HDF-Hellenic Dance Festival
Dance, Choral, and Spiritual Odyssey 2013

The Metropolitan Alexios
Spiritual Scholarship Program

HELLENIC
DANCE FESTIVAL

Objectives

Fulfillment of the HDF Mission Statement

1. **To develop an awareness and appreciation for our Hellenic and Orthodox culture and tradition.**
2. **To inspire our young people to embrace the concept that a healthy body leads to a healthy mind.**
3. **To establish the principles of this Diakonia utilizing the same spirit of Hellenism used during the original Olympic games.**
4. **To be led by the comments of St. Paul in Romans 12:10 and the pursuit of excellence in God's gifts to all.**
5. **To give the dancers the opportunity to perform in Greece and participate in workshops while traveling through the country.**
6. **To give deserving Hellenic Dancers the opportunity to experience traditional Greek folk dance in it's natural setting: the Greek villages and islands.**
7. **To help instill in these dancers the importance of our traditional Hellenic heritage and Orthodox Faith.**

The Scholarship

It is important for all applicants to understand the intent of this scholarship *is to further encourage the desire for active participation in Hellenic Dance Programs.* This may be done as a dancer, director, choral participant, choral director or serving on the many HDF committees organized by the HDF Committee. *During this trip to Greece, participants will be exposed to many educational dance workshops as well as spiritual visits to churches and monasteries.*

All of this experience and knowledge is not only for the personal benefit of the recipient but more importantly is intended to be shared with all participants of the HDF program, and future programs. Scholarship recipients are a vital link to the development of our HDF growth.

For this reason, we ask only those who plan to continue with the HDF program to submit an application and that anyone who recommends someone for this scholarship as well as all parish priests who sign recommendation applications, to please be sure that the applicant plans to further their participation in our HDF program.

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Two months prior to our Winston Salem, NC 2013 HDF, we will announce the details of the scholarship financial amount and the number of scholarships that will be awarded.

Full Scholarship: Includes Round Trip Airfare & Land Package will be awarded to the top rated recipient(s).

Land Scholarship: Includes Land Package. Round Trip Airfare will be the responsibility of the recipient.

Eligibility

- **There is no limit to how many dance or choral applicants can apply from any one parish.**
- **All applicants will be considered.**
- **A minimum of 20 dancers and directors will be chosen from all applicants.**
- **Only one applicant from the choral program will be chosen.**
- **Families are members in good standing with the Greek Orthodox Church.**
- **Dancers and choral applicants must be members in good standing in their dance groups.**
- **Dancers and choral applicants must be in the Senior or Advanced Senior divisions.**
- **Dancers and choral applicants must have participated in the last two of the four Hellenic Dance Festivals.**
- **A dancer and choral applicant that has participated for three years or more but has graduated or left his/her Parish because of school, and cannot make the scholarship year, will still be eligible to apply.**
- **All other rules and eligibility will apply.**

Criteria for Selection

1. **Completed application**
2. **Two letters of recommendation-Parish Priest, Dance Director/Choral Director.**
3. **Essay-250 Word essay (or less)-Why the applicant should be selected.**
4. **Presentation-Applicants will prepare a presentation to be exhibited at the HDF-2013 in Winston Salem, NC. This presentation will be included as part of the final decision making process for choosing the winners. Details will be included in the formal application.**

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Project and Presentation Section of Application

A Five minute presentation by the applicant must be made at
HDF 2013-Winston Salem, NC
The presentation may include either:
a visual or written work on:

Saint's Days Celebrations

This can be done on many aspects of the subject (costumes, dances, songs, religious rituals, folk traditions, etc.) and with a variety of mediums (photography, picture book, video, portrait, sculpture, costumes, power point, etc.).

The subject must be related to the Traditional Celebrations of Saint's Days

Reach out on your research. There are plenty of books, articles, & contacts in Greece and the United States on the subject of Saint's Days Celebrations. Reach out to your local community as well. Be creative. Please include any references you used as we want to avoid any plagiarism.

The presentations will be displayed during HDF 2013 in Winston Salem, NC. You will be evaluated on the extent of your research, project synthesis, and your creativity.

All submissions must be pre-approved by: Eleni Hopes: hopes406@knology.net on or before November 15, 2012. Full applications, including presentation materials must be completed and received by December 15, 2012. Mail to: Eleni Hopes, 3324 Hearthside Drive Charleston, SC 29414

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Scholarship application
Dancer/Choral Participant: _____ Director/Instructor:_____

Name:_____

Address:_____
City:_____***State:***_____***Zip:***_____

Date of Birth-MDY:_____***Citizenship:***_____ ***Email:***_____

Dance Director (if applying as a dancer):_____

Parish Name:_____***City:***_____

Parish Priest:_____***Parish Council Pres.:***_____

Name of Dance Group:_____

Provide the following, stapled to this form, in the following order:

8. Letter of recommendation from your *Parish Priest*
9. Letter of recommendation from your *Dance Director/Choral Director/Instructor (for dancer)*
   Letter of recommendation from a fellow *Dance Director/Choral Director (for director)*
10. Essay by applicant approximately 250 words expressing the qualities and or reasons he/she should be chosen to participate in the 2013 trip to Greece.
11. Presentation to be exhibited at HDF 2013 in Winston Salem. Presentation can include photos, art of any medium, video, etc. The theme for 2013 is "Saints' Day Celebrations" see attached.
12. Short summary of each of the following (4-5 sentences)
    - Greek dance performance experience
    - Greek dance education
    - Parish life activities
    - Community involvement
    - Hobbies and extracurricular activities
    - Certificates earned at HDF sponsored workshops
5. Directors please give information on how long you have directed, years of HDF participation, what groups you have worked with and what you have accomplished in terms of awards at HDF. Include a summary of performance experience and other folk dance related accomplishments.
6. Signed code of conduct.
7. Signed liability waiver and current insurance coverage.
8. Copy of front pages of passport. *Must be valid through November 2013.*

The undersigned holds HDF, its officers, advisors, the Atlanta Metropolis, the Archdiocese harmless in the event of any loss due to stolen or lost property , illness, injury, or any other reason arising from the acceptance of this scholarship. I, the above applicant, understand that all decisions regarding the awarding of the above scholarship are final and an undisputed decision of the scholarship committee.

Mail Application (post marked no later than December 15, 2012) to:
Eleni Hopes, 3324 Hearthside Drive, Charleston, SC 29414

Parent/Guardian Name:_____
Address:_____
Home Phone:_____***Cell:***_____
Applicant Signature:_____***Date:***_____
Parent Signature:_____***Date:***_____