

The Kasey Fennell Scholarship

A childhood friend of Miss Heather, Kasey Fennell was a dancer from the heart. Loud, fun, full of life, and a heart of gold are just a few ways to describe Kasey. As some of you may have noticed, Kasey's full story and caricature are displayed in the CAD lobby. We welcome and encourage you to take a moment to read her story and reflect on the blessings of your own life. In short, Kasey touched many lives with her huge heart and infectious smile. Just months after being diagnosed, Kasey passed away from cancer at the young age of nine. Miss Heather and Kasey were fellow dancers and best friends. In the months during diagnosis, treatment, and daily trials Miss Heather and Kasey were inseparable. The bond and friendship they shared was something truly special.

The Kasey Fennell Scholarship began many years ago at their hometown studio in Dallas, GA under the direction of Pamela Mitchell Lambert. Upon the retirement of Mrs. Pam and the closing of her studio, Mrs. Heather eagerly accepted the opportunity to carry on the scholarship at CAD.

Two scholarships are awarded each dance season. One recreational dancer will receive a \$200 scholarship and one member of Parker Dance Company will receive a \$400 scholarship. Scholarships will be applied to recipient's accounts in August for the upcoming Fall semester. Scholarships will be presented at the end of season recital and PDC Showcase. Recipient's will be recognized on stage individually and will receive a trophy for their achievement. Specific criteria, an essay written by the dancer, and nomination from CAD staff are all required to be a candidate for the scholarship. To read more on these requirements please see the qualifications page below.

Scholarship...

...cannot be redeemed for cash.

...does not apply to costume fees, master classes, private lessons, studio events, competition fees, costume fees, etc.

...cannot be redeemed for summer classes, camps, intensives, workshops, mini workshops, or semi-private classes.

...will be applied to tuition fees ONLY for the upcoming Fall semester.

...cannot be "held" and redeemed for Spring Semester of the same dance season.

...cannot be used for registration fees or any enrollment/tuition fees after the upcoming Fall semester.

Scholarship recipient(s) will forfeit their scholarship if registration is not received by or on the date of Fall Semester Open House.

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Qualifications

Dancer...

- must be enrolled at CAD for the current spring semester, completed the fall semester within the same dance season, and completed at least one full fall/spring season prior to the current enrollment period.
- must show a record of little to no absences and/or tardiness to all classes.
- must show a good work ethic and positive attitude throughout all classes.
- must be a participant in all CAD produced shows including Nutcracker or Winter Extravaganza, and Spring Recital during the current season.
- must exhibit a love for the art of dance, the studio, and their fellow dancers.
- must treat their fellow dancers, instructors, other dance parents, and CAD staff with respect.
- must have an account in good standing.

What should I write in my essay?

We want to read an **HONEST**, from the **HEART**, and **SINCERE** essay! Share as much as you wish to share. Excerpts from recipient's essays will be shared at the time of recognition, however great care and consideration will be made in choosing these excerpts! We promise not to share anything that may be a more personal statement in your essay.

Things to consider when writing...

Why do you love dance?

Why do you love dancing at CAD?

What does CAD, PDC, and/or dance in general mean to you?

What do you enjoy most about your classes, teachers, fellow dancers, etc.?

What are goals you have for your future in dance?

What are your goals not related to dance? How do you think dance will help prepare you for these goals?

Essays should be hand written by the dancer! Parents: if you need to help with spelling, etc. that is perfectly fine, but please allow your dancer to share **THEIR** story :)

Place essays in a **SEALED ENVELOPE** and be sure your name is on the essay before turning it in!

ALL ESSAYS DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE 1!