



SCHOLARSHIP CLASS AUDITIONS RULES & REGULATIONS

2022

Section 1 - ELIGIBILITY

- A. Only Mid-West Dance Masters of America (MWDMA), Chapter #47 active members in good standing may participate in the Open Scholarship Auditions.
- B. This member will be referred to as "teacher of record" and be legally responsible for the entrant.
- C. Entrants must be registered in the appropriate age category as noted on the entry form.
Age as of June 1, 2023.
- D. The Entrant and Teacher of Record must be pre-registered for the fall convention.
- E. Entrant must have been enrolled as a student with the teacher/studio of record: For a minimum period, of not less than ten (10) months, prior to the auditions, or with written permission from the former teacher, if the student has studied with the teacher of record for a period of less than ten (10) months prior, or has studied with the teacher of record full time within the past twelve (12) months and is now in a position that does not permit the entrant to study with the teacher of record on a regular basis.
- F. Entrants must receive at least 80% of their training from the sponsoring teacher/studio.

Section 2 - AGE DIVISIONS

- A. Petite: 7-9 years; participants must be at least 7 years in age, but not older than 9 years in age as of June 1st, 2023.
- B. Junior: 10-12 years; participants must be at least 10 years in age, but not older than 12 years in age as of June 1st, 2023.
- C. Teen: 13-15 years; participants must be at least 13 years in age, but not older than 15 years in age as of June 1st, 2023.
- D. Senior: 16-23 years; participants must be at least 16 years in age, but not older than 23 years in age as of Jun, 2023.

Section 3 - Judging

- A. The following subjects of dance will be evaluated: ballet, jazz, tap, and acrobatics. Entrants may compete in the audition(s) of their choosing.
- B. The entrant's score shall be based on their technique, ability to comprehend, projection, musicality, appearance and posture
- C. In the event of a **tie**, the judges will break it and the sequence of awards will be altered accordingly.
- D. Judges score sheets will be the sole property of Mid-West Dance Masters of America and will not be available for viewing.
- E. The teacher of record will receive a copy of the contestant's placement.

Section 4 - Awards

Monetary awards will be given for each discipline in each age division, provided there are a minimum of six (6) participants in each of the auditions.

Awards are as follows:

1st - \$50.00 / 2nd - \$25.00 / 3rd - \$10.00

Section 5 - DRESS CODE

Entrants are required to dress as follows for all Scholarship Audition classes:

1. Females- black leotard and suntan tights;
2. Males-black jazz pants and white T-shirt or muscle shirt
3. All entrants: hair properly contained and free of ornaments,
4. No jewelry,
5. no cover-ups
6. appropriate shoes of any color for each discipline.

Section 6 – General Information

All entrants and teachers of record agree to the following:

- a. Punctual and to follow the dress code provided.
- b. Auditions will be closed to everyone except those persons specified by the MWD Scholarship Chairperson and MWD Board of Directors.
- c. The time, place, staff, manner, and method of judging shall be solely within the discretion of Mid-West Dance Masters, Inc.
- d. Agree to abide by all rules governing Mid-West Dance Masters Scholarship Audition Classes now in effect or announced thereafter.
- e. Failure to abide by the rules stated or announced thereafter will result in penalty point's deductions:
 - a. Tardy or truancy for roll call: 3 point penalty per infraction
 - b. Disobeying directors: 3 point penalty per infraction
 - c. Dress code violation: 3 point penalty per infraction
 - d. Use of foul language: 5 point penalty per infraction
 - e. Immoral behavior(use of drugs or alcohol): expelled from audition & convention
 - f. Late for audition(arrival after doors have closed): disqualified
 - g. A contestant winning first place, shall **NOT** be eligible to win in the same age division, in the same category the consecutive year.

All entrants and teachers of record agree that the time, manner and method of judging is solely within the discretion of Mid-West Dance Masters, INC, and that all decisions are final.