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Chrystal Dance Prize – Training

Guidelines

The *Chrystal Dance Prize – Training* is a scholarship program for dancers/dance artists in all disciplines wanting to continue or complete their training and/or studies at a recognized institution outside Canada. Applicants must be residents of western Canada and this prize only supports full-time studies. Intensives and summer programs are **not** eligible for support from the *Chrystal Dance Prize – Training* program. Preference will be given to Victoria residents; however, it's worth noting there are years when no Victoria students apply, making it an open field. If you are entering a second or third year of study, and are living in a foreign country, your permanent address or place of origin must be in western Canada (Manitoba and west) or any territory.

In 2023, Dance Victoria will have \$7,175 to award.

For the second year, Dance Victoria will also award a scholarship called the *Arabella and Robert Award for Dance* (ARAD). The guidelines for this award are as stated above with the exception that **applicants from across Canada** are eligible to apply. The ARAD scholarship, with a value of \$1,175, may be awarded as a supplement to a successful *Chrystal Dance Prize* proponent or can be awarded separately.

Applications will open on Wednesday March 1, 2023, and close on Friday, April 14, 2023, at 11:59 pm. Only online applications are accepted. **Please Note:** Two signed letters of recommendation in PDF format must be submitted with the application. Applications that are submitted without letters of recommendation by the deadline will be considered incomplete and ineligible for consideration.

Process

Applications will be considered by a panel of not less than three dance professionals. Equal value will be given to the applicant's written material, reference letters and video. An applicant may be contacted during the process for more information or clarification.

Dance Victoria encourages artists from diverse communities to apply for the *Chrystal Dance Prize*. We welcome applications from persons of colour, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, persons of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification and advancement of dance in our community.



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If the applicant's course of study changes after the deadline, or the applicant elects to attend a different institution, it is the applicant's responsibility to notify Dance Victoria of the change.

All applicants will be contacted prior to a public announcement of the award in May 2023.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The quality of the application will be considered in the adjudication process. It is the opinion of the committee that the completed application reflects the applicant's commitment to their training and eventual career. In past competitions, Dance Victoria has received applications that have clearly been completed by a parent. It is essential that the applicant/proponent complete the statements in the application that are related to the Summary of Goals and Challenges so that the adjudicators can accurately assess the individual's self-awareness and commitment.
- Ballet students who are pursuing further training in ballet, should submit at least one video to demonstrate the applicant's proficiency in ballet.
- It is recommended that the two video samples provided with the submission contrast each other, demonstrating the applicant's breadth and depth of proficiency.
- If submitting a video that shows the applicant performing in a group piece, please include notes that identify the applicant's position in the group.

If you have difficulty completing the online applications, or need accessibility accommodations, please contact chrystaldanceprize@dancevictoria.com. Only online applications will be accepted.

Dance Victoria is situated on the traditional territories of the Lekwungen-speaking people of the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, whose people have lived and danced on this land for thousands of years.

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