

Jennifer Lauren Farrell

A very special student entered my life in 1993. She was a relatively quiet, inconspicuous soul at first – but as I got to know her, she became a child and then a young woman who would touch my life and so many others with her generosity and good spirit.

Tammy and I had the great pleasure of teaching Jennifer Farrell for several years before circumstances took us different ways, yet our special relationship did not end. Jennifer always made sure she kept in touch with us and came to visit us as often as she could. She always made us feel like a very special part of her life. She was a responsible teenager who kept up her grades, held a job, participated in school activities—and through it all, danced with love, energy, and devotion. When Jennifer was dancing you could not keep your eyes off of her glowing face.

Jennifer’s trademark was her big, beautiful smile—a smile that symbolized exactly the kind of spirit Jennifer possessed. She always modeled a positive attitude, respect, gratitude and friendliness for her peers and teachers. She was truly a special person.

Jennifer was taken away in August 2001 in a tragic car accident on her way back to classes at Clemson University where she would have been a sophomore. Sometimes you don’t realize the impact a student has on your own life until something truly horrible happens.

Jennifer worked very hard and saved much of the money she earned. Her parents wanted her money to be used to benefit things that Jennifer loved. Therefore, they contributed a portion of the money she had earned herself and saved to providing a dance scholarship, in the hope that someone else could experience the same love for dance that Jennifer did. This scholarship was continued by private contributions until 2004 and now the Great Gig Dance Ensemble is proud and honored to fund the annual Jennifer Lauren Farrell “Heart of Dance” Scholarship.

At Great Gig Dance Co.’s first recital in June 2001, Tammy and I were not surprised to see a familiar face with that trademark smile coming toward us after the show. Jennifer had sought us out backstage to make sure we knew she was there to share in our special day and that she had not missed our important time. Little did we know how important and special that night would be....it was the last time we would get one of her eager hugs, hear her words of encouragement, and of course, see that beautiful trademark smile!

But Jennifer lives on, in the spirit of dance within all dancers who share her passion and joy in the art of movement the heart of dance!

Some students truly teach you more than you will ever be able to teach them.

Dawn Parker

Application Form and Requirements

Applicants will be considered on the basis of the following:

- Strong enthusiasm for dance
- Positive attitude; respect for instructors and peers
- Average or better grades in school
- Financial need

Scholarship recipients must complete the entire 2024-2025 dance season at Great Gig Dance Co., maintaining good attendance, positive attitude and proper classroom etiquette and behavior.

Applicant’s Name _____ Age _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Areas of interest in dance _____

- Please attach a 1–2-page essay explaining why you meet the above scholarship requirements. Explain how dance has made a positive influence in your life. Describe your current and future dance goals.

Application deadline: May 10th, 2024

One scholarship will be awarded for the 2024-2025 dance season at Great Gig Dance Co. This scholarship may be applied toward annual tuition in any weekly class on our schedule.

Scholarship recipients will be selected at the discretion of the staff members of Great Gig Dance Co.

The Jennifer Lauren Farrell
2023 Heart of Dance
Scholarship



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