The Dance Cooperative

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The Dance Cooperative's scholarship policy is designed to promote students who are serious about disciplined study in the art of dance. Scholarships are awarded to students based on financial need, potential to learn and grow, as well as availability. Full and partial scholarships, as well as work-study positions, are available. All sections of the application must be filled out in order for the applicant to be considered.

All students who wish to apply for scholarship must complete the Registration forms and Scholarship application and deliver them to the school on or before the Placement class as well as attend the Placement class.

# Scholarship Guidelines

1. Scholarships are given to students with financial need. They should also demonstrate a clear desire and dedication to developing their skills as a performer/student.
2. Students must qualify for the federal free lunch program in their school ***or*** have equivalent circumstances. An explanation of circumstances is required.
3. Each application is evaluated by the School Director and is confidential. The Board of Directors will evaluate those applications with extra circumstances.
4. Scholarship awards are not finalized unless the parent agrees to the terms of the Scholarship Award Agreement and sign the Agreement.
5. Scholarships are awarded on a trimester basis, with the first trimester being probationary.
   1. After the first trimester, the Operations Committee will review the student's case for the continuation of the scholarship.
   2. Students are awarded amounts based on proven desire to attend class. First year scholarship recipients will be able to take 1-2 classes based on previous dance experience and the Placement class.
      1. Students may be eligible for additional classes after they have successfully completed a year with The Dance Cooperative.
6. Once a student is awarded scholarship, they are expected to fulfill the following requirements:
   1. Comes to class prepared and with a positive attitude.
      1. Dress appropriately for the class: the necessary shoes/socks, athletic/dancewear for the technique.
      2. Hair is tied up and off the face.
      3. No large or dangling jewelry.
   2. Notify the Scholarship Coordinator before the class if the student will be absent. This should be due to illness or family emergency.
   3. Miss no more than 3 consecutive classes and keep an attendance record of 80% overall.
      1. This includes being more than 5 minutes late! After 5 minutes, the dancer is considered tardy. 3 tardies equal an absence.
      2. After 15 minutes, the dancer is not allowed to participate in class due to the lack of proper warm up and will receive an absence.