

Scholarship Information

What is the IHSDTA scholarship program?

The IHSDTA scholarship program consists of a state award to financially assist education beyond high school.

Who is eligible for the scholarship?

Any current high school Senior who has completed the following:

- _____ Has been nominated by his or her dance director.
- _____ Is enrolled in a public or private high school in the state of Indiana, and participates on a dance team that is a member of the IHSDTA.
- _____ Has attained at least a 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- _____ Is planning to continue his or her education or training beyond high school in any accredited training, licensing or certification program, or institution of higher education.

How are the IHSDTA Scholarship Winners selected?

A panel of judges made up of director volunteers selects winners. Judges base their decisions on the information contained in the student's application packet. Total scoring will consist of 40% past, current, and future dance experience, 20% academic achievement, 20% community involvement, 10% criteria statement, and 10% recommendations. Decisions of the judges are final. The Executive board will determine the amount of the scholarship until an established amount is procured. Winners will be announced during the State Championship awards ceremony. Information will then be sent to the winners regarding payment of the scholarships.

The following are instructions for completing the Nomination Packet:

1. The Nomination and Application Form. All information on the IHSDTA Official Application Form must be completed fully. Each applicant is responsible to have the nomination form filled in by their nominating director, as well as **one** additional recommendation letter.
2. The Criteria Statement. You, the student, must write a statement addressing **each** of the following criteria. You must also incorporate in your statement, why you deserve this scholarship.
 - *Special Talents
 - *Leadership
 - *Community
 - *Goals

It is important that the applicant realize that the quality of their criteria statement is also considered in the judging. The criteria must be in paragraph form, typewritten, and no longer than two single sided, single spaced pages.

Please mail completed applications, criteria, and recommendations together to

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Absolutely **NO** faxed applications will be accepted! It is imperative that the application packages be received no later than 4:00 PM Central Standard Time, on December 31 of the current year. All components received after this date will be automatically disqualified. Please call Jennifer Bay at 219-478-3033 if you have any questions.

Note to Directors: Until we are able to increase the number of applicants, you may submit two applicants from each high school (for this year only). Please know that this will probably return to one applicant per school in future years. Thank you for your time and effort!

