

# Heather Simpson Memorial Award in Dance

H.S.M. Scholarship Committee



To: All Dance Studios and Educational Dance Institutions,

Heather Simpson was a ballet teacher that had a love for dance, teaching and life. She believed in herself, which inspired her students to believe in their dreams and to be strong. Heather had endless energy that was contagious and allowed her to maintain a sense of humor while teaching, thus making the learning process fun. Heather managed to run a balanced dance class by being softhearted and tolerant while keeping discipline. Heather had such a love for all kids that she was able to connect with each student and make them feel like her favorite. She took time with each child and related to them on their level. As a teacher she always went that extra mile for her dancers. Heather led a full life outside of dance as well, which allowed her to teach about life too. She taught kids that there is more to life than just dance, but dance was a great step towards living a full life.

## 2009 Guidelines:

- ★ This scholarship will be awarded to a dance teacher that is 18 years and over, (age as of Dec. 31, 2010) and who resides in the province of Alberta. It is to be used to further educate yourself as a dance teacher. **All teachers in all disciplines are encouraged to apply**; there will be recognition to teachers who are furthering their ballet education. The following are the requirements for a complete application.
  1. **Cover Page:** include your *name, age* (as of Dec. 31, 2010), *address, phone number, social insurance number, what disciplines of dance that you teach* and *the current post secondary school, dance school, workshop or association where you are enrolled in training*. Please note that your name is NOT to appear on the essay.
  2. **Essay:** Answer the following questions in a maximum of 3 pages, (Double Spaced, 12 pt font, Times New Roman, 1" margins)
    - a. Given the following scenario, how would you as a dance teacher handle this situation? "You have a 13 year old student who is a determined student, but is not naturally talented. She has just failed a dance exam." As her teacher how would you motivate her to keep going?
    - b. What are your personal interests and goals outside the dance world?
    - c. What do you think makes a good teacher?
    - d. What characteristics do you have that makes or would make you a good teacher?
    - e. Why do you teach or why do you want to teach?
  3. **Workshop Information:** Applicants must be registered by Dec. 31, 2010 in a formal teacher course, workshop or summer school. Please provide some information on the workshop that you plan to attend.
  4. **Letter of Recommendation:** from either a dance teacher or an employer. References may be consulted.
- ★ Scholarship will be awarded at the WRDAA (1987) competition in May 2010.
- ★ All applications must be mailed, (postmarked by January 4, 2010) to:

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228 Parkglen Cres SE Calgary, AB T2J 4M2
- ★ For information please contact: [awardindance@shaw.ca](mailto:awardindance@shaw.ca)
- ★ Only the winner will be notified and incomplete applications will NOT be considered. Complete applications include:
  - Cover Letter
  - Essay (maximum 3 pages, double spaced)
  - Workshop Information
  - Letter of Recommendation

We encourage all student teachers and teachers to apply.

**Last Year's Award Was Over \$400!!!**

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