

New England Dance Theater

Doris Driver Memorial Scholarship Application

The Doris Driver Memorial Scholarship is intended to promote students' continued disciplined study of high-quality dance instruction during the summer months. There are limited funds available to Upper School New England Academy of Dance (NEAD) students to help offset the cost of tuition for summer dance programs. Scholarships are awarded to students based on financial need, artistic ability and promise.

Applications are due **February 2, 2026** in the NEAD office. Summer ballet programs are subject to Director approval. Award amounts are not to exceed 50% of the total tuition. Award decisions will be communicated by February 27th, 2026 and will be paid directly to the summer ballet program.

Only Upper School students of NEAD that are in good standing are eligible to receive scholarships. Students should plan to return as a full-time student in the Fall 2026 (a waiver stating such may be required at the discretion of the selection committee). The selection committee will consist of the 3 NEAD Artistic Directors and 2 NEDT Board alumni. All applications will be kept confidential.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Students must have been a NEAD student for at least 2 years.
- Students must have a good attendance record, show talent, promise and dedication.
- Student's family must have a financial need.
- Students who have outstanding balances may be ineligible for scholarships.
- Students must take a full class load for the student's assigned level in order to be eligible for a scholarship.

All Students who wish to receive a scholarship award must submit the following:

Completed Application Form, Student Profile and Essay, and Parents' Statement.

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Student Profile

Name of Student: _____ Age: _____

Academic School: _____ Grade: _____

Parent / guardian: _____

Address: _____

City / State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Student email: _____ Parent email: _____

General Questions

1. How long have you been a dancer at NEAD? Current dance level?

2. Previous summer program experience (program(s) and dates)?

3. What are your plans for summer dance training this year? Please list programs auditioning for, location and length of program. Please list the programs in order of preference (or best guess at this date).

4. Do you have other plans for summer (including other camps, summer jobs)?

5. Please list other scholarships you are applying for that would assist with your tuition costs.

Please attach a short essay that will help the scholarship committee understand your hopes and expectations of attending a summer dance program. Please address the following topics directly:

1. What do you hope to learn or accomplish from this experience?
2. How will this experience help you develop as a dancer and what will you bring back to NEAD?
3. Why is attending a summer program important to you?

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

All forms must be turned in together by February 2, 2026.

NEDT Doris Driver Memorial Scholarship for Summer Dance Parents' Statement

Parent(s) / guardian: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City / State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Dancer's Name: _____

Parent's Email: _____

- Where are you employed? _____
- Briefly describe your reason for requesting a scholarship for your child.

- Has the student received tuition scholarships in the past? How much and from where?

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____