

Bayview School of Ballet

Scholarship Program

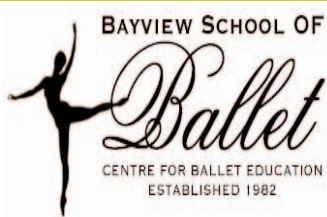
Bayview School of Ballet Inc. is delighted to announce a prestigious scholarship opportunity for students aged 13 years and older who are seeking to further their dedication to the art of dance.

With a commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities, Bayview School of Ballet Inc. is proud to offer a \$15,000 scholarship to support deserving students in their pursuit of excellence.

As a renowned institution in the field of dance education, Bayview School of Ballet Inc. is dedicated to nurturing and fostering the talents of young dancers, regardless of their background or geographic location. This scholarship is open to not only current BSB students, but also to aspiring dancers from all over who are interested in applying.

The application process is straightforward and easily accessible. Interested applicants can go online and click on the link to access the application form, which can be submitted directly to Bayview School of Ballet Inc. We encourage all eligible students to seize this incredible opportunity and submit their applications for consideration.

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Our school representatives are available 24/7 to answer any questions that you may have

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ONTARIO HELPING MORE WOMEN IN DURHAM REGION BUILD SKILLS AND GET JOBS

PICKERING – The Ontario government is expanding the Investing in Women's Futures program to 10 additional locations across the province, including the Women's Multicultural Resource & Counselling Centre of Durham. This will help more women who are experiencing social and economic barriers connect to supports and develop the skills they need to gain financial security and independence. This expansion is part of a \$6.9 million investment over three years to enhance the program and create more economic opportunities for women.

"Expanding the Investing in Women's Futures program to Durham Region will provide more women with the counselling, employment readiness training, and other wraparound supports they need to rebuild their lives, increase their participation in the workforce, and gain financial independence," said Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity. "Our government is empowering women to achieve the success they deserve because when women succeed, Ontario succeeds."

The Investing in Women's Futures program provides a range of flexible services and employment readiness supports for women facing social and economic barriers, including those experiencing gender-based violence and social isolation. These services and supports help women over-

come any barriers, increase well-being, build skills and gain employment. The addition of 10 new sites brings the total number of service delivery locations to 33, providing greater access for more women across Ontario.

In Durham Region, the Investing in Women's Futures program will be delivered by the Women's Multicultural Resource & Counselling Centre of Durham through an investment of \$325,000 over three years. The organization will deliver trauma-informed counselling to vulnerable and underserved women with lived experiences of violence and abuse. The program will assist with housing, mental health, addictions, safety planning, legal issues, systems navigation, and challenges facing newcomers. It will also provide workshops on empowerment and self-esteem building as well as training in technology, interview skills, and workplace culture and negotiations.

"The Women's Multicultural Resource & Counselling Centre of Durham appreciates the financial support from the Office of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity for the delivery of the Investing in Women's Futures program," said Esther Enyolu, Executive Director, Women's

Multicultural Resource & Counselling Centre of Durham. "This will enable the Women's Multicultural Resource & Counselling Centre of Durham to continue to empower newcomers and women from diverse back-

grounds experiencing social and economic barriers to connect to social support services and programs that empower them to acquire skills to heal, prevent further violence, and work towards financial independence to support their families."

This \$6.9 million investment builds on the \$18 million funding from 2022-2025 to support the Investing in Women's Futures and Women's Economic Security programs.

Quick Facts
As a result of COVID-19, women and gender-diverse Ontarians have faced additional challenges, such as increased economic insecurity, greater burden of caregiving responsibilities and a rise in the incidence of domestic violence. Young women, mothers of young children, racialized women, single mothers, Indigenous women, immigrant women, women with disabilities and women without university degrees have been most affected.

In June 2021, the government launched Ontario's Task Force on Women and the Economy to provide advice on addressing the unique and disproportionate economic barriers women face. Building on the work of the task force, the government is taking action to address the challenges women face in the workforce.

In 2021-22, the Investing in Women's Futures program helped more than 1,300 women across Ontario secure employment, start their own

businesses or pursue further training and/or education.

"This new Investing in Women's Futures program location will give more women access to a safe space and a continuum of wraparound supports and resources. This funding will allow the Women's Multicultural Resource & Counselling Centre of Durham to continue the great work they have already done in the community and support them in fostering more prosperous futures for women across the Region." - Peter Bethlenfalvy MPP for Pickering—Uxbridge
"The services and support pro-

vided by the Women's Multicultural Resource & Counselling Centre of Durham to women, youth and children strengthen Whitby and other parts of Durham Region. This investment allows the Women's Multicultural Resource & Counselling Centre of Durham to continue working towards their mission of providing specialized counselling to women from diverse backgrounds, supporting them to rebuild their lives, and enabling them to reach their full potential at home, at work, and in our communities."
- Lorne Coe

MPP for Whitby
"I am proud of the work that our government is doing to support local organizations like the Women's Multicultural Resource & Counselling Centre of Durham so that they can in turn support and uplift women in our communities. I thank Esther Enyolu and her incredible staff for their tireless efforts to help women facing adversity find the safety, healing, and training they need to create brighter futures for themselves and their families."
- Patrice Barnes MPP for Ajax

AWARD-WINNING PEONY FESTIVAL RETURNS IN JUNE

The City of Oshawa said Oshawa Valley Botanical Garden is the place to be on June 10 and 11, when the 19th annual Peony Festival will be held.

Named one of Ontario's Top 100 Festivals and Events, the festival runs from 10 am to 4 pm, and features one of Canada's largest contemporary peony collections in bloom in the gardens, in addition to hundreds of cut blooms displayed inside the arena during the Canadian Peony Society judged peony show.

Admission to the festival is free. The Peony Festival features activities for all ages, including:

- Garden-inspired works by painters, sculptors and artisans
- Vendor market
- Local musicians on the Garden Stage
- Children's Garden featuring an educational bug display and garden-inspired crafts
- Local food vendors
- Educational talks and exhibits

Parking and Free Shuttles: Parking is available on-street, at the City Hall employee parking lot (45 Queen St., off King Street, and west of Centre Street, Saturday only) and at the McMillan parkade (on McMillan Avenue between King Street and Bond Street). A free shuttle will stop at the Arts Resource Centre (45 Queen Street), Parkwood National Historic Site & Heritage Gardens, and on the northwest corner of Bond Street West and McMillan Drive.

The shuttle bus will depart every 20 minutes between 10 am to 4 pm on both festival days. Shuttle service will be provided courtesy of Harmony Hill Retirement Community.

"Oshawa's Peony Festival was recently recognized by Festival and Events Ontario as a Top 100 Festival," said Mayor Dan Carter. "The city's premier festival returns to Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens June 9 and 10 and I invite everyone to come and walk amongst the many blooms of these amazing gardens and take part in the family-friendly activities."