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## New Haven Ballet Financial Aid Guidelines

To qualify for financial aid, applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

### 1. Age and Enrollment

- Students must be between **6 and 19 years old**
- Must enroll in **ballet classes exclusively** at New Haven Ballet for the entire academic year.
- Must not attend dance classes at any other school during the year
- Must be a **full-time student** enrolled in grades 1-12.
- Must be enrolled in New Haven Ballet's **Student Division**

### 2. Student Letter or Essay

- Please submit a letter or short essay explaining the student's interest in ballet, its significance to them, and their commitment to New Haven Ballet.
- Students younger than 10 years old may submit a drawing or any other creative work to meet this requirement.

### 3. Report Card

- Submit a copy of the student's latest report card.

### 4. Fall Class Schedule

- Submit the student's **anticipated Fall schedule** of ballet classes at NHB

### 5. Parent or Guardian Application

- Submit a **completed Financial Aid Application** and the required documents **between June 1 and August 1**. Note that awards are distributed on a rolling basis between June 1 and August 1. Once allotted funds are exhausted, no additional awards will be given.

### 6. Tax Documentation

- Include a copy of the **first two pages** of your most recent **Federal Tax Return**.

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## General Scholarship and Aid Information

- Scholarships are **limited** and primarily based on **financial need**.
- Other factors the Committee considers are:

- The student's potential, abilities, and commitment (including class and rehearsal attendance, conduct both inside and outside the school, as determined through faculty evaluations and recommendations from the Artistic Director)
- Any significant change in life circumstances
- Student demonstrates outstanding dedication to classical ballet training at New Haven Ballet
- Student exhibits the highest standards of moral and ethical behavior
- Student exhibits kindness, courtesy, and graciousness in and out of the studio
- A clear commitment to the values and mission of the School

### **Additional Notes:**

- Scholarships apply only to **Student Division ballet classes**
- Scholarships do **not** cover:
  - Performance, audition, registration, NHB Company, or other administrative fees
  - Dancewear or tickets
- Awards are for the **Fall Term** and are **automatically renewed** for Spring, provided the student and family demonstrate a dedication to excellent attendance, motivation, respectful behavior, and participation
- Students may reapply each year; all applicants are reviewed annually
- Award amounts and criteria may vary year to year based on funding availability

### **Scholarship Student Expectations:**

- Must **remain enrolled at NHB exclusively** for the full school year.
- Must adhere to school policies and act as a role model and ambassador for the school.
- Must follow dress code, arrive on time, and avoid unexcused absences.
- Must participate in all performances and may be requested to assist in the classroom or support in other ways.
- You must obtain an advertisement for either the Nutcracker or the Spring Performance program book.
- Must sign a contract with New Haven Ballet to acknowledge and accept the terms.

If a student withdraws from the program mid-term, the family may be liable for prorated tuition unless the withdrawal is due to illness, injury (with a physician's note), or unexpected family relocation.