

The Ballet in the City Misty Copeland Scholarship

The Misty Copeland Scholarship was established in 2014 to honor Ms. Copeland by providing opportunities for a dancer of color in the discipline of classical ballet. Samara Steele, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, was selected for the inaugural scholarship due to her outstanding moral character, discipline, dedication, and the commitment of her family to support her dance journey.

To continue this legacy, Samara, her mother, and a committee of individuals committed to education

and the idea that ballet is for everyone will select future recipients. These dancers should be not only hardworking in the studio, but they should also demonstrate upstanding character.

Applicants for the 2016 Misty Copeland Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Be an African-American dancer (dancers of either sex are encouraged to apply)
- Be between 13 and 18 years of age (must be 13 by October 1, 2015 and cannot turn 19 by October 1, 2015)
- Area of focus of the dance they are studying must be classical or contemporary ballet
- Must submit an application via the link below (there is a \$20 fee to apply)
- Must submit an essay (no more than 500 words) about what dance means to them and how they plan to pursue their career in dance
- Must submit a video including a basic barre combination, adagio, and a minute solo (contemporary ballet or classical ballet variation or solo)

Scholarship Recipient will receive:

- \$500 scholarship to The artÉmotion Summer Intensive (either in Cleveland, Ohio, or Detroit, Michigan, Summer 2016)
- \$500 to a summer program or dance training of the recipient's choice
- Solo Performance at The artÉmotion Summer Intensive, choreographed by Simeon Fuller, a 2015 So You Think You Can Dance dancer
- Dance supplies provided by BLOCH Dancewear
- Autographed poster of Misty Copeland
- Additional honors to be confirmed upon selection of the recipient



Application open from **October 15, 2015** to **April 1, 2016**.

Recipient will be notified on **April 25, 2016**.

Apply at www.balletinthecity.org

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