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Dear Studio Owners, Dance Company Directors, Teachers and Choreographers:

Dance Ontario is soliciting nominations for the New **DANCE ONTARIO YOUTH AWARD**. This annual award seeks to recognize exceptional young dancers ages 19 & under who are not only pursuing excellence in their craft but go above and beyond making a difference in the lives of others and/or contributing to the dance community.

Dance Ontario recognizes that there are many young dancers across Ontario doing great things and we are confident that there are dancers in your studio, school, company, classes or program that you think deserve a nomination.

We look forward to highlighting the recipient of the Dance Ontario Youth Award and their achievements at the award ceremony that will take place during DanceWeekend'14 next January.

Please see a brief summary of criteria below, together with a nomination form.

The deadline is **Friday November 29, 2019 at 5pm**.

Should you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Dance Ontario Awards Committee

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Youth Award Criteria

Nominee must have:

- demonstrated a passion, dedication and commitment in the pursuit of excellence in dance;
- a proven track record of successful competitions and/or performances and be a strong dancer in their genre(s)
- demonstrated perseverance in the face of adversity.

In addition, the nominee should have demonstrated a contribution to the dance discipline and to making a difference in the lives of others beyond their training, through the following;

- education of others as teacher, student teacher or assistant at their studio/school/company;
- volunteering to assist and work around their studio and/or their school dance programs, after school dance programs;
- developing, organizing coordinating and/or leading an extracurricular dance team at their school;
- organizing dance events, showcases, and/or workshops at school, for their studio or in their community;
- advocating for dance as members of student arts council, community councils, Dance Ontario Youth Board etc.
- using their dance experience and/or expression as a way in which to improve the lives of others

Nominators must submit:

Two (2) letters of recommendation from studio/company director(s), teacher(s), choreographer(s)

A written statement from the Nominee outlining what dance means to them, how it has helped them, what they think their contributions have been and what they will continue to do in dance.

A DVD or links to YouTube of performances

Public or unlisted (which are private) Links can be submitted online via e-mail.

*The Nominee does not need to be a soloist and the award is not for the best technical dancer but for the dancer that goes beyond their training to make a difference, effect change, develop, promote, inspire, educate, connect and contribute.

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Youth Award Nomination Form

Nominee: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Age: [Click here to enter text.](#)

*nominee must be age 19 or under at time of nomination

Genre(s) of dance: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Studio/school/company: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Nominator: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Relationship to Nominee: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Nominator Contact: **T:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

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1 - In a brief paragraph please summarize how your nominee demonstrates **Passion, Dedication** and **Commitment** in the pursuit of excellence in dance.

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2 - Please list the nominees years **of training and accomplishments** in dance thus far including any competition results and awards, shows & performances, auditions & examinations, any special awards/recognition they've received etc.

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3 - In a brief paragraph please summarize how your nominee has demonstrated **perseverance in the face of adversity**. What kind of challenges has your nominee faced on the road to their current accomplishments? How did they overcome these challenges?

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4 - In a brief paragraph please summarize how your nominee **contributes to the dance community** beyond their training and has made a difference in the lives others. Please write about what they have done and how their roles in any of the below have affected others.

- education of others as teacher, student teacher or assistant at their studio/school/company - volunteering to assist and work around their studio and/or their school dance programs, after school dance programs,
- developing, organizing coordinating and/or leading an extracurricular dance team at their school
- organizing dance events, showcases, and/or workshops at school, for their studio or in their community.
- advocating for dance as members of student arts council, community councils, Dance Ontario Youth Board etc.

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All forms and supporting documents (reference letter, nominee statement and video materials) can be submitted electronically via e-mail to contact@danceontario.ca. Supporting video footage in dvd format can be sent to:

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Nomination Checklist

- 2 Letters of Recommendation from studio/company director(s), teacher(s), choreographer(s)
 - Written Statement from the Nominee outlining what dance means to them, how it has helped them, what they think their contributions have been and what they will continue to do in dance.
 - A DVD or links to YouTube of performances
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- Nomination Form