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## *Know a dancer in college who could use a leg up on tuition?*

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Dear CNADM Member:

Without dreams, dancers would get nowhere. From the novice jazz student looking forward to his first solo, to the prima ballerina envisioning her next lead role, dreaming propels us all into the future.

But dreams alone won't pay tuition bills. That's why the Chicago National Association of Dance Masters is pleased to offer the **Yvonne Brown Collodi College Scholarship** to help members and their students achieve the dream of completing a dance degree.

**At our upcoming Summer Dance Workshop, we'll assist four big dreamers with a total of \$5,000 in college scholarships** at the \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500 levels for the 2025/2026 school term. They'll also benefit from free registration at either the Fall 2025 or Summer 2026 CNADM Dance Workshop.

The enclosed scholarship application is also available for submission online at [www.cnadm.com](http://www.cnadm.com). Please share it with your students who are currently studying dance in college, and encourage them to keep moving toward their dreams — with a leg up from CNADM!

**Applications are due June 30, 2025.** In the spirit of our colleague Yvonne and her passion for the power of lifelong learning, we wish all applicants the very best.

Sincerely,

**The CNADM Board of Directors**

### **Yvonne Brown Collodi**

*Yvonne Brown Collodi was the owner of the Yvonne Brown School of Dance in Brookfield, IL, and later became the Director of the Hinsdale Dance Academy and Chestnut Street Dancers in Hinsdale, IL, teaching a total of 42 years. She earned her masters in dance education in 1991 through Northern Illinois University and was a student of Stone and Camyrn, Tommy Sutton and Jimmy Payne. Prior to opening her studios, Yvonne toured in several musicals including Guys and Dolls, Kiss Me Kate and Brigadoon. She also danced at the Lyric Opera House.*

*Yvonne was a member of the Chicago National Association of Dance Masters from 1972 to her passing in January 2007. She was a 30 year member of the Board of Directors and served as Chair of the College Scholarship Committee for many years.*



## The Yvonne Brown Collodi College Scholarship Fund

# College Scholarship Application

The Chicago National Association of Dance Masters will award \$5,000 in scholarships at the Summer Workshop to members or students of a member in good standing in 2025. They will be awarded to four individuals at the following levels: \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500. The selection will be made by a committee based on the following guidelines: **Applications must be received by June 30, 2025.**

1. To apply, you must be a member or a student of a member (members must have paid 2025 dues).  
Past scholarship recipients may re-apply if they are members or students of members in good standing.
2. You must be enrolled in the 2025 Training School, Pre-Pro Intensive or Ballet Forum. You will be observed in class and your classwork will count for **40 percent**.
3. You must be currently enrolled in college with a major or minor in dance. You must provide an original transcript of your grades and your academic performance will count for **25 percent**. You must be in your second year or more as a dance major/minor.
4. You must provide a video of 3 to 5 minutes of your individual work in two or more disciplines  
(In-studio video preferred—it does not have to be a formal performance). This video will count for **25 percent**.
5. You will be interviewed by the scholarship committee. Interviews will be scheduled during Intensive Week and will count for **10 percent**.
6. Each applicant must submit a brief essay about your dance history, what dance means to you and how it will be a part of your future. In addition to dance, tell us about yourself: your hobbies, what is important in your life, your goals and dreams.
7. The financial award will be sent directly to the named college/university.
8. Materials may be submitted online at [www.cnadm.com/scholarships](http://www.cnadm.com/scholarships).  
Submit this application, essay, original transcript copy, optional photo, and a 3-5 minute video of an in-studio performance.  
Please contact Bonnie Cagle at [college.scholarships@cnadm.com](mailto:college.scholarships@cnadm.com) with questions.  
Complete the online application and upload files at <https://cnadm.memberclicks.net/2025-college-scholarship>
9. **Videos must include individual performances only. Group performances will not be accepted.**
10. Anything received past June 30 will not be accepted.



# The Yvonne Brown Collodi College Scholarship Fund

## College Scholarship Application

**Applications must be received by June 30, 2025**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ College ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Member Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

Studio Name \_\_\_\_\_

College or University \_\_\_\_\_

Currently enrolled for the 2025/2026 school year as a:  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

Workshop attending?  Ballet Forum  Pre-Pro Intensive  Training School

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Submit this application, essay, original transcript copy, optional photo, and 3–5 minute in-studio performance video online at <https://cnadm.memberclicks.net/2025-college-scholarship>

You will receive a confirmation upon receipt of items from the College Scholarship Chair. If you have questions, please contact Bonnie Cagle, MDE at [college.scholarships@cnadm.com](mailto:college.scholarships@cnadm.com).

*I hereby certify that I have read and understand the scholarship application rules as stated.*

**Member's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

Upload this application, essay, original transcript copy, optional photo, and a 3-5 minute video of an in-studio performance to <https://cnadm.memberclicks.net/2025-college-scholarship>