



# Candice Tometich Scholarship Award Guidelines

## Purpose

Virtuosity Dance Centre trains students of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. The Candice Tometich Scholarship Award offers financial aid scholarships to a select student or number of students who meet our financial, dance and leadership criteria.

## Amount, Value and Scope of Scholarship

The amount of scholarship will be determined by financial need (based on Federal Poverty Guidelines). We may award a full or partial scholarship. Scholarship students are expected to take the recommended number of classes for their level; therefore, the value of each scholarship will vary.

Scholarship may only be applied toward tuition and fees for the current season. A new application will need to be submitted for each season and will depend on funding of scholarship at that time.

Families with multiple students may apply for scholarships for each student; however separate applications must be completed for each child.

## ***Scholarship funds may not be used for the following:***

- Payment of private lessons or master classes.
- Payment of overdue tuition owed for prior sessions
- Purchase of VDC merchandise or other dancewear/items in VDC store

## Criteria for Selection

All applications will be evaluated based on financial need, dance-related criteria, leadership and quality of application.

## Financial

All sources of household income must be disclosed, including child support.

## Interest in dance

- Dancer must demonstrate strong interest in and commitment to studying dance.
- Prior dance training is not required, and applicants may be any age.

## Leadership

- Dancer must exhibit a consistently positive attitude toward himself/herself/themselves and others.
- Applicant must be a positive member of his/her/their community.

## Quality of application

- Application must be complete, including financial documentation.

- Letter(s) of recommendation are required for all new students who are applying for tuition assistance. Currently enrolled VDC students and students who received tuition assistance in the previous year are not required to provide a letter of recommendation, VDC staff and faculty will be consulted.
- Great weight will be given to applicant's answers and letter(s) of recommendation.

### Granting Process

Application must be complete and include all required financial documentation and at least one letter of recommendation to be considered (if new to VDC).

Input may be solicited from VDC staff and faculty if the dancer has studied previously with VDC. **Additional input may include information on history with tuition payments, participation in VDC functions, consistency with attendance and behavior in VDC classes, performances, fundraisers, competitions, conventions, and other events.**

Virtuosity Dance Centre is an equal opportunity arts organization. Financial aid scholarship decisions are made based on the above criteria and are not based on race, color, origin, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

### Responsibilities

Financial aid scholarship recipients and their families are expected to be role models for other Virtuosity Dance Centre dancers and families through the following:

- Excellent attendance and punctuality
- Consistent adherence to dress code and other VDC policies
- Exceptional, positive attitude toward other dancers in the VDC school
- Consistent respect and positive attitude toward VDC teachers and staff members (required of both dancer and family members)
- Full, proactive participation in all VDC performances, fundraising activities, and other special events

### Revocation of Financial Aid Scholarship

If a student fails to meet the above responsibilities his/her/their tuition assistance may be revoked. Revocation of tuition assistance is a serious step, and will be considered in the following circumstances:

- Chronic lateness or absenteeism in class or rehearsals
- Negative attitude or poor role model behavior
- **Alcohol (for students under the age of 21), cigarette or drug use will result in the immediate revocation of all tuition assistance and possible dismissal from the school.**

### Renewal of Scholarship

This scholarship is not automatically renewed each year. Students who receive a financial aid scholarship this season must re-apply again next season. Top priority in granting tuition assistance will be given to re-applying students who have met and/or exceeded all of their tuition assistance responsibilities during the previous season.



## Candice Tometich Scholarship Aid Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dancer Information:**

Dancer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dancer Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Academic School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years studying dance: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list recent dance training:

DATES	LOCATION	TYPE OF DANCE	HOURS PER WEEK

Current gross annual household income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Household Size (number of individuals: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian 1 Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Unit \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Position \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian 2 Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Unit \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Position \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

**To be filled out by parent, guardian, or dancer (if dancer is 18+):**

Please tell us why you are applying for a scholarship and any circumstances that we should consider: \_\_\_\_\_

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**To be filled out by dancer:**

Please tell us why you want to dance at VDC: \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you love dance and how does it improve your life? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is your application complete? Did you include a letter of recommendation? Use the back of this form or another sheet to share anything else you would like us to know!