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Kate Lieberth Lytton EDUCATION IN DANCE FUND

Announcement of

TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Available for 2026 Summer Study

The Fund will provide competitive grants to students in dance, to assist with tuition for Summer Study in 2026.

Financial Aid is offered in support of tuition and fees up to \$1,000 per student.

Eligibility: Assistance will be awarded to male and female student dancers in Summit County who seek to improve their technical skills by attending a program in the Summer of 2026 at a qualified institution of Dance Education.

Requirements:

Students must be at least eleven years old by May 1, 2026, a resident of Summit County, Ohio, and currently studying at a dance or performing arts school, company, studio, or university.

- An application must be submitted by March 31, 2026
- At least one letter of recommendation from an instructor in Dance is required.
- Send applications by e-mail or US mail to:

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Awards: Recipients of the award(s) will be selected by an independent committee of arts professionals and educators. Recipients will be selected on the basis of talent, technical skill, determination and economic need.

Payments: Akron Community Foundation makes payments directly to the school or non-profit program offering the summer study program, who are eligible to receive grants under the Foundation's rules.

Application available at www.akroncf.org Click "Students," "Scholarship Funds," Search "Lytton"

KATE LIEBERTH LYTTON, 1980 - 2018

was an accomplished performer, administrator and teacher of classical and modern ballet.

Kate began her study at the University of Akron Dance Institute, received her pre-professional training under Nan Klinger, and performed for eight seasons with the Cuyahoga Valley Youth Ballet. After graduating with honors from Our Lady of the Elms, Kate continued her education at the University of Utah where she was a member of Utah Ballet and a trainee with Ballet West. She was an apprentice at Richmond (Virginia) Ballet, an performer with Ballet Memphis, Oakland (California) Ballet, and Company C Contemporary Ballet in the Bay area of San Francisco.

She benefitted greatly from her summer study at the School of American Ballet at Lincoln Center, the Chautauqua Institution, Boston Ballet, Ballet Met, and Ballet Austin (Texas).

In 2011, Kate became the Dance Program Manager at Google Headquarters in Mountain View, CA. overseeing programming at 50 Google offices globally, and supervising 200 dance instructors worldwide.

In 2014, Kate joined the faculties of the University of Akron Dance Institute, the Excellence in Dance studio in Cuyahoga Falls, and the 8-count dance studio in Green. She was the administrator for Ballet Excel Ohio's Reach Out and Dance program that gave many students in the Akron Public Schools their first exposure to dance.

She died two weeks shy of her 38th birthday following a year-long battle with breast cancer in April, 2018.

