

Temperance ballerina earns bid to Youth America Grand Prix

About 1,200 "promising dancers" made it to this level of competition and performance.



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Madyson "Quinn" Starner (Courtesy photo)

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Toledo Ballet student, company member, and Temperance resident Madyson "Quinn" Starner took first place in the contemporary division and third place in the classical ballet division at the regional Youth America Grand Prix in the junior category. As a result of her placing, she will advance to the finals this spring in New York.

She has been offered scholarships to SAB (New York City Ballet), American Ballet Theatre, and Ballet West as well as to the Indiana Ballet Conservatory and Kaatsbann Extreme Ballet summer intensives in NY.

YAGP is the world's largest global dance network, fulfilling its mission of dance education through scholarship auditions, master classes, and more. It supports and

develops world-class dancers ages 9-19 of all ethnic, economic and geographic backgrounds and reaches over 7,000 students annually by holding auditions and master classes in 17 U.S. and 6 international locations.

Ms. Starner, 13, will participate in the week-long New York Finals with 1,200 of the world's most promising dancers who will receive in-depth mentoring and greater scholarship, professional and performance opportunities.

"Qualifying for NYC gives her the opportunity to have ballet schools and companies from all over the world see her, and it brings her a huge step closer to realizing her goal to be a professional ballerina," the announcement said.

Over 300 YAGP alumni are now dancing with 80 companies around the world including American Ballet Theatre, New York City Ballet, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and The Royal Ballet.