



Latin Street Dance Scholarship

Sponsored by Project RISHI

The Northwestern University Chapter of Project RISHI is sponsoring a dance scholarship to provide dance lessons for eight underprivileged students in the Chicago area from ages 13-17. The lessons will be provided by Latin Street Dance Academy. Each student will receive weekly complimentary dance instruction from March through December of 2014, and will participate in the annual Latin Dance Revue Theatre Showcase in December. Scholarship recipients will also receive academic mentoring from Northwestern University Project RISHI members and enjoy a tour of the university campus and of Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Latin Street

Lisa "La Boriqua" began Latin Street Dancing in 1998. 16 years later, Latin Street now offers services through Latin Street Dance Academy, Latin Street Dancing and Latin Street Music alongside Andres Meneses. Latin Street Dance Academy is Chicago's premier Latin Dance Studio with Latin Street Dancing, the premier Latin entertainment company, located in the West Loop neighborhood of Chicago. Latin Street has become an established and well-respected source for dance instruction and entertainment city-wide and internationally. With almost 20 dance instructors, Latin Street offers over 90 classes per week, for ages 1 and up, and can be found at special events all over Chicago.

Project RISHI

Project RISHI (Rural India Social and Health Improvement) is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving social and health conditions in rural India. The chapter at Northwestern University was established in 2011 and is in the process of building a new health clinic in Northern India in the village of Charnia, Haryana. Project RISHI is also implementing a community-based anemia intervention in Charnia. Northwestern students travel to the village to conduct health camps, oversee projects, and conduct research with the villagers to assess their medical and educational needs.

Eligible applicants: Students ages 13-17 who have a passion for dancing, but are not otherwise able to participate in organized lessons due to financial hardship or economic constraints.

Please submit this application to:

Colleen Baer
Northwestern Medical Group
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 650
Chicago, IL 60611
cweldon@nmh.org

Important Dates

Submission Deadline: February 14, 2014
Announcement of Awards: February 21, 2014
Classes begin: March 2, 2014

APPLICATION

Date: _____

Candidate's First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____ Father's Full Name: _____

If under the care of a guardian, Guardian's Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Apt/Unit #: _____

City, State _____ Zip _____ Best Contact Telephone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian's Email: _____

Annual Household Income:

Less than \$15,000

\$15,000-\$25,000

\$25,000- \$40,000

\$40,000- \$75,000

Greater than \$75,000

**If selected, you may be asked to provide proof.*

Candidate Information:

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ Male/Female _____

Email (if applicable): _____

Grade level: _____ Name of School: _____

Ethnicity: *(optional)*

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

Hispanic or Latino

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White

Other

Do you have reliable transportation to the studio located at 1335 W. Lake Street?

YES

NO

**If selected, attendance is required at each class to maintain the scholarship.*

Please answer the following questions:

(If you need more space please attach another page or write on the back.)

1) Why should you be considered for this scholarship? If all candidates have a similar financial situation, why should we select you? Why do you want to dance? Why do you deserve the scholarship?

2) What are your future goals?

3) Tell us about your situation. What is your story? What is your financial hardship? How do you plan to change this so that your future struggles are not financial?

4) How will being selected for this experience change your life?

5) What is your school track record? What have been your grades each year, starting at age 13? (please list) * If selected, you may be asked for proof.

6) What is your attendance record? Are you on time or tardy to school? Have you ever been in detention? If so, how long ago? For what reason? * If selected, you may be asked for proof of.

7) Please have one of your teachers at your school submit a letter of recommendation for this scholarship on school letterhead on why they think you should be selected. Your teacher must email the recommendation letter directly to cweldon@nmh.org.

**If selected, students and parents/guardians must be prepared to sign a statement of commitment to participate in ALL classes from March through December. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the studio.*

Candidate Signature: _____

Good Luck!