



## KAITLIN MAHR ONE-OF-A-KIND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### Purpose

The purpose of the *A Chance to Dance Foundation* is to provide financial assistance in the form of a variety of memorial and opportunity fund scholarships to children of the Coulee Region. The scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate the qualities of leadership strong work ethic, school and community involvement, and academic achievement in addition to potential in dance or the potential to benefit from dance.

### Eligibility

Students age two through 18 as of September 1 of each calendar year who reside in the Coulee Region are eligible to apply. The Coulee Region is defined for the purposes of this application as the communities within 45 miles of La Crosse. Students must choose a dance studio within the geographic boundaries of the Coulee Region that also has a matching grant program of at least 50%. Students must prove eligibility by submitting registration paperwork along with a letter on letterhead from the studio where they take class confirming their status as a student. No more than two students per family may apply. Students may apply at any point in their dance training. All scholarship awards are need-based and subject to income verification. Verification is be done by our business office and kept in strict confidence.

### Award Process

**Application:** To apply, please fill out the following standard application form. Applications and supporting materials should be sent to the *A Chance to Dance Foundation* office at: A Chance to Dance Foundation, 980 12th Ave. S., Onalaska, WI 54650.

**Application Deadline:** *A Chance to Dance Foundation* accepts scholarship applications at all times during the year.

**Award Distribution:** September 30 of each year. The majority of A Chance to Dance Foundation scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis (September 30 of each year). A limited amount of funds may be kept in reserve for needs that may be identified after the annual September 30 award timeline at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

**Amount:** The number of scholarships awarded each year may vary due to a number of reasons, including the number of applicants, the types of applications received and the amount of funds available. The value of each scholarship will be determined by the Board of Directors, but typically ranges between 20-50 percent of the student's tuition. Total funding available per dancer through the duration of their dance years (through age 18) is capped at \$10,000. Information regarding the types of scholarships available can be found at [www.chancetodancefoundation.org](http://www.chancetodancefoundation.org).



***The Kaitlin Mahr One-of-a-Kind Scholarship is for a dancer facing extreme hardship and who is overcoming adversity through dance. It is a rare scholarship for rare situations and, in the spirit of Kaitlin, is reserved for dancers who are uniquely themselves. It provides up to \$25,000 in funding.***

### **Selection Criteria**

Applicants will be evaluated in the following areas:

1. Leadership and work ethic
2. School and community involvement
3. Academic achievement
4. Demonstrated potential in dance or evidence of potential to benefit from dance lessons
5. Financial need
6. Nature and extent of hardship

### **Application Checklist**

Only complete applications will be considered. Complete applications have FIVE parts.

1. Completion of application form
2. Copy of school transcript\*
3. One letter or recommendation from an academic teacher\*
4. One letter of recommendation from an individual other than a relative\*
5. Students must prove eligibility by submitting registration paperwork along with a letter on letterhead from the studio where they take class confirming their status as a student.

\*For school age students only.

Letters of recommendation should be one page long, signed and dated. Please include how long the writer has known the applicant and in what capacity. Additionally, please describe the applicant's qualities such as responsibility, initiative, respect, integrity and teamwork, citing specific examples where possible.

Homeschool Children can omit the transcript if not available, but should submit 2 letters of recommendation from an individual other than a relative.

### **Distribution**

A Chance to Dance Foundation will mail all scholarship funds directly to the applicants studio of choice in two payments. First semester payment will be made on Oct. 1. Second semester payment will be made on Feb. 1. If the student drops out of classes before the end of the term, the pro-rated amount must be returned by the studio to the *A Chance to Dance Foundation*.

*A Chance to Dance Foundation* does not discriminate against any applicant because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or status with regard to public assistance. The conditions, requirements and availability of the *A Chance to Dance Foundation* scholarship application may change at any time.



**KAITLIN MAHR ONE-OF-A-KIND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Dance Experience** YES / NO

If YES, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Classes interested in taking: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of location where you will be attending class: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT INFORMATION**

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Information**

Total Combined Annual Household(s) Income:

Under \$25,000     \$25,000-\$50,000     \$50,000-\$75,000     Other (Please List) \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe nature of hardship and any other special circumstances (financial or otherwise) of which we should be made aware.

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**OTHER INFORMATION**

Please list other children in your family: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
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Describe the importance of dance in your child's life at this point in time:

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



**FOR STUDENT TO COMPLETE**

What have you learned, or what do you hope to learn, from involvement with dance?

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What are your personal and education goals?

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What makes you one-of-a-kind?

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