**Background:**

Yvette Cowles, who died in 2017, was an integral part of JWAAD Belly Dance Ltd. Not only was she a founding director, but she was also responsible for developing some of our accredited modules and was a tutor on the courses. She combined an in depth knowledge and love of research with a very quirky, fun and inspirational approach to teaching.

Yvette wrote and starred in her one-woman show ‘Sequins on my Balcony’ about her experiences with breast cancer, as well as writing a book ‘Belly Dance and Beating the Odds’. Both of these gave many women hope and helped people see that you can live a full and rewarding life whilst living with cancer.

**Applications:**

*We welcome applications from committed dancers worldwide who would like to study with JWAAD and sign up for the accredited courses.*

**Qualities we will look for from applicants:**

* Evidence of ongoing Belly Dance Training
* Which course you would like to study (check website for dates and location)
* Evidence of a positive approach to learning
* Evidence of a commitment to the wider belly dance community
* Additional commitment to Health and Wellbeing would be desirable
* A personal statement about why you want to study with JWAAD.

Scholarships of up to £200 or 50% of the cost of the course (if this is less). If the course is split across 2 weekends, the scholarship money will be split as well. These need to be used within 12 months. After this time, you can ask for an extension, otherwise it will be allocated elsewhere.

The Yvette Cowles Scholarship will be awarded twice a year.

Closing dates: 31st October and 30th April each year.

Awards will be reviewed by the JWAAD board. Decisions are final though applications can be submitted more than once.

Recipients will be announced at the beginning of December (at Fantasia, London) and the end of May (‘Shimmy Up North’, nr Lancaster)

Please email your application to: [jwaadtt@mac.com](mailto:jwaadtt@mac.com)

For details of our accredited courses and teaching diploma, go to [www.jwaadtraining.uk](http://www.jwaadtraining.uk)

Yvette Cowles Scholarship Application

Subject: Yvette Cowles Scholarship

Name:

Address:

Contact number:

I am submitting this application for the scholarship closing date: 31st October\* / 30th April\*

\*specify which closing date.

Please write a statement about yourself and give us examples that show you have the qualities we are looking for.

Don’t forget to tell us which course you want to attend.