

<u>INLAND EMPIRE</u> YOUTH DANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Inland Empire Contemporary Ballet, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, seeking your generous tax deductible support for the "Inland Empire Youth Dance Scholarships". (IEYDS) Our mission has been intent on giving children from low income, broken homes, of diverse backgrounds a second home. The children that have gone through, and are currently going through our program are the ones that have been greatly impacted by Public schools no longer providing Visual and Performing Arts opportunities for children. When children are not given supervision, they tend to get involved in negative, dangerous activities. Many children that are believed to have anger and/or discipline problems simply need an outlet of expression.

This tremendous endeavor brings together children from some of the greatest impoverished communities throughout the Inland Empire an opportunity to quickly turn into some of the finest talents, and most influential amongst our vast region. The Inland Empire Contemporary Ballet not only gives children the opportunity to reach and seek their fullest potential artistically, it also gives them a positive outlet of expression which has shown to keep kids out of trouble, and in a secure, hardworking, fun environment.

Giving this amazing opportunity and chance to succeed to young dancers, while preserving the magnificent art forms of both ballet and contemporary dance as well as, showcasing the talent of the Inland Empire by presenting classical, and contemporary ballets featuring children from low income/broken homes from the Inland Empire is truly life changing. Unfortunately, children no longer have a place to go for artistic expression without paying a large amount of money. With our program, children will be given full scholarships to train daily and perform every four months as well as providing an artistic outlet, and a safe after school location. With the *Inland Empire Youth Scholarship*, we are providing this service, we are producing dancers, choreographers & Dance Educators for future generations.

IEYDS would like to provide 75 scholarships yearly. This scholarship will include the proper dance attire for each student such as; tights, leotards, dance pants, dance shirts, dance shoes, bags, Costumes for productions, theatre rentals, Dance Educators the opportunity to train our children in the proper technique, provide dance workshops/masters classes, attend dance conventions, as well as the opportunity to perform in a theatrical setting throughout the year.

Our program changes the lives of 75 children that are given the opportunity to seek a career in the arts, and attain their higher education in the performing arts! By doing such, they will be successful in their careers, rise out of poverty, and bring future generations out of their impoverished circumstances. That is 75 college degrees, 75 educators, 75 young adults giving back to their communities, and being a positive influence on their peers! This program has proven to be successful by having produced 75 professional dancers, dance educators, college students, and college graduates. Not to mention the lives changed by these successful dancers.

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