

Elizabeth Parks Memorial Scholarship Program Scholarship Application Rules and Guidelines



The Elizabeth Parks Scholarship

Background

Elizabeth Parks was a dance student of Elite Dance Academy, and a member of the Dazzlin' Dolls competition team. Elizabeth made her mark as an incredibly talented dancer with a contagious smile. She excelled from the age of 3, taking classes in ballet, tap, jazz, and hip hop, and competing with her friends. In her final season at Elite, Elizabeth became ill, having headaches at competition, which was found to be caused by a very rare condition, treated very similarly to cancer. On January 21, 2019, Elizabeth went to be with the Lord, after a long fight. Our dance family mourned and honored her memory by wearing purple ribbons on costumes to remember her throughout the next season, a season she wanted to be dancing with us. In her memory, Elite and an anonymous donor will be offering a scholarship in her name to a deserving child (age 5-16), who due to medical challenges and financial strain, may not have had the opportunity to explore a dance class. This student should have a genuine interest and desire to dance and able to participate, within reason, in a class offered. Through this scholarship we hope that we can help a child dance, despite challenges they have faced.

Rules and Guidelines

Applications will be considered on the following merits:

- The family of the child must **not** be able to financially support dance as an extracurricular activity for the child at this time.
- The child/family must make a commitment that the child will have good attendance record- transportation to and from the school should be consistent and prompt.
- The winner of the scholarship must follow the policies and code of conduct of Elite Dance Academy, Inc.

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Applications will be evaluated by an impartial panel made up of at least 3 scholarship advisory board members.

Winner will be advised over the phone.

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Application Deadline September 13, 2019
Type or Print all Information Except Signatures

Applicant Data

Childs Information:

LastName _____ First _____ Middle _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of 9/1/19: _____

Male/Female _____

School _____

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Additional Questions

Please have the child/student answer the following questions, if the child is too young to write an adult may write for them. You may type or write your answers and they may be included on a separate sheet of paper, if desired. Please staple or attach all additional pages and letter of recommendation to the application and include your name on each sheet.

1. Why do you love to dance and what dance class(es) are you interested in taking?

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2. Who do you look up to and why?

3. Please attach a letter of recommendation. The letter should be from a teacher, guidance counselor or other adult (other than a family member) who knows the child well. Applications will not be accepted without a completed, signed application and a letter of recommendation.

4. What medical challenges has the child been faced with?

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Application Checklist

All materials need to be submitted on time. Incomplete applications will be delayed until all materials are provided. *Please carefully follow all directions and ensure application is complete.* This application becomes complete and will be evaluated only when the following are received:

____ Application Form with all information and questions completed

____ A copy of your last W-2 and paystub and/or explanation of medical expenses which have impacted you (to prove financial strain)

____ 1 Letter of Recommendation

Return all materials to:

Elite Dance Academy, Inc.

Certification:

By signing and submitting this application, I am agreeing to the conditions stated on the Scholarship Application Rules and Guidelines. I attest that the information provided is truthful. I understand that I can be disqualified if I do not submit a truthful application. I also understand that the information provided will be kept confidential and used only for the purposes of the Elizabeth Parks Scholarship.

Student Signature and Date

Parent Signature and Date

Application Deadline is September 13, 2019

***The Elizabeth Parks Scholarship committee reserves the right to deny the scholarship if we feel like you have falsified information or if you have not been completely forthcoming. We want this scholarship to go to individual(s) who truly want to dance and can use this scholarship to afford them that opportunity. Thank you.**