

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Tuition Assistance Application Process

Applications for School Year programs are accepted April 1 through May 31 of each year. Families who would like to apply for tuition assistance should do so prior to enrolling their child in classes.

- You will receive a decision by the email used in your application.
- Decisions are sent out by June 1 for early applicants and July 1 for later applicants.
- If you have received an award, you must register within the deadline listed, or your award will be applied to the first person on the waiting list.
 - Awards sent on June 1 will have a deadline of June 15
 - Awards sent on July 1 will have a deadline of July 15
- If you have been notified that you are on a waitlist, you will be contacted by email only if funding becomes available.

How does Eastside Dance determine who receives Tuition Assistance?

Priority is given to re-enrolling families who have previously received assistance and still qualify. All remaining funds are awarded to applicants on a first-come-first-served basis. *During the application process we award based on highest need, prioritizing existing families.*

How is the award amount determined and what is it applied toward?

Awards may vary depending on need and funds available at the time of application. Awards are applied towards tuition only and cannot be applied towards administrative fees, production fees, or other costs.

Eastside Dance uses the federal Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs), commonly used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price meals in an academic setting, to determine eligibility for assistance. Tuition assistance is decided based on each family's demonstrated financial need as well as available funds. Although we strive to help every eligible family, you may be placed on a waiting list if funding is not currently available.

To qualify for Tuition Assistance, your household income must be within the limits defined by the 2024 Income Eligibility Guidelines

How do I determine my household size and income?

Total Household Size	Total Annual Income	Total Monthly Income
1	\$52,710.00	\$4,392.50
2	\$71,540.00	\$5,961.67
3	\$90,370.00	\$7,530.83
4	\$109,200.00	\$9,100.00
5	\$128,030.00	\$10,669.17
6	\$146,860.00	\$12,238.33
7	\$165,690.00	\$13,807.50
8+	\$184,520.00	\$15,376.67

- Household size is determined by all adults and children included in your Federal Income Tax return and/or living in your household.
- Your household income includes incomes earned by all adults in the household.

What documentation will I need for the application?

Please provide the most recent paystubs and/or other proof of income for all adults in your household (including child support, unemployment insurance, SSI/SSD, etc). Proof of income examples: W2, 1099, Tax Returns.

Feel free to black-out any personally identifying information (SSN, bank account info, etc.) other than full name, employer, employee home address, payment amount, and date of the statement.

If you are experiencing homelessness or have any concerns about verifying your income, please let us know at geeta@eastside-dance.com and we will provide alternative means of verification.

What do I have to do to maintain my award?

- All students must maintain above an 80% attendance rate and/or communicate attendance needs with their teacher.

- The student and parents/guardians must abide the policies and values of Eastside Dance.
 - Families, guardians, or friends of the student must commit to attend or volunteer at Eastside Dance that involve the student.
 - Meet all financial obligations to Eastside Dance.
 - All returning students must submit an application for tuition assistance prior to enrolling for full school year programs.
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- PLEASE NOTE: Tuition Assistance will only be applied to the applicant's Tuition and Registration Fees for dance classes (**TAP cannot be applied to Company or Camps**) with Eastside Dance and will not be awarded in cash or applied towards any other expenses associated with taking dance classes such as but not limited to the students' class uniform, transportation, performances, or other related costs. Additionally, we can only approve **one class per dancer**, and we do not provide tuition assistance for adult classes. **School Year 2024-25 Applications School Year Applications are now CLOSED. All awards have been distributed. Applications are open annually April 1-May 31 or until funding is exhausted.**