

The Allyn Schwinn Scholarship

For 30 years Allyn Schwinn worked in the cheer and dance industries. She was the Vice President of the International Cheerleading Foundation before branching off and starting her own companies: Cheer and Dancz America. Those of us that had the privilege of working for her benefitted from her unconditional support and understanding, her positivity and quick wit, and her vibrant personality and style. In January 2009 our dear Allyn suffered a massive stroke, leaving the left side of her body paralyzed. She is working vigorously to walk again, and she continues to improve in therapy. She has approached this hurdle with the most admirable courage, grace, and humor, and we are so pleased that we can honor her in this way and award this \$500 scholarship to a student who emulates these qualities.

Eligibility

Any current high school Senior who is participating in the Kansas City Classic is eligible to apply for this scholarship. A 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale is also required, along with plans to continue education or training beyond high school in any accredited training, licensing or certification program, or institution of higher education.

Selection

A selection panel consisting of dancers, educators, and parents will select the winner. Decisions will be based on the submitted statement written by the student illustrating the following:

- past, current, and future dance involvement
- academic achievement
- community involvement
- recommendation letter written by an adult who is not serving as the legal guardian of the student, and who works with the student in the academic, community, or dance environment.

Identities of students, their current schools, and their intended institutions of higher learning will be concealed from the selection panel, so that decisions will be based solely on the written statements and recommendation letters.

Decisions of the judges are final. Winners will be announced during the Kansas City Classic awards ceremony. Information will be given to the winner regarding payment of the scholarship.

Instructions

1. Complete the application form completely and obtain necessary signatures from the writer of the recommendation letter and the school official verifying GPA.

2. Student is to write a statement addressing each of the following criteria: any special talents, leadership, community involvement, goals, dance involvement, and reasons the student should be selected for the scholarship.
3. Selection committee will also consider the quality of the written statement. Statements must be in paragraph form, typed, and no longer than two single sided, single spaced pages.
4. Applications, recommendation letters, and written statements must be stapled and mailed together or emailed together. Please do not email portions and mail others. No applications received after November 26, 2011 will be considered. Please keep in mind that this does not mean POSTMARKED by the 26th. This means we must have physical possession of the application, recommendation letter, and written statement by November 26th, 2011. Applications received after this date will not be considered for the scholarship.

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2011 ALLYN SCHWINN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Student Information:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
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Home Address	City	State	Zip
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Home Phone	Applicant's SS# (will be held confidential, for school verification purposes)		

School Name			
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School Address	City	State	Zip
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Date of Birth	M	F
	Gender	

2. Intended Area of Study

Name of school you will attend

3. Grade Point Average Verification (This section must be completed by a school official only)

I, _____, certify that _____
(Print name of official) (Print student's name)
has a cumulative GPA of _____ on a 4.0 scale.

Signature	Title	Date
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4. Reference letter written by:

Last Name	First Name	Association to student
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