



## High School/College Scholarship Application Guidelines

The Irish Dance Teachers Association of Mid America is proud of the accomplishments of all dancers not only competitively and artistically, but also academically. To recognize the accomplishments of dancers who excel in the classroom and in the dance studio, the IDTAMA is proud to offer academic scholarship opportunities to eligible high school and college students.

### Eligibility:

- The applicant is a high school senior graduating in Spring 2026 and planning to attend a four-year undergraduate college or university, or is enrolled in a four-year undergraduate college program who will and planning to continue enrollment during the 2025-2026 school year.
- The applicant is enrolled in and actively participating in Irish dance classes at a Mid-America dance school. Teacher(s) must be active and registered with CLRG and IDTANA.
- Applicants under the age of 18 must apply with the permission of a parent or guardian.
- **NEW for 2025-2026**, high school applicants and award winners may re-apply in the college category, but are limited to one award as a college student.

### Application and Review Timeline:

- Applications open October 1st, 2025.
- Applications close Monday, January 12th, 2026 (11:59pm EST).
- Winners will be announced by Monday, June 1st, 2026.



## Application Instructions:

Please follow the directions below in order to submit your application. All documents except for TCRG recommendations will be submitted at the same time through the [Application form](#).

- All documents submitted must be in PDF format.
- All required materials *except for recommendation letters* must be submitted by the applicant. Get copies from your school to submit the required files.
- TCRGs must submit recommendation letters separately via the [TCRG Recommendation Submission Form](#).
- Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.
- The following **FIVE** documents are required:
  1. **TRANSCRIPT:** A **copy of your most recent transcript** showing final grades for all high school courses through the end of the most recent semester/trimester. In other words, all final grades from 9th-11th grade for high school, or 9-12th grade for college. You may use an unofficial or official copy of the transcript. **This should be uploaded as a single document in PDF format.** Please title the document with your initials followed by Transcript (example: NGM-Transcript).
  2. **TEST SCORES:** A copy of your most recent SAT and/or ACT scores. **This must be uploaded as a SINGLE document in PDF format.** Please title the document with your initials followed by Testing (example: NGM-Testing).
  3. **RESUME:** A “resume” listing involvement and accomplishments outside of academics. Please note, this does not need to be a formal resume, but it must include sections a, b and c listed below. Each section should have a clear section header and each section should be a maximum of one page in a minimum of a 10-point font. **This should be uploaded as a single document in PDF or Google docs format.** Please title the document with your initials followed by Resume (example: NGM-Resume).
    - a. A bulleted list of your involvement and accomplishments in Irish dancing. This should include competitive level (if applicable), major competitions/awards, etc., as well as non-competitive experiences.
    - b. A bulleted list of your extracurricular activities during high school and/or college, including any positions of leadership held. Be very specific in describing/detailing leadership roles and responsibilities. This may



include sports, clubs, and activities that are sponsored by your academic school, as well as those sponsored by churches or community organizations.

- c. A bulleted list/description of any volunteer or service work, as well as any paid work, in which you have been involved during high school and/or college. Be very specific in describing/detailing roles and responsibilities of position.
4. **IRISH DANCE TEACHER RECOMMENDATION:** **Your Irish dance teacher** must submit a brief letter which supports your scholarship application via the [TCRG Recommendation Form](#). This must be an original letter, written for this specific application signed by the teacher, who must be a currently registered, certified TMRP/TCRG/ADCRG with An Coimisiun le Rinci Gaelacha and the IDTANA. This letter may not be any longer than one page (front only). **This must be uploaded as a SINGLE document in PDF format.** Please title the document with the applicant's initials followed by Recommendation (example: NGM-Recommendation).
5. **ESSAY:** For the prompt described below, develop a well-written, well-supported essay that succinctly responds to the prompt. Be specific, provide examples and explanations, and focus your essay on what the prompt is asking you to discuss. Each essay is expected to display mechanical and structural accuracy.

Please note the following requirements:

1. Your essay must be typed, double-spaced, and in a minimal font size of 10.
2. **This should be uploaded as a single document in PDF format**
3. Title your document with your initials followed by Essay (Example: NGM - Essay).

**WRITING PROMPT:**

*How has Irish dance impacted your life thus far, and how will you continue your Irish dance journey after high school/college?*



The review of applications will occur as follows:

- Any materials submitted after the submission deadline or by any other method or format than that described above will NOT be considered.
- **Applicants are responsible for ensuring their TCRG submits their recommendation by the application deadline**
- Applicants should receive an automated confirmation of receipt at the end of the Google form submission.
- All documents/materials submitted will be reviewed and ranked by a panel of scholarship committee members.
- Please note that all decisions are final and requests for information as to why an applicant did not receive a scholarship will not be addressed.
- Scholarships will be awarded in the following amounts for a total of \$10,000:
  - TWO College Awards - \$1500
  - FOUR High School Awards - \$1000
  - FOUR High School Awards - \$750

Any questions or issues with document upload or form submission may be sent to the Scholarship Committee at [IDTAMAScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:IDTAMAScholarship@gmail.com).