



Kathy Rabach Irish Dance Scholarship Michigan Irish Music Festival

In March of 2015 the Michigan Irish Music Festival lost a dear and dedicated Board Director, Kathy Rabach, to cancer. As the Feis Director for many years, Kathy moved the Michigan Feis forward by leaps and bounds, producing a top-notch quality Irish Dance Competition as one of the cultural programming activities of the Michigan Irish Music Festival. It is in Kathy's honor that this annual scholarship has been established. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually to be used for dance expenses, competition travel expenses, or college tuition.

Those wishing to apply for the Kathy Rabach Irish Dance Scholarship, sponsored by the Michigan Irish Music Festival should exemplify the same passion for Irish Dance, Community Volunteerism and Outstanding Leadership that Kathy possessed.

Requirements:

All applicants must complete an essay including the following information.

- **Personal** – Address, age, email, contact phone number.
- **Irish Dance**-Please list in detail your experience and goals in Irish Dance. Listing of achievements in competition, leadership in your school, assisting with younger student instruction, or advocacy/awareness of Irish Dance in your area.
- **Age Requirement**-This scholarship is open to current High School (9-12 grades) or college students. Please provide your High School information, and/or college/university status.
- **Community Volunteer Service**-Describe in detail how you are involved in your community through volunteer efforts. List any leadership roles and achievements with area organizations, non-profit organizations or the community.
- **Goals**-What would you change to make the world better? What are your college goals, career goals, or personal goals?
- **Active Dancer Status**-Recipient must be a current year Michigan Feis Competitor to be eligible for receiving this award.

Essay application to be emailed to info@michiganirish.org and is due on or before September 5, 2016. Recipient will be notified and will be awarded at the Parade of Champions at the Michigan Irish Music Festival, Saturday, September 17, 2016 on the Dance Stage.