

# Kids in Kilts Parent Committee (KIKPC) Travel Bursary

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## A. Purpose:

To recognize and support KIK dancers representing the Kids in Kilts School of Highland Dance at select major highland dance events in Canada. A bursary will be offered to dancers attending events based on the selection/nomination process generally as described in Appendix A, and also to other KIK dancers who travel to attend 'open' events at these competitions.

## B. Major Highland Dance Events:

Bursaries will be provided to dancers who travel and attend the following major highland dance events in Canada:

1. **ScotDance Canada Championship Series ('SDCCS Canadian Championships')** - The preeminent highland dance competition in Canada at which provincial representatives compete for Canadian Championship awards. Other dancers can participate in SDCCS 'open' events in the standard competition/age category levels.
2. **Scottish Dance Teachers Alliance North American Conference ('STDA Scholarship Conference')** - This scholarship conference is a learning opportunity for dancers, as well as an opportunity to complete for SDTA scholarships. Only nominated dancers may attend the event, as described in Appendix A.
3. **Other events may be considered on a case-by-case basis, at the recommendation of the KIK Director and approved by the KIKPC Executive Board.**

## C. Bursary Value:

1. **\$100 per dancer** for dancers who are selected or nominated to participate AND who travel to the event (e.g. Provincial Reps).
2. **\$50 per dancer** for dancers who choose participate AND who travel to the event (e.g. dancers attending 'open' events).
3. A dancer can receive a maximum of \$200 per year through this program.
4. Adjustments to Travel Bursary values must be made at a KIKPC General Meeting.
5. To ensure program sustainability, the KIKPC Travel Bursary program and value will be reviewed every 2 years at a KIKPC General Meeting.

## D. How it Works:

1. The KIK Director will inform KIKPC of dancers eligible for the Travel Bursary, after receiving confirmation of dancer registration for the event.
2. Bursaries will be provided by a KIKPC cheque in the name of the dancer or their guardian, as requested.
3. Dancers are eligible to receive the bursary annually, and can receive more than one bursary in a year if selected/nominated and travel to multiple events in the same year.
4. If the major highland dance event take place in Winnipeg, or is held virtually, travel bursaries will not be awarded unless otherwise determined at a KIKPC General Meeting.
5. The KIKPC Travel Bursary program depends entirely on annual group fundraising efforts to replenish the fund for future years.
6. Status of the Travel Bursary fund and identification of fundraising goals for the next year will be discussed at the KIKPC Annual General Meeting each fall.

**Major Highland Dance Events and Selection Process (current as of November 2021):**

*Note: The categories and selection processes outlined below are established by the sponsoring organizations and are subject to change.*

**1. ScotDance Canada Championship Series ('SDCCS Canadian Championships')**

- a) The preeminent highland dance competition in Canada held in summer, and open to competitive dancers of all ages.
- b) At the Premier dance level, Provincial Representatives are selected to compete in restricted events open only to Provincial Representatives from across Canada from which Canadian Champions are selected.
- c) Manitoba's Provincial Representatives are selected at Provincial Championships in May/June, in the following age categories:
  - Premier 7 & under 10 years
  - Premier 10 & under 12 years
  - Premier 12 & under 14 years
  - Premier 14 & under 16 years
  - Premier 16 & under 18 years
  - Premier 18 & under 21 years
  - Premier 21 years and over

**2. Scottish Dance Teachers Alliance North American Conference ('STDA Scholarship Conference')**

- a) This scholarship conference is a learning opportunity for dancers, as well as an opportunity to complete for SDTA scholarships.
- b) Dancers are evaluated on their combined performance at the conference in: a masterclass workshop, performance of a special dance 'Tribute to JL Mackenzie', solo choreography performance, and a written exam.
- c) Dancers are nominated to attend the scholarship conference by an SDTA Judge based on dancer achievements in Theory Tests, typically announced in May from tests in November and February.
- d) Nomination categories are:
  - Juvenile - Dancers aged 10 – 12 years in Theory Grades 1 - 2
  - Junior - Dancers aged 12 - 14 years in Theory Grades 1 - 4
  - Senior - Dancers aged 13 – 18 years in Theory Grades 4 - 6. Note: those who take their associate teachers exam are no longer eligible for scholarship nomination.