS 38801 or submitted to your high school counselor.

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APPLICATION

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

High School You Attend: _____ GPA: _____

School of Dance You Attend: _____

Location of School of Dance: _____

*Name of Dance/Studio Instructor: _____

Instructor's Phone Number: _____

Instructor's Email: _____

**This person may be contacted to provide a recommendation for the applicant if needed*

Application Checklist:

- Completed Application Form
- High School Transcript
- Letter of Recommendation
- Essay
- 1 minute video performance emailed to info@tupeloballet.com

Ways to submit:

- Online to info@tupeloballet.com
- Mail to Tupelo Ballet, P.O. Box 484, Tupelo, MS 38802
- Submit to your high school counselor