

Artist Minigrant Application
Proposal to Fund Liturgical Praise Dance Performance
Project: Send Judah First Performance, Charleston, South Carolina
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To The Director of the Miller Arts Scholars, Michael Rasbury,

My name is Micah Watson. I am a second-year Miller Arts Scholar, requesting to be funded in the form of a Miller Arts Scholars Artist Minigrant to support the costs of travel and new uniform pieces for a Liturgical Praise Dance performance opportunity with my dance troupe, Send Judah First.

Liturgical Praise Dance is a form of dance that is performed in ecclesiastical settings, most commonly in African-American denominations. It is a combination of styles including, but not limited to, lyrical, ballet, and African and includes the skilled use of flags, banners, and streamers. I have been training in this style of dance since the age of five. I attribute my creative beginnings to Liturgical Praise Dance, performing and choreographing at national workshops, conferences, and productions.

I am a member of the Church of God in Christ's National Send Judah First Liturgical Praise Dance Team. Admittance to this elite troupe is given through a selection process. It is comprised of only twenty-five women from across the nation. As such, we gather a few times a year for workshops and performances. We will be performing in Charleston, South Carolina on February 20th and 21st, with a rehearsal on February 19th, for an event celebrating the highest female official in our denomination, the Church of God in Christ, an organization of over five million people.

Therefore, I am asking that the Director of the Miller Arts Scholars consider funding my travel costs in the form of a plane ticket, local livery, and food costs. Additionally I am requesting support for the purchase of the uniforms required for this performance. These funds would give me an opportunity to gain new skills and exercise my craft in a unique way.

Thank you for your willingness to support my creative passions in all forms of art. I am appreciative of your time and consideration.

Micah Ariel Watson
Class of 2018



Send Judah First, The Church of God in Christ's Holy Convocation, St. Louis, Missouri, 2013

Budget for Artist Minigrant Proposal
Send Judah First Performance in Charleston, South Carolina

Cost Category	Amount
Plane Ticket Costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlottesville, VA to Charleston, SC • Round-trip • Ticket price is dependent on time of purchase • \$400-\$550 	Estimated Subtotal: \$550
Uniform Costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Red" Overlay Garment- \$40 • "Fire" Overlay- \$40 • "White and Gold" Overlay Garment- \$50 	Estimated Subtotal: \$130
Per Diem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food- \$25/day, 3 days • Livery- \$25/day, 3 days 	Estimated Subtotal: \$150
TOTAL BUDGET: \$830	TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED: \$830