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2009 Youth Hand Dance Scholarship Application

Mission: To help preserve & promote the Art of Hand Dance by giving youth an opportunity to take hand dance classes free.
This scholarship was created and established May 2006.



Contributor: _____



Youth Name: _____

Street: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail Address _____

Home No. _____

Age: _____ School Attending: _____



 Parent Name: _____

Street: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home # _____ Work # _____

E-mail address: _____



Print Name: _____ Signature _____



Application for Youth Hand Dance Scholarship

INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

The Youth Hand Dance Scholarship was established by TRI-State Connection Swing, Line & Youth Dance Explosion! (SLYDE) for the purpose of keeping the Art of Hand Dance alive by giving a youth desiring to learn Hand Dance the opportunity to do so at little to no cost. The scholarship will be used to provide both beginning and intermediate lessons to a youth through the distribution and dissemination of TRI-State Connection. **While attending class, the student must be accompanied or left in the care of a responsible adult.**

Who is eligible? Youth between the ages of 8 – 18 are eligible.

Who is eligible to recommend a youth? The opportunity is extended to all past, present and future students to recommend a youth for this program. Any youth can be recommended (i.e., your child or relative, a youth in the neighborhood, church or school).

IMPORTANT: Signed approval must be given by the parent and child, prior to submission of the application.

Where are classes offered for youth? Classes are offered by II Dance!, Smooth and Easy, and Sugar Foot.

- II dance! offers classes on Wednesdays at the Tradewinds Night Club, 5859 Allentown Way, Camp Springs, MD 301/449-1234.
- Smooth & Ez (SEZ) Hand Dance Institute offers classes on Monday and Wednesday at the Eclipse, 2820 Bladensburg Road, NE, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20018 202/635-EASY (3279).
- Sugar Foot Dance Company offers classes on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Sugar Foot Dance Company, 5114 Liberty Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21207, 410/578-9739.

Youth will participate in class with the adults. The club is not open for business during class time; therefore, youth can attend.

What time does class start?

II Dance classes meet every Wednesday and Thursday - the beginners' class starts at 6:30pm. Once the youth completes the beginner's class, he/she will advance to intermediate class that meets at 8:00pm every Wednesday.

Smooth and Easy classes meet every Monday and Tuesday – the beginners' class starts at 6:30 p.m. Once the youth completes the beginner's class, he/she will advance to intermediate class that meets at 8:00 p.m.

Sugar Foot Classes meet every Tuesday and Wednesday -- the beginners' class starts at 6:30 pm. Once the youth completes the beginner's class, he/she will advance to intermediate class that meets at 8:00 p.m.

Upon completion of both classes, a graduation ceremony will be held in which the youth along with his class mates will showcase what they have learned. A Certificate of Accomplishment will also be awarded.

What is the Requirement for Scholarship?

- Must fill out a youth scholarship application form
- Scholarship application form must be signed by the youth and the youth's parent or guardian
- The youth is required to write a brief two paragraph essay –
 - ✓ 1st paragraph – youth talks about him/her (i.e., age, grade level, what they like to do – their hobbies, what they want to do when they grow up, person they admire, etc.)
 - ✓ 2nd paragraph - should discuss why they would like to learn hand dance.

Adults can assist the child in preparing the essay, but please let the essay be in the child's own words!

How is the winner of the scholarship selected? A 3-person panel will review each application and essay. The 3-person panel will consist of a member from II Dance!, "Smooth and Easy, and Sugar Foot. If contribution is from an outside source, the contributor(s) may be asked to be a part of the selection process.

How is the winner notified? As soon as a selection is made, the parent of the youth selected along with the person who recommended the youth, if any, will be notified by a member of TRI-State Connection either in person, via the phone, mail or e-mail.

Awarding of scholarship: Scholarships will be awarded during TSC events.

The scholarship will be presented at the TRI-State Connection SLYDE Competition on September 18, 2009, at the Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner, Virginia.

