



USA Dance Houston TX Chapter 5003

Scholarship Eligibility and Guidelines

I. Eligibility:

An individual, group or organization may request a scholarship from USA Dance Houston, Chapter 5003. Eligibility is based on the following general criteria:

- Activities for which funding is sought must be related to ballroom dancing (Smooth, Rhythm, Standard, Latin).
- It is preferred that activities to be funded are supported/sanctioned by USA Dance.
- Student applicants must be registered USA Dance members and should be active participants in USA Dance Houston Chapter 5003 dances.

II. Guidelines

- Applicants must complete the Scholarship Application Form provided by USA Dance Houston Chapter 5003. This form is available at www.houstonusadance.org within articles on the Scholarships available from USA Dance Houston, Chapter 5003.
- Applicants must submit a budget detailing the costs associated with the activity or program to be funded
- A short statement describing why the applicant(s) should receive the scholarship may be provided. Such statements should be no longer than 250 words.
- A review and selection process will be conducted after all applications are received (*See Table below*).
- Submitting an application does not guarantee that a scholarship will be awarded.
- If the Review Committee deems it appropriate, an interview may be required in order to finalize the Committee's decision.
- Scholarship recipients are required to attend the Awards Ceremony. (*See Award Date in table below*) Applicants who are unable to attend must notify the Review Committee or risk forfeiture of the award.
- Activities / Programs must begin within 12 months of the award date.
- Competitive events must take place within 12 months of the award date.

III. **Application Exceptions**

Applications not submitted during the stated application periods will not be considered unless a valid reason for the exception is provided. The Review Committee - at its sole discretion - will decide if such applications are considered eligible.

IV. **Performance Requirements**

Scholarship recipients will be requested to perform at a USA Dance Houston Chapter 5003 Second Saturday Dance. If this is not possible for some valid reason, then the Review Committee, at their discretion, can make an exception to this requirement.

V. **Elective Awards**

USA Dance Houston Chapter 5003 may elect to award a scholarship to an individual, group or organization for which no application has been submitted.

Elective Awards may be used to sponsor events at a competition as a means of furthering the mission and goal of USA Dance to promote ballroom dancing.

Elective Awards may be in any amount up to a maximum of \$500 to any organization, individual, couple or group. Such awards are solely at the discretion of USA Dance Houston Chapter 5003.

Scholarship Application Periods		
Period	Review Period	Award Date
1: January 1 – 31	February 1 – 15	March 2nd Saturday Dance
2: September 1 – 30	October 1 – 15	November 2nd Saturday Dance

For questions regarding any aspect of USA Dance Houston Chapter 5003 Scholarship Awards policies, send an email to barbarajogreenwood@gmail.com or call/text 832-465-8169.