



ScotDance Canada Championship Series 2004 & 2016 Scholarships

Two \$600 scholarships will be awarded annually from the ScotDance Canada Championship Series 2004 Scholarship Fund, that was supplemented again after 2016.

PrePremier Eligibility:

- ❖ An applicant (parent/guardian) must hold current membership of Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association in good standing for the year of application.
- ❖ An applicant must be a Manitoba resident
- ❖ An applicant may only win the award once as a PrePremier, but may reapply each year until selected, if they have not previously won and may apply again once reaching Premier.
- ❖ An applicant should be intending/attempting to attend SDCCS in the year of application.
- ❖ Dancer must be dancing in Pre-premier classes at SDCCS in the year of the application.

Purpose:

To encourage a promising pre-premier dancer to strive for excellence. This award is to assist them to attend the ScotDance Canada Championship Series in order to help give them the wonderful opportunity to experience both the competitive and social events at the Championship Series and to help prepare and encourage them to strive to attend the Championship Series in future years.

Premier Eligibility:

- ❖ An applicant (parent/guardian) must hold current membership of Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association in good standing for the year of application.
- ❖ An applicant must be a Manitoba resident
- ❖ An applicant may only win the award once as a Premier, but may reapply each year until they have not previously won (excluding winning as a PrePremier)
- ❖ An applicant should be intending/attempting to attend SDCCS in the year of application.

Purpose:

To recognize a Premier dancer that displays the spirit of the 2004 & 2016 Championship Series. This would be a dancer that displays not only competitive spirit, but also community spirit and sportsmanship, as well as a love for and dedication to Highland Dance. This award is intended to assist them in attending the ScotDance Canada Championship Series and to experience both the competitive and social events at the Championship Series.

Selection Process:

The selection will be based upon the dancer's participation in and contribution to the highland dance community of Manitoba. This would include participation in competitions, dance-outs, Folklorama, volunteer work with MHDA and any other community events that help to promote

Highland Dance. Success in competition will be one factor, but participation, as outlined above, will be more highly weighted.

The Selection Committee:

The panel will be comprised of representatives from the MHDA, ScotDance Manitoba and the SDCCS 2004/16 Steering Committee, plus an individual from outside of the Highland Dance community. **Note:** Any member of the selection committee will excuse themselves if they have a relative or dance student applying.

Award:

The award will be in the amount of **\$600** annually and may be used towards any dance related expenses.

Application Process:

- ❖ Dancers wishing to be considered for the award must meet the above eligibility and complete the attached application form, including an essay of no more than 1,000 words.

- ❖ Submit your application form and essay **no later than April 10th, 2026 @ 11:59 pm** by e-mail to:
scholarship@mbhighlanddance.com

- ❖ Please note, only electronic applications will be accepted. Please do not mail, courier or hand-deliver any applications.

- ❖ The scholarship winner(s) will be announced at Manitoba Closed Competition and Championship on May 9, 2026.

- ❖ The committee reserves the right to withhold awarding either of the Premier or Pre-Premier Scholarships should a suitable candidate not apply.

ScotDance Canada Championship Series Scholarship Application

Deadline: via email only to scholarships@mbhighlanddance.com no later than April 10th

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| Dancer's Name: | Dancer's Date of Birth: |
| Dance Teacher: | Classification as of Apr 15, 2026: |
| Address: | City & Postal Code: |
| Email address: | Phone Number: |
| # of years taking lessons: | # of years competing: |
| MHDA membership #: | RSOBHD dance card #: |

Please indicate with an X all the local competitions attended over the past 2 years:

MB Closed Competition (Provincial selection meet in May) 2024 ,2025
 Mid Canada & Lord Selkirk Premiership (June) 2024 ,2025
 MHDA October Competition 2024 , 2025
 MHDA November Competition 2024 , 2025
 MHDA January Closed 2025 , 2026
 Winnipeg Scottish Festival 2025 , 2026
 MHDA March Open 2024 , 2025
 Scotdance MB April Competition 2025_ , 2026
 MB Highland Gathering competition 2024__

List the specific MHDA dance outs and online dance challenges and virtual workshops attended since January 2024 (not including Folklorama):

List any other dance outs attended since January 2024 (with dance school or other organizations)

Folklorama – outline the involvement of the dancer (please be specific about # of days/shows danced, which pavilion(s), with MHDA, Ena Sutton or other):

List of dance awards and accomplishments in competition, medals tests and other:

List any activities relating to promotion of Highland Dance, Scottish Culture and Heritage:

List any of the dancer's volunteer work with MHDA:

List any Parent's involvement with Highland Dance, aside from required 2 volunteer shifts (Folklorama, MHDA executive, MHDA Committees, extra volunteer shifts, SDM, SDCCS, etc.):

Please attach your essay outlining why Highland Dancing is important to you. How has it affected your life? Why do you feel you should be considered for this scholarship? (Not more than 1000 words please)