

## Presidents Letter Meet Finley

### Highland Dance Scholarship Recipient

Hi! My name is Finley Figueredo, I am 13 years old (7th grade) and live in Winter Garden, Florida. I began dancing at the age of four and became a Scottish Highland Dancer when I was seven. Over the years, I have developed a strong love for dance, and I am committed to pushing myself to achieve greater success in the world of Highland Dance.

I am so proud to say that I am a Straight-A Student and a member of National Juniors Honor Society while taking all Honors classes and am already taking high-school level courses. My academic achievements reflect my strong work ethic and determination, qualities I also bring to my dance training. As a pre-premier dancer, I was honored to place best overall in multiple competitions, and now, as a new premier dancer, I have continued to achieve success placing in the top five at the competitions I have entered. These experiences have shaped me into a more confident and skilled dancer, but I know that there is still so much for me to learn.

This scholarship would allow me to attend private lessons with my teacher, Kathryn Austin. This will help improve my technique and learn new choreography. I know I will become a stronger dancer by having private lessons which in return will allow me the opportunity to compete at higher levels with other dancers and judges.

I am incredibly grateful for your consideration of my application. If awarded this scholarship, I will dedicate myself to using it to further my development as a dancer. I am excited about the future and look forward to continuing to grow in this wonderful dance form. Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,

Finley Figueredo



## Meet Finley (continued)

Dear McAlpine Clan,

Thank you so much for reaching out and graciously awarding my daughter, Finley, scholarship money to support her Scottish Highland Dancing journey. Please know that the funds will be put to excellent use.

Since submitting her application, Finley competed in the Southeast Regionals Scottish Highland Dance Championship in Savannah, where she proudly placed first in her age group. As a result, she will be representing the Southeast at the U.S. Inter-Regional Championships in Santa Clara, California on July 12th. Finley has been training several hours a day to prepare for this incredible opportunity.

In addition, this September she will attend the 22nd BATD North American Sadie Simpson Scholarships and Highland Weekend. As a scholarship nominee, she will not only compete but also participate in workshops with other top dancers from across North America.

As you can imagine, the costs associated with these events—travel, training, private lessons, and more—add up quickly. Your generous support is deeply appreciated and genuinely helps ease the financial burden on our family.

Attached is a photo of Finley taken in Savannah just after her championship win. We're so proud of her hard work, and your support helps make these experiences possible.

With heartfelt thanks,

Janna Figueiredo



House of MacAlpine is happy to announce that we have granted Finley a scholarship to help cover her fees for upcoming competitions. Watch our Facebook page for updates from Finley's mom, Janna. Finley is representing the SE US in Santa Clara on July 12. Keep her in your thoughts and wish her well.

Join me in wishing Finley well as she continues to pursue her Highland Dancing path. We are happy to help you along on your journey.

In Kinship,

Dale McAlpine  
President

