



# 2024

## IN STEP – Women of DCI Scholarship Information & Application

The IN STEP – Women of DCI program began in January of 2018 to support the participation of women in all facets of Drum Corps International and marching music performing arts, from corps members to staff to leadership. The committee's charter also supports women by sponsoring events, highlighting women in the activity, providing training, and encouraging policy development consistent with the core values of DCI.

IN STEP – Women of DCI focuses on two primary areas; Participation – Work to assist women to succeed in all aspects of activity throughout the DCI community; and Leadership – Encourage and assist women in rising to roles of influence at every level from participation through administration

This scholarship will be awarded to a current DCI participating female performer, intern or corps staff that aspires to develop administration skills in the pursuit of working within the activity.

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DCI will administrate the scholarship and has established the following guidelines:

1. The recipient must be a female enrolled full time in a college/university or accredited certification/degree program with the goal of giving back to the activity. (Applicant can be high school senior with acceptance to a degree program).
2. The recipient must be an active marching member, or instructional or administrative staff, or intern of an ensemble who will compete in the 2024 DCI Summer Tour, or participating in a DCI corps on hiatus during the 2024 season (this means that the participant/staff/intern is actively enrolled in programming with that corps during the summer 2024 season – please make sure you explain your role if this is the scenario in which you currently participate).
3. Each nominee must have their corps' director sign off as an endorser.
4. Scholarship(s) granted will be paid by check written to his/her drum corps OR college/university. Scholarship money may be used by the member to pay current or next season's corps tuition, university tuition, books other activity fees. Any unused scholarship monies, either from the student leaving the education establishment before completing his/her degree or upon the student completing and receiving his/her degree, OR by deciding not to continue in the drum corps activity, will be returned to DCI.
5. At least one (1) scholarship granted will not be less than \$1000.00.
6. The scholarship will be granted for one year only, but recipients may re-apply the next year if he/she remains active with a corps and meets all the other requirements.
7. Selections will be made by a committee consisting of individuals representing various DCI activities, whose decisions will be final.
8. The award will be announced on the Drum Corps International website in late May with other award recipients. Recipients should work with corps director to set up a meeting with the scholarship committee at some point on tour and return a photo for posting at DCI World Championships in August.
9. Applications for 2024 Scholarships must be submitted to DCI via an email with ONE attachment (create ONE pdf of all required documents – do not send multiple attachments) to Scholarships@DCI.org, **NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2024.** Please mark **IN STEP - Women** in the subject line. **All required paperwork must be completed as a part of the Scholarship Application pdf.**
10. **Please note the importance of well-written essays.** Please give yourself time to write well thought-out responses that represent the best you!

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### PERSONAL DATA

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings \_\_\_\_\_ Are any involved in pageantry? \_\_\_\_\_

Age(s) of siblings \_\_\_\_\_ Any siblings in college, if so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do your siblings attend college? (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you employed? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, where and length of time with that employer? \_\_\_\_\_

### EDUCATION

High School \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Year in school \_\_\_\_\_

College/School \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Major/Program \_\_\_\_\_

### DCI CORPS INFORMATION

With what corps are you performing? \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Brass Color Guard Percussion How long have you been a member of that unit? \_\_\_\_\_

With what other groups have you performed? \_\_\_\_\_

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**ESSAY QUESTIONS (attach separate sheet for answer development) – DO NOT STAPLE DOCS:**

Academic progress: this includes grade point average, course load, extenuating circumstances and challenges overcome in your academic endeavors.

Extracurricular activities: including all scholastic, recreational and civic activities including pageantry. Identify YOUR accomplishments and responsibilities for these activities (for instance, outside of the ensembles in which you participate we do not need a list of the corps accomplishments/placements, but also those roles that you have filled within community outreach work, other scholastic honors/teams/works, etc. that shows administrative talents).

Future plans: your plans and goals for post education and how you might be able to use your talents to give back to the drum corps activity. Where do you see yourself in five years? Ten years? (This essay should tell us your story and how you see yourself giving back to the marching musical arts in the future.)

Why do you want or need this scholarship?

*I certify that the above and enclosed information is complete and true.*

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*I have reviewed the above application and recommend this member for the IN STEP Scholarship.*

Corps Director Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Corps \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE INCLUDE in your SINGLE pdf application submission:**

College transcripts (if applicable) OR if recent HS graduate, High School transcripts (including explanation of system, i.e. 4 point, etc.)

Two letters of recommendation from individuals other than Corps Director.

Two photos (one headshot)

SAT/ACT scores (optional and if available)

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