**NASSPDA Scholarship Application**

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World Championship, 2014 Gay Games, Cleveland/Akron, OH, August 12-15, 2014

**Please note that any and all information you share with us is CONFIDENTIAL. It will be accessible ONLY to the NASSPDA Scholarship Committee. Your contact information will never be shared with anyone regarding this application, and your name will never be shared unless you specifically give us permission on your application to do so.**

The NASSPDA Scholarship Fund has been established to provide funding for dancers who wish to compete in the North American Championship Competition or the World Championship Competition when held in North America but are financially unable.

Qualifications for the Scholarship

1. Must not have been awarded this scholarship in the past.
2. Must be the minimum age required by the organizers of the World Championship to be attended.
3. Must be in need of financial assistance to compete in the World Championship.
4. Must have the endorsement of two NASSPDA Members.

Application Rules

1. Application must be submitted to the NASSPDA President (e-mailed or post-marked) no later than ninety (90) days prior to the World Championship Competition to be attended. Late applications cannot be accepted. Instructions for submitting this application are at the bottom of this form. Application deadline for the 2014 Gay Games is May 12, 2014.

If awarded, the Scholarship will pay:

1. The applicant's NASSPDA membership dues for the year in which funds are awarded.
2. A $200 USD stipend (**provided** funds are available).
3. The applicant's World Championship Competition entry fees. The Dancesport registration fee that will be reimbursed for the 2014 Gay Games is $130.

It is important that all contact information on this application be accurate and up to date so that the NASSPDA Scholarship Approval Committee may contact the applicant and/or the endorsing NASSPDA members at any time during the selection process. Any changes should be reported immediately to the NASSPDA President.

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Street Address:_____

City: _____ Province/State: _____Postal/Zip Code: _____

Country: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

City and Date of the North American Championship to be attended:

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Are you an active NASSPDA member? __ yes __ no. If yes, for how long? _____

In which division/category will you compete? _____
Have you ever competed in a World Championship in the past? __ yes __ no.
If yes, when and where? _____
Please indicate by your initials: If awarded a scholarship, I give permission to use my
____ first name ____ last name ____ neither in public announcements, printed materials, and on the NASSPDA website.
**(This will not be used as part of the scholarship selection process.)**
By my signature below, I affirm that all information provided above is accurate and that I am of qualifying age.
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Statement

In the space below, please write a statement explaining why you wish to receive this scholarship. Be sure to tell us not only why you need financial assistance but also about your interest in ballroom dancing and why you wish to compete in this event. Also please tell us about your past competition experience, if any, and future plans.

Endorsing NASSPDA Member Information

Member A

Name: _____

Email Address:_____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Member B

Name: _____

Email Address:_____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

In the space below, we ask that one or both of the endorsing NASSPDA members write a statement as to why they believe the applicant is deserving of this scholarship. For example: What does this person mean to your dance community? How vital is their presence needed for the team/couple competition? What has she/he contributed as a dancer/volunteer in the community? Feel free to attach an additional sheet of paper if necessary. Please sign below your statement.

Print this form, complete it, including all required signatures, and

a) Scan your completed application and signed copy and send it by e-mail attachment to scholarship@nasspda.org. **Please ensure that scanned copies are legible,** *OR*

b) Mail it by the application deadline to: Barbara Zoloth, 10352 Royal Oak Rd., Oakland, CA 94605.