



# 2020

## 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 recent 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/have been an active marching member, or instructional or administrative staff, or intern of an ensemble who will participated in a DCI affiliated corps or SoundSport Team within the past 2 seasons.
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 next season's corps tuition, university tuition, or activity fees of the corps or accredited institution. 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 presented during the 2020 Drum Corps International March On Telethon event with other award recipients. Recipients will be notified prior to the announcement in order to gain acceptance of the award and its terms.
9. EMAIL application and additional materials to [scholarships@dcj.org](mailto:scholarships@dcj.org) with the subject line: IN STEP Scholarship. **Applications must be received by Monday, July 27th.**
10. DO NOT MAIL ANY MATERIALS TO THE CLOSED DCI OFFICE.

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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 affiliated and in which seasons? \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  Brass  Color Guard  Percussion  Staff  Leadership/Admin

What is/was your specific role? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**ESSAY QUESTIONS (attach separate sheet for answer development):**

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? (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 (can attach an email from director) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**PLEASE ENCLOSE:**

Scanned High School transcripts (including explanation of system, i.e. 4 point, etc.)

Scanned College transcripts (if applicable)

Two letters of recommendation from individuals other than Corps Director.

Two photos (one headshot) – will be used with announcement

SAT/ACT scores (optional and if available)

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