

# Southwest Celtic Music Association

## Dance Scholarship Program

Rules and Regulations: \$500 prize

Open to students of Irish or Celtic Dance to further the dancing abilities and opportunities of the Scholarship recipient. Applicants must reside and study in the five state area served by the SCMA. Texas-Oklahoma-Louisiana-Arkansas-New Mexico.

1. Applicant must complete and submit an application form. Forms may be downloaded from the website of the Southwest Celtic Music Association. [www.scmatx.org](http://www.scmatx.org). Some issues of the SCMA's newsletter the Ceili may include the forms.
2. Applicants shall be a maximum of eighteen (18) years of age on March 17<sup>th</sup> of the Scholarship year. The Scholarship year runs according to the dates of the North Texas Irish Festival held in March of each year.
3. Family members of the SCMA Board of Trustees, NTIF Festival Director, or Assistant Directors are not eligible.
4. Previous Dance Scholarship winners are not eligible to apply again for a period of three (3) years.
5. The winners will receive a check for \$500 to be used for the study of Irish/Celtic dance, or dance related clothing. The award may be used for travel expenses provided the trip is to study Irish/Celtic dance and/or participate in a *Feis* or dance workshop.
6. Winners may attend the NTIF and participate in the Award Ceremony set at a time and day determined by the Festival Director and SCMA Board. It is usually on the Sunday afternoon of the NTIF. Out-of-town winners may elect to receive the award by mail after the festival.
7. Winners are requested to send a brief letter to the SCMA within a year that outlines how the Scholarship was used, and their experiences gained as a result of the award.
8. The decision of the judges will be final.
9. The application period each festival year is from December 1st to January 25th of the following year.
10. Applications should be mailed to: The Scholarship Committee, Southwest Celtic Music Association, 7324 Gaston Ave #124-382, Dallas, TX 75214
11. Applicants may also email their forms to [scholarship@scmatx.org](mailto:scholarship@scmatx.org)
12. The winning applicant will be notified by telephone, email, or a letter. If the winning applicant is under eighteen (18), their parents will be notified. Details about the Scholarship presentation ceremony will be sent to the winner in a follow-up letter or email.