

Teacher Recommendation for Elizabeth Lee and Duard Barnes Scholarship Applicant

Note to teacher: The Elizabeth Lee and Duard Barnes Scholarship Fund has been established to provide applicants financial aid to attend the Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School held in July at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. The Fund was established in 2021 by the Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School, Inc., a non-profit corporation to honor Betty Lee and Duard Barnes, the founders of the Thistle Dance School, which provided training in Scottish Country Dancing in the Southeastern United States for 39 years before closing in 2019. Contributors to BRSDS, Inc. have donated generously to endow the fund so that we can begin to offer scholarships to musicians and dancers who are working to develop their skills.

Your student is requesting financial aid to attend the Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School. All applications will be reviewed by BRSDS, Inc. Board, and awards will be made by June 10. Awards will be based on funds available for scholarships, established need of the applicants, and potential benefit to the applicant and Scottish Country Dancing.

We are requiring all applicants to include a recommendation from their teacher. Please complete this form electronically by **May 31, 2023**, and send to blueridgescottishdanceschoolfi@gmail.com . To retain confidentiality, please do not return your recommendation to the student.

Applicant's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Class Location: _____

Approx. # of Years Dancing/Playing: _____

Skill Level (your judgement): **Beginner** _____
 Advanced Beginner _____
 Intermediate _____
 Advanced _____

Why do you think this student is a good candidate to receive financial aid?

How do you think attending the Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School would benefit the applicant?

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Thank you for your time and comments.