

# **Guidelines for The Elizabeth Lee and Duard Barnes Scholarships**

**Endowed by Donations from Participants and Friends  
of the Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School  
and**

**Administered by the Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School, Inc., a non-profit corporation.**

The Elizabeth Lee and Duard Barnes Scholarship Fund is available to further the interest of Scottish Country Dancing in the Southeast and help perpetuate the aims of the Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School, Inc., which are:

“to advance the education and engagement of the public in the Southeast Region of the United States in traditional Scottish country dancing and in furtherance thereof: (a) promote and preserve and further the practice of traditional Scottish country dancing; (b) provide or assist in providing education or instruction to RSCDS standards in the practice of Scottish country dancing, including by establishing and operating annual dance weeks; (c) promote the enjoyment and appreciation of Scottish country dancing and music by any suitable means; (d) generally do such other things as are or may be considered to further the foregoing objectives, including building working links with other local traditional dance and music initiatives; (e) conduct its business in line with the commitments it has given in any agreements with the sponsoring RSCDS Branches.” (BRSDS, Inc. By-Laws, July 8, 2022)

Grants for a limited number of scholarships are provided from the Elizabeth Lee and Duard Barnes Scholarship Fund, funded by donations from participants of Blue Ridge Dance School or the earlier Thistle School, friends, and acquaintances of Betty Lee and Duard.

Scholarships may be requested for attendance at Blue Ridge Scottish Country Dance School. Currently Barnes Scholarship funds are not available for other events, schools, or programs.

Any active Scottish Country Dancer may apply for a Barnes Scholarship, but preference will be given to members of a RSCDS Branch. All applications from non-members must be endorsed by a Branch member.

Applications will be rated based on the following criteria:

1. Dance experience of the applicant, with priority given to those dancers with a basic understanding and ability of Scottish country dance, generally with at least one to five years of dance experience. At this time, we cannot accept applications from dancers with less than one year of dance experience.
2. Recommendation of a RSCDS certificated teacher or RSCDS sponsor.
3. Ability to provide volunteer services to BRSDS, Inc. either before, during, or following the Dance School for which the grant is awarded.
4. Financial need.
5. Applicant's plan for how they will use the knowledge and skills gained from attendance at the Blue Ridge School to further the goals of BRSDS, Inc.
6. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age. Applicants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, who will need to pay for their attendance, either as a dance participant or non-dance observer (see registration information for costs).

All applications should be sent to RSCDS Atlanta Branch, Inc., Post Office Box 1941, Marietta, Georgia 30061, or emailed to [blueridgescottishdanceschoolfi@gmail.com](mailto:blueridgescottishdanceschoolfi@gmail.com). Applications will be reviewed by the BRSDS Scholarship Committee or the RSCDS Board or Officers and selections will be made approximately one month prior to the event.