

# ACCESS DANCE | USA

## Dance/USA 2010 Annual Conference

June 16-19 in Washington, DC

New York City Community

Access Dance/USA is a scholarship program designed to subsidize attendance to the Dance/USA Annual Conference for dance administrators, dance artists, and independent choreographers. The Access Dance/USA program offers recipients the experience of direct interaction with peers that regularly occurs at Dance/USA convenings to those who could potentially benefit from the experience, but could not otherwise afford to attend. Please see page four for more information on the Dance/USA Annual Conference and the Access Dance/USA scholarship program.

**This year, up to five partial Access Dance/USA scholarships will be awarded to support attendance at Dance/USA's 2010 Annual Conference in Washington, DC, June 16-19.** The partial scholarship is intended to cover the costs of registration, a travel stipend, and up to four nights of shared accommodations on George Washington University's campus.

These scholarships will be awarded to selected members of the New York City dance community. Funding for these scholarships is made possible by Dance/NYC, a Dance/USA branch office serving the needs of the New York City dance community, through a generous grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

### Eligibility Requirements:

All partial scholarship applicants should be

- members of the New York City dance community
- administrators of a dance-related organization, artists (a choreographer or dancer) of a dance company, or independent artists (dancers) or choreographers
- a past scholarship recipient or past attendee to a Dance/USA Annual Conference, Spring Council Meeting, Winter Forum, or National Roundtable
- a current individual or organizational Dance/USA member in good standing

Please note

- priority consideration will be given to administrators or artists of organizations whose annual operating revenue is \$500,000 or less and independent artists and choreographers
- no more than one individual employed by or affiliated with an organization should apply for a scholarship; please consult with others within your organization before applying

### Application and Selection Process:

- Complete the **scholarship application** on page two
- Obtain a recommendation from a member of the New York City dance community, preferably a Dance/USA member, using the **recommendation form** on page three
- Submit the **completed application**, a **recent resume or bio**, and **recommendation form** to Dance/USA by **April 9, 2010** (\*Recommendations should be submitted separately by the recommender directly to Dance/USA)
- **Applications will only be considered complete when all three items are received by Dance/USA**
- A panel made up of representatives from the Dance/USA Board of Trustees will select scholarship recipients
- All applicants will be notified of their status no later than May 3, 2010

For questions regarding the Access Dance/USA scholarship program, the Dance/USA Annual Conference, or this application, please contact Kellee Edusei at 202.833.1717 or [kedusei@danceusa.org](mailto:kedusei@danceusa.org).

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## Scholarship Application

**Applications must be received no later than 5pm (EST) on April 9, 2010**

Name:

Organization or professional affiliation:

Title:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone: Fax:

Email: Website:

Are you or is your organization a member of Dance/USA?

If you are affiliated with a dance-related organization, what is that organization's annual operating revenue?

Which Dance/USA convening have you attended: Dance/USA Annual Conference, National Roundtable, Spring Council Meeting, or Winter Forum?

Have you previously received an Access Dance/USA Scholarship? If so, which year did you receive a scholarship?

I am:  an administrator with a dance-related organization  an artist/choreographer with a company  an independent artist/choreographer  
 a dancer with a company  an independent dancer  other \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions in 175 words or less each. Please feel free to use additional paper if necessary.

1. Describe challenges you/your organization face, and how being part of a national network of peers at the Dance/USA Annual Conference has helped you meet these challenges.
2. Please describe your previous conference experience, and what you hope to gain from your experience during this year's convening.
3. Please discuss the value of your Dance/USA membership, and how you have remained actively involved in the organization and its programming? What is your interest in staying involved?
4. Though scholarships will be awarded based primarily on merit of applicants, financial need will also be considered. Please indicate or describe your need for financial assistance to attend the Conference.

**Applications must be received no later than 5pm (EST) on April 9, 2010**

Please attach a current resume or bio to your application and submit to:

**Access Dance/USA Scholarship**

**1111 16th St. NW, Suite 300**

**Washington, DC 20036**

**Fax: 202.833.2686**

**Email: [membership@danceusa.org](mailto:membership@danceusa.org)**

**We encourage you to follow up to ensure receipt of your completed application.**

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## Scholarship Recommendation Form

**To the Applicant:** Please enter your name below and give this form and the following page to your recommender. The individual offering your recommendation should be familiar with you professionally, a member of your local dance community, and preferably a Dance/USA member. For a current list of Dance/USA members, please visit <https://www.danceusa.org/searchmemberdirectory> or contact the Membership Department at [membership@danceusa.org](mailto:membership@danceusa.org). Your recommender should submit this form directly to Dance/USA. **Please be sure to allow your recommender enough time to complete their recommendation and submit it to Dance/USA before the deadline of April 9, 2010. Applications will not be considered complete without a completed recommendation form.**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**To the Recommender:** Dance/USA is grateful for the insights you are able to provide on the above applicant for the Access Dance/USA scholarship program. For more information about the Dance/USA Annual Conference and the Access Dance/USA scholarship program, see the following page. Please enter your contact information below and provide us with a brief statement about the applicant to include the capacity in which you know the applicant, his/her professional merit, how you feel the applicant may benefit from receiving this scholarship, and any other comments you feel may help the panel make an informed decision. Please submit your recommendation directly to Dance/USA via mail, fax, or email:

**Access Dance/USA Scholarship-Recommendation**

**1111 16th St. NW, Suite 300**

**Washington, DC 20036**

**Fax: 202.833.2686**

**Or email to: [membership@danceusa.org](mailto:membership@danceusa.org)**

**Recommendations must be received no later than 5pm (EST) on April 9, 2010**

Recommender's Name:

Organization or professional affiliation:

Title:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Website:

Statement of Recommendation (please feel free to use additional paper):

**Thank you for your comments.**



## 2010 Annual Conference

The Dance/USA Annual Conference is a national convening held each summer that gathers hundreds of performing arts professionals from the national and international dance community. Programming at Annual Conferences seeks to provide intellectual stimulation and creative inspiration for executive directors, general managers, artistic directors, development directors, marketing directors, administrative staff and trustees of all sized companies, presenters, agents, services organization directors, choreographers, and dancers, that are both Dance/USA members and non-members. Conference attendees come together to discuss important issues facing the field during Council Meetings and to network with their peers during social gatherings. The 2010 Annual Conference will be held June 16-19 in Washington, DC. The conference theme is *Dance Beyond Borders*.

The 2010 Annual Conference is a unique opportunity to connect with arts leaders and colleagues to examine and eliminate the borders – real or imagined – that define us through professional development sessions, advocacy on Capitol Hill, networking, and in-depth discussions on important issues facing the field. Attendees will be inspired by special performances – a local dance showcase and *Ballet Across America II* hosted by The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts – and help us honor Dance/USA's 2010 Awardees Carmen de Lavallade and Richard J. Caples. More information about the conference can be found online at <http://danceusa.org/EventDetails?EventID=28>.

### Access Dance/USA Scholarship Program

Partial scholarship recipients will be registered for the 2010 Dance/USA Annual Conference at no cost. The scholarship will also include a stipend to cover roundtrip transportation between Washington, DC and New York City, and up to four nights of shared accommodations on the George Washington University campus.

Each Access Dance/USA scholarship recipient will be paired with a mentor to help orient them to the Dance/USA Annual Conference experience. Mentors are generally artists or administrators who have been a part of the Dance/USA community for many years. Mentors act as a resource prior to and following the Conference, and serve to answer questions and make introductions during the Conference. Scholarship recipients will be provided with contact information for their mentor prior to their arrival in Washington, DC, and are expected to attend the "first-timers" breakfast on Thursday, June 17 where in-person introductions can be made and an orientation to Dance/USA will take place.

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Read more about the Access Dance/USA scholarship program including past funders and recipients by visiting our website: <http://danceusa.org/accessdanceusa>.