

Youth Dancer Needs Support

Fall 2022

Hi,

I am Hobbs Waters, I am a 16-year-old dancer from Portland Oregon. I primarily do Ballet but I also train in Contemporary. Dance is my passion. I currently dance with a school here in Portland, Steps PDX Dance Academy. I started dancing Ballet when I was seven years old and at age nine years old I decided that I wanted to become a professional dancer. In addition to dance, I am also in my freshman year at Mount Hood Community College. My goal is to transfer to a four-year university in two years, specifically Howard University, and major in dance.

In January, I will be attending the 33rd annual International Association for Blacks in Dance (IABD) conference which will be held in Toronto, Canada. IABD is a week-long conference where Black dancers have the opportunity to connect with other Black dancers, choreographers, and dance professionals from around the globe; take master classes led by world-renowned Black dancers and choreographers; attend seminars on dance; audition for dance schools, colleges, and companies; and have the opportunity to perform and watch performances from Black dance companies including the Alvin Ailey, the Dance Theater of Harlem, the Black Dallas Dance Theater, Philadanco, the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance company. I am very grateful to have been able to be a part of IABD's global community over the last four years. Because of IABD, I have had the opportunity to attend programs like the San Francisco Ballet and Nashville Ballet. At this year's conference, I will be auditioning for a dance summer intensive and a college dance program, and will potentially have the opportunity to perform.

To cover my bases and be able to attend the conference this year, I have to raise **\$10,000** to cover the cost of the conference, international airfare, and a hotel. And I need your support. **If 300 businesses/ or individuals donate \$100 each**, I will realize my goal and have surpassed my need. Could you help me reach my goal by donating today? I would really appreciate your support

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