

# ***The Révérence Scholarship for Dance Arts***

## Purpose

The Révérence Scholarship for Dance Arts is being offered by The Tupelo Ballet, a 501c(3) organization established in 1982. A *révérence* (pronounced *ray-vay-RAHNS*) in dance refers to the last exercise of a class as a finish to the class and a gesture of mutual appreciation between a teacher and a student. This scholarship is designed to reward the efforts of a senior student as a final appreciation to their contribution to dance arts as a high school student.

## Award

Two scholarships of \$1500 will be awarded annually and paid directly to the honoree.

## Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a college-bound high school senior
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Enrolled in an official school of dance in Lee County, Mississippi, and trained in any dance genre.

## Selection Criteria

The selection committee is made up of a panel of three community leaders who share a devotion to dance arts and have no current affiliation with the Tupelo Ballet organization. The scholarship will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated appreciation for dance arts
- Recommendation and Reference
- Essay
- Video performance
- Academic Standing

## Application Requirements

To be considered for The Révérence Scholarship for Dance Arts, applicants must complete the following application packet and submit it by **April 18, 2025**.

- Application Form
- High School Transcript, including GPA
- One letter of recommendation from a non-family member to speak to your character (teacher, community leader, mentor, etc)
- Application Essay—in no more than 500 words, give a self-description, explain your dance experience, and share the impact dance has had on your life.
- Performance Video—email a one-minute video of you performing a dance selection of your choice. This can be from a previous dance performance or a personal video.

All of the aforementioned items must be submitted before the application will be considered. Submissions will be accepted via email at [info@tupeloballet.com](mailto:info@tupeloballet.com) or mailed to Tupelo Ballet, 2224 West Jackson Street, Tupelo, MS 38801, or to your high school counselor.

# ***The Révérence Scholarship for Dance Arts*** **APPLICATION**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

High School You Attend: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

School of Dance You Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of School of Dance: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dance/Studio Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*This person may be contacted to provide a recommendation for the applicant if needed*

## Application Checklist:

Completed Application Form  
High School Transcript  
Letter of Recommendation  
Essay  
Video Performance emailed to [info@tupeloballet.com](mailto:info@tupeloballet.com)

## Ways to submit:

- Online to [info@tupeloballet.com](mailto:info@tupeloballet.com)
- Mail to Tupelo Ballet, 2224 West Jackson Street, Tupelo, MS 38801
- Turn in to your high school counselor