

The Michele Hudkins Light Up the Stage Memorial Scholarship

On September 9, 2022, Great Gig Dance Co. tragically lost one of its greatest and longest supporters and encouragers.

Michele Hudkins came to Great Gig Dance Co. for the first time in 2003, seeking a more intense dance training program for her 7th grade daughter, Heather. She immediately became part of our dance family.

Michele was enthusiastic about dance and joined the adult Tap class for the first time that year, and later dabbled in adult Ballet, Jazz and Hip Hop classes. Missing fewer than a handful of recitals over the years, Michele looked forward to her weekly dance classes and ultimately the annual showcase where she would always LIGHT UP THE STAGE.

She traveled with the Ensemble to New York, Florida, South Carolina, and even on multiple Royal Caribbean cruises to see her daughter perform and to enjoy the camaraderie with her own dance friends. Michele was always the life of the party and made every situation FUN!

Michele had a knack for making everyone she met feel special. Many people called her “best friend.” She especially enjoyed making children feel special and would refer to each female dancer as “Princess.” She gave tirelessly of her time to create, sew and alter costumes, and made sure every tiny dancer had beautiful ribbons in their Tap shoes at the recital every year. Michele believed that every child deserved a chance to dance, and she would be thrilled that Great Gig Dance Co. has chosen to immortalize her memory by creating a scholarship in her name.

We love you, Michele and we know you are Tap dancing in heaven!

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.

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