

SCOTTISH HERITAGE USA, INC.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

FOR DANCE AND PIPING SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are currently being considered for **one week** scholarships to *The School of Scottish Arts* (for dance) in Minneapolis, North Carolina and the *North American Academy of Piping and Drumming* in Valle Crucis, North Carolina.

Applicants for the Scottish Heritage **one week** scholarships must submit a letter of application by May 15, 2009 to:

Scottish Heritage USA, Inc., PO Box 457, Pinehurst, North Carolina 28370.

The letter of application must include the following:

- EUSPBA # for piping and drumming
- FUSTA # for dance
- Applicant's name, address, contact phone number, email address (*if available*) and age
- Please indicate student's level of training and (*for piping/drumming*) instrument
- Brief essay explaining why applicant is applying for this scholarship (*no more than two printed pages*)
- If the applicant is under 18, the application letter must be co-signed by parent or guardian
- Applicant's letter must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from an accredited instructor

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 15, 2009 – THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS

The School of Scottish Arts is held at the Candlestick Retreat and Enrichment Center in Minneapolis, NC on Hwy 19E which is 8 miles from Newland, and 15 miles from MacRae Meadows, site of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

Built in 1932, the Minneapolis school building has been transformed into the Candlestick Retreat & Enrichment Center, a 72-bed facility. The center has added new conveniences but kept the flavor of the original hardwood floors and old school feel. Available are a full commercial kitchen and dining area, dorm rooms, updated bathrooms, exercise room and a full size gymnasium which is perfect for dance classes. There is also a large common living room with a cozy atmosphere provided by the fireplace and comfy furniture. The center is located at the intersection of the Big Horse Creek and the Toe River which meanders around the boundary of the facility.

The purposes of *School of Scottish Arts (SSA)* are:

- to encourage the preservation of the folk arts, heritage and traditions of Scotland
- to extend the knowledge and practice of Scottish Arts by providing a center for learning and offering instruction conforming to traditional standards, and;
- to stimulate public interest in Scottish arts and traditions.

SSA accomplishes this mission by offering quality dance instruction from top teachers of Highland Dancing and by introducing and reinforcing knowledge of Scottish culture and history. *For more information on the School of Scottish Arts, please contact Patricia Johnston at patriciaTJ@aol.com. The school does not presently have a website.*

North American Academy of Piping and Drumming The piping and drumming school, started by the late John McFayden, of Glasgow, Scotland, and Sandy Jones, has been operating in Valle Crucis, North Carolina for 38 years. The school's professional instructors conduct one-week classroom instruction on piping and drumming. Room, board and tuition are included at a very reasonable price. *Visit the Academy's website at www.naapd.org*

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A SCOTTISH HERITAGE MEMBER TO APPLY FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS