

*Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games  
2017 Highland Dance Scholarship*

- One \$250 scholarship will be awarded to a student of highland dance to be written to the school where the dancer receives instruction in highland dance. All applicants must have a minimum of two years experience in highland dance AND must be registered by April 20th to compete in the 2017 Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Highland Games Highland Dance Competition.
- Decisions of the scholarship committee will be based on the applicant's objectives, commitment, demonstrated proficiency, anticipated development and future goals. The scholarship is open to any person regardless of race, creed or gender. Dancers of any age are eligible for this award.
- The entry must include the completed application form, a one page essay (details listed on application form), a signed copy of this page and the completed Instructor Input Form.
- Input from your current teacher is a necessary part of this application. Also, include input from your previous teacher if you have been studying with the current teacher less than a year. The Instructor Input Form addresses the length of time the applicant has studied with the teacher, the applicant's skill level, progress made this year, proficiency and guidelines for additional comments. The instructor input should be mailed or emailed separately from the applicant's entry form and essay. ***No application will be considered without the instructor input and recommendation. The instructor input/recommendation must be postmarked no later than April 20th, 2017 to be eligible for consideration by this committee.*** The instructor input form is included on this application form.
- Your application, essay, a signed copy of this page and instructor input must be postmarked no later than April 20th, 2017 to be eligible for consideration by this committee. An email will be sent to applicant to acknowledge receipt of recommendation and all application requirements.
- The scholarship committee will determine scholarship award winners on or before May 20, 2017.
- Past scholarship winners (previous 3 years) are not eligible for the 2017 scholarship award (2014-2016).
- A check will be written for the amount of \$250.00 to the instructor of the school of highland dance. A check for the scholarship will be given to the dancer (if over 18), the parent (if dancer is under age 18) or sent directly to the school or instructor and the unused balance must be returned if you terminate highland dance training. The school must be under the direction of a certified instructor in highland dance. In the Memo space --- Name of School
- Mail all forms, essays, brochures to the school you plan to attend if available and instructor input forms to:

Waren Mac Isaac  
137 County Road 651  
Athens, TN 37303

  - Electronic copies are acceptable including scanned copies-email to wareenmacisaac@gmail.com 11:00 PM EDT April 20, 2017. Subject Line: Scottish Festival Scholarship

**I realize this grant is to be used for educational purposes only. I will notify the committee and school immediately if I am unable to attend the training program for any reason.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian signature if you are a minor (under age 18)

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**SMOKY MOUNTAIN SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AND GAMES HIGHLAND DANCE  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**2017**

**Please complete the following:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age

E-Mail Address (parent's email if under age 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip  
\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been training in highland dance? \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of your current teacher:

How long have you studied with this teacher? \_\_\_\_\_

At what level or grade are you now classified? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your immediate objective this year? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your future goal? \_\_\_\_\_

What other Scottish cultural activities or Scottish performing arts do you participate in?

List events where you have volunteered your highland dance talents:

Name and address of the school you attend where the scholarship will be used:

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\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

## ESSAY PORTION

**On a separate sheet of paper, write a short essay, 1 to 2 pages, to help the committee get to know you; tell us why you dedicate so much effort to highland dance. Include any special honors, awards, or personal accomplishments you have attained this year; the number of competitions you entered last year and how you placed. Let us know of any challenges you have faced and overcome that have effected your highland dance experience. Also include any events where you donated your talents as a highland dancer. Remember, Tennessee is the Volunteer State!**

January 25, 2017

Instructors,

Please complete the instructor input/recommendation form for dancers to be considered for the 2016 Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games highland dance scholarship competition. Page 2 contains information needed for consideration. If you need additional space, feel free to send an additional page.

If you have a brochure or website for your classes, please include that information. We realize that not all instructors have a brochure or a website for their classes. In that case, send a 1-2 paragraph description about the school/classes and mail with your student input/recommendation. Include location (city), how long the instructor has been teaching there, how many students attend, any sort of community service (classes/students participate in local Burns Nights, dance at community events if any) and a little about yourself-if you've taught in other areas or with other schools, any awards you may have won as dancers or awards your students have won. You can use this information for all your students entering the scholarship competition.

We're trying to make this as easy as possible. We have a few people on the scholarship committee who are not as up on highland dance as others so we want them to feel comfortable with all the applicants and the proposed use of the scholarship money.

A check will be written for the amount of \$250.00 to the instructor's school of highland dance. A check for the scholarship will be given to the dancer (if over 18), the parent (if dancer is under age 18) or sent directly to the school or instructor and the unused balance must be returned if the student terminates highland dance classes.

If you have any questions, please let me know ([wareenmacisaac@gmail.com](mailto:wareenmacisaac@gmail.com) or 1-865-296-2337). Yes, you can email your input to me by April 20, 2017, 11:00 PM EDT. And thanks for your help and input!

WAREEN MAC ISAAC

**Thank you for your assistance in helping us to select the 2017 Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games Scholarship recipient!**

**Please return Instructor Input Form to**

**WAREEN MAC ISAAC  
137 COUNTY ROAD 651  
ATHENS, TN 37303**

**If recommending multiple students, it is permissible to submit all recommendations in one mailing.**

**Completed forms can be emailed to [wareenmacisaac@gmail.com](mailto:wareenmacisaac@gmail.com)**

Subject Line – Scottish Festival Scholarship

**An email will be sent to instructor to acknowledge receipt of recommendation.**

### Instructor Recommendation

No application will be considered without an instructor's input and recommendation.

Instructor's input must be postmarked/emailed no later than April 20th 2017 to be eligible for consideration by this committee.

Instructor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time the applicant has studied with this teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's skill level    BEGINNER    NOVICE    INTERMEDIATE    PREMIER

Progress made in 2016 (i. e. progressed from Beginner to Novice in 2016)

Additional comments (Include notes on dancer's commitment to highland dance including hours spent in practice, competitions or volunteer dance demonstrations, or obstacles (physical, financial, schedule, health etc.) that are being/have been overcome, demonstrated proficiency, spirit of sportsmanship and friendliness, either, enter below or on a separate page.