



Dance for Abby Warren Memorial Scholarship

Application Requirements & Guidelines

2026 – 27 Dance Season

About Abby:

Abigail Elizabeth Warren was a vibrant and dedicated dancer whose life was tragically cut short in a car crash at the age of 18. Known for her resilience, inspiring spirit, and profound impact on those around her, Abby faced life's challenges with unmatched courage, uplifting others even during tough times. Her passion for dance was evident from a young age, excelling in every routine with heart and dedication. Beyond the dance floor, she was a beacon of support within her community, embodying true leadership and the spirit of going "full out" in all her endeavors. To honor her memory and continue her legacy, the Dance for Abby Warren Memorial Scholarship was founded to support young dancers who share her dedication to dance and her desire to make a positive impact on the world.

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.

Scholarship Amounts to be Awarded for the 2026-27 dance season:

- **Passion for Dance Scholarship:** \$500
- **Shine Bright Dance Scholarship:** \$750
- **Unstoppable Spirit Dance Scholarship:** \$1000
- **Abby Warren Dance Legacy Scholarship:** \$1000 to be awarded to a dancer at Premiere Dance Studio

Criteria & Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be a resident of the state of Virginia.
2. Applicants must be students currently enrolled in grades 1 through 12 for the 2026 – 27 school year.
3. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a dance studio or performing arts school for dance.

General Instructions:

1. Complete all sections of the application form accurately.

2. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is **October 12, 2026**. All parts of the application must be submitted by the deadline to be considered.
3. Only electronic applications will be accepted. Please email completed applications to dance4abby@gmail.com. Please include all attachments and links to YouTube videos in one email.
4. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
5. If you have any questions about the application, please contact Sheri Warren at 804-305-2042 or dance4abby@gmail.com.

Application Materials:

Applicants must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form
2. Written or Video Essay – See application for requirements
3. Two recommendations from teachers, community leaders or others who have significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement. Please have recommendations emailed to dance4abby@gmail.com.
4. Dance video (3 minutes or less) of a recent solo or self-choreographed performance. This video should be uploaded to YouTube with the link shared in the email submission as well as on the application in the space provided
5. Headshot of applicant
6. Dance photo of applicant

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.

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If Awarded a Scholarship:

Payments in the recipient's name will be sent directly to the dance school the dancer attends. If for any reason you are unable to complete the dance season, you will need to return the any funds sent to the studio in full.

Thank you for your interest in the Abby Warren Memorial Dance Scholarship. We appreciate your dedication to dance and your desire to honor Abby's legacy. We look forward to reviewing your application and learning more about your journey and aspirations in dance.