

**Elizabeth Lee and Duard Barnes Scholarship Fund**  
**Application Form**  
**Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School**  
**Dancer Scholarship**  
**Application Deadline: May 31, 2026**

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 (First week of June, 2026). In addition to the requirements below, this year we are prioritizing applicants based on whether they have received Barnes' Scholarships for past Blue Ridge events, giving first priority to those eligible applicants who have never received a scholarship in the past. This does not mean that receiving a scholarship in the past will prohibit an applicant from receiving another scholarship this year, (so far we have been able to give at least a partial scholarship to every dancer who has applied), it just means that we are trying to expand our reach for new and deserving dancers who need financial assistance. If you have received a scholarship in the past, please consider applying for a partial scholarship if you are able (see question 4. Below.)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

RSCDS Branch member \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no      Name of Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions.

1. Dance Experience. (At this time, applicants must have at least one year of Scottish Country Dancing experience to apply. Preference will be given to applicants with 1 to 5 years of experience, but applicants with more experience will also be given consideration for scholarships. I have:

1 to 5 years of dance experience: \_\_\_\_\_

5 to 10 years of dance experience: \_\_\_\_\_

More than 10 years of dance experience: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Recommendation of RSCDS Sponsor or RSCDS certified teacher.

Sponsor's or Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a letter of support from your sponsor or teacher that addresses your current level of ability and/or involvement in Scottish Country Dancing.

3. Ability to provide volunteer services to BRSDS, Inc.

BRSDS, Inc. is an entirely volunteer-run organization, and to provide the Blue Ridge Dance School, we need additional volunteers to help in a variety of ways. Please describe how you would most like to volunteer to help BRSDS run the Blue Ridge School, either before, during, or after the program. Please note any special skills you might have in event management:

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How many hours would you be willing to volunteer during the week of Blue Ridge, supporting the BRSDS Board of Directors and other volunteers by working at registration tables, assisting participants in loading/unloading cars and moving into dorm rooms, running errands, assisting with A/V and music needs, etc. None of your volunteer hours will impact your participation in any of the class, dancing, or group activities that are part of the Blue Ridge Dance School Week.

Number of Hours you would commit: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Financial need. We have limited funds for scholarships, and we want to assist as many applicants as possible. Knowing that the total cost of food, lodging, and tuition for Blue Ridge this year is about \$900 to \$1100 for a full week (Sunday night through Saturday morning) and \$500 to \$600 for a half week (Wednesday Afternoon through Saturday morning), how much can you contribute to your costs and still be able to attend Blue Ridge?

I can contribute my travel expenses plus one-fourth the cost of food, lodging and tuition:

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I can contribute my travel expenses plus one-half the cost of food, lodging and tuition: \_\_\_\_\_

I can contribute travel expenses plus three-fourths the cost of food, lodging and tuition \_\_\_\_\_

I can contribute my travel expenses but none of the cost of food, lodging and tuition \_\_\_\_\_

Are you applying for:

Full Week Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_

Half Week Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Applicant's plan for how they will use the knowledge and skills provided at Blue Ridge.

Please describe how you will use the knowledge, skills, and abilities you gain at Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School to further the aims of BRSDS, Inc. listed in the scholarship

guidelines.

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Some RSCDS Branches have scholarship opportunities that can be used for dance workshops and schools like Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School. We encourage you to contact your local Branch Chair to find out about other scholarship and grant programs. Thank you for your interest in Blue Ridge – we hope you can join us this summer at Appalachian State University in Boone NC.