Spindrift Scholarship Policy (Need-Based Tuition Assistance)

At Spindrift School of Performing Arts (SSPA), we believe every child deserves access to high-quality arts education, regardless of their financial circumstances. As part of our mission to build an inclusive and equitable community, we are committed to ensuring that no student is turned away due to inability to pay. Our need-based scholarship program exists to remove financial barriers and make our classes, camps, and productions accessible to as many families as possible.

Eligibility

 Scholarships are available to families with annual household incomes up to \$165,000, adjusted for family size.

As a general guide:

o Family of 2: up to \$120,000

Family of 3: up to \$135,000

Family of 4: up to \$150,000

o Family of 5: up to \$165,000

Award Levels

The majority of scholarships range from **25% to 50% off tuition (very limited 75%-100%)**, based on demonstrated need:

- 25% Families near the top of the income range or with moderate financial need
- 50% Families with clear need but some financial stability
- 75% Families well below the income guidelines or facing unusual hardship (very limited)
- 100% A very limited number of full scholarships are available for families
 experiencing significant financial hardship, such as recent job loss, housing insecurity,
 or major medical issues

Awards are made based on available funding, program capacity, and demonstrated need.

What Scholarships Cover

- Scholarships are awarded per child, per class, camp, or production.
- Families may receive support for multiple children or multiple programs depending on available funds and documented need.

Application & Review

- Families only need to apply once per 12-month period.
- Applicants must complete a brief application and submit basic income documentation (e.g., tax return or pay stubs).
- All application materials are kept confidential and reviewed by the Managing Director or designated staff.

Important Notes

- Scholarships may not be combined with any other discounts or promotions, including:
 - Sibling discounts
 - o Multi-class or multi-camp discounts
 - Staff or board member discounts
- This policy is reviewed annually and may be updated based on available funding and community need.

How to Apply for a Scholarship

OR

To be considered for a scholarship, please:

- Complete the Spindrift Scholarship Application Form (available online via Google Form).
- 2. Submit required financial documentation into the Google form, which includes:
 - Your most recent tax return
 - Two recent pay stubs for each working parent/guardian in the household

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact us at scholarships@spindriftschool.org or call the office at (650) 738-8648.