

Dance for Abby Warren Memorial Scholarship

2026/27 Dance Season Application

Applicant Information:

Full Name:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Is this a cell? Yes No	
Email:		
Age:	Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY):	Current School Grade

Parent/Guardian Information:

Full Name:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Is this a cell? Yes No	
Email:		

Dance Experience:

Current Dance School or Studio:	Number of Years Attended:
Dance Styles Trained In:	
Names of Dance Teachers:	
Other Dance Studios Attended:	Number of Years Attended:
Dance Honors, Awards & Memberships:	

School & Community Information:

Current School:	Grade:
School Clubs and/or Teams:	
Community Service Activities:	
Hobbies, Outside Interests:	

Essay Requirement - Ages 11 & up:

As part of your application for the Dance for Abby Warren Memorial Scholarship, please submit a written or video essay that reflects your personal journey in dance. Your written essay should be between 500 and 750 words. A video essay should be under three minutes. You may choose the option you are most comfortable with, but it should address the following:

1. **Personal Resilience:** Describe a significant challenge or adversity you have faced in your life, how you overcame it, and how it has shaped you as a dancer and an individual.
2. **Inspiring Others:** Reflect on how you strive to be a light to others in your dance community. Share specific examples of how you have supported, encouraged, or inspired your peers.
3. **Going 'Full Out':** Explain what it means to you to go "full out" in your dance practice and in life. How do you demonstrate dedication, passion, and commitment to your craft?
4. **Future Aspirations:** Discuss how receiving this scholarship will help you achieve your future goals in dance and education. How do you plan to honor Abby Warren's legacy through your own journey?

Tips for Both Formats:

- **Be Yourself:** Whether you choose the video or essay, let your personality shine through.
- **Clarity:** Ensure your message is clear and easy to understand. In a video, speak clearly; in an essay, write in a way that is easy to read.
- **Express Your Passion:** This is your chance to show how much dance means to you and how you embody the qualities that Abby Warren represented.

Video Essay - Ages 10 & under:

As part of your application for the Dance for Abby Warren Memorial Scholarship, please submit a video essay that allows you to express your passion for dance and your personal journey. Your video should be no longer than 3 minutes and should cover the following topics:

1. **Your Dance Journey:** Share why you love to dance. Talk about when you started dancing and what dance means to you.
2. **Overcoming Challenges:** Describe a time when you faced a challenge in dance or life and how you worked through it. What did you learn from that experience?
3. **Inspiring Others:** Explain how you try to be a good friend and teammate in your dance class or school. How do you help others feel happy and confident?
4. **Going 'Full Out':** Show or tell how you give your best effort in dance, whether it's during practice, a performance, or even just having fun. Why is it important to you to always do your best?
5. **Future Hopes:** Share your dreams for the future in dance. How would this scholarship help you keep dancing and learning?

Tips for Your Video:

- Be yourself! The committee wants to see your personality shine through.
- You can speak directly to the camera or show examples of your dancing as you talk.
- If you're nervous, it's okay to practice a few times before recording.
- Make sure your video is clear and easy to listen to.

Dance Video Submission – Required of all applicants!

- Upload a video to YouTube of a recent solo or self-choreographed piece that best showcases your skills and passion for dance.
- The video should be no longer than 3 minutes.

Video Submission Instructions:

- Upload your video to YouTube and include the link with your application. Ensure that the video is set to "unlisted" or "public" so the scholarship committee can view it.
- If you need help with the technical aspects, feel free to ask a teacher, parent, or guardian.

Dance Video Link to YouTube Video:

Video Essay Link to YouTube Video:

Letters of Recommendation:

Please provide two letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to your dedication, talent, and potential in dance. Recommendations can be from dance instructors, schoolteachers, or community leaders.

Teacher Name:	Email:
Teacher Name:	Email:

Additional Information:

Is there anything else you would like the scholarship committee to know about you or your dance journey? Attach additional pages if necessary.

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About the Dance for Abby Warren Memorial Scholarship

The Dance for Abby Warren Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the memory of Abby Warren, a remarkable individual whose passion for dance, resilience in the face of adversity, and unwavering commitment to excellence inspired everyone who knew her. Abby was not only a talented dancer but also a beacon of light to those around her, always bringing joy and encouragement to her fellow dancers. She approached every challenge with courage and determination, always going "full out" in all she did, both on and off the stage. This scholarship seeks to support young dancers who embody Abby's spirit—those who have faced their own challenges, shine brightly in the lives of others, and demonstrate the same dedication and passion for dance that Abby lived by every day. Through this scholarship, Abby's legacy continues to inspire and uplift the next generation of dancers.

Certification and Signature:

I certify that all the information provided in this application is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false information may result in the loss of this scholarship opportunity.

Applicant's Signature:	Date:
Signature of Parent/Guardian:	Date:

Submission Instructions:

Please submit your completed application, along with all required materials, by **October 12, 2026**. Completed applications should be emailed to dance4abby@gmail.com.

"Shining Bright, Living Through Dance, Going Full Out—A Tribute to Abby's Legacy"