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Sandi Bloomberg Scholarship for Dance 2021

The Sandi Bloomberg Scholarship for Dance is a competitive scholarship for Suffolk & Nassau High School Graduating Seniors who are considering furthering their education in dance, but not necessarily in an accredited program. One award of \$1,000 will be given in 2021. This scholarship is funded by Sandi Bloomberg.

*The winner will be invited to perform with member companies of the Long Island Dance Consortium at the Huntington Summer Arts Festival in Heckscher Park in 2021.

About Sandi Bloomberg

Sandi Bloomberg has had a distinguished career in the arts, especially in dance. For 25 years she owned and served as Artistic Director of the North Shore Studio of Dance in Huntington Station. She has been director/choreographer of her own company, the North Shore Dance Theatre, a not-for-profit company featured annually at the Huntington Summer Arts Festival in Heckscher Park, as well as many Long Island schools and libraries. She is also founder of The Red Hot Mamas, a senior troupe of tap dancers ages 60 to 87 who perform all over Long Island.

Ms. Bloomberg is a former Radio City Rockette, who holds a B.A. degree in English and Theater Arts from Adelphi University, and has recently had her poetry and short stories published in several literary magazines. She has six published children's books which she reads in schools and libraries. She brings the stories to life engaging the young readers in creative movement.

She continues to help the Huntington Arts Council to keep the arts alive in Huntington, and fosters an appreciation of the arts in the young people of the community.

To Apply:

Who Should Apply:

This scholarship was established by Sandi Bloomberg and is intended for a High School Graduating Senior (Male or Female) who shows exceptional promise in dance. The award is intended for future dance studies, *but not specifically* intended for use towards an advanced degree. The winner will be chosen based on the evaluation of a submitted video of a solo dance performance (approximately 2.5 minutes) and an essay.

Prospective students who have pursued a strong interest in dance throughout high school (parochial, private and BOCES schools are eligible) and especially those who are considering furthering their education in dance are encouraged to submit an application for this award.

Application Due Date:

The deadline is no later than **Monday, May 3, 2021 at 5pm.**

How to Apply:

Applications are being accepted online at HuntingtonArts.org. Go to programs, Arts in Education, Scholarships.

Required Application Materials:

- 1. Solo Dance Performance-** One 2.5 minute solo dance performance. Online submissions allow for an upload in multiple formats.
- 2. Essay -** A typed, double-spaced, one-page statement indicating the student's desire to pursue dance studies and future goals as they relate to dance.
- 3. Application –** Complete online.
- 4. Endorsement –** Student should have a private dance or high school teacher complete the endorsement form.

Rules:

1. Applicants will be judged on the following criteria:
 - a. Command of the formal and social elements of dance within the appropriate contexts
 - b. Ability to establish personal criteria, set goals, and pursue independent creative production
 - c. Breadth and depth of technical skill in a specific discipline
 - d. Ability to present finished dance piece for public review in a digital format
2. Submitted application materials will be reviewed and rated by our Scholarship Committee.
3. The student who applies for this scholarship should have a serious intention to consider a major in the area of dance; *however*, application for this scholarship is not a binding commitment to become a dance major if a student determines later that another major is more suitable.

Questions? Contact Regina Van Bell, the Arts in Education Coordinator, 631.271.8423 ext. 14 or artsined@huntingtonarts.org.