

# Boulder Ballet Tuition Assistance Program

In keeping with the mission of Boulder Ballet, the Tuition Assistance Program has been implemented in an effort to extend the artistry, passion, and sheer joy of dance to those children in the community who would otherwise not have the opportunity to obtain training and education in dance and for those existing students who need temporary assistance due to unforeseen financial distress. It is the policy and desire of Boulder Ballet to provide tuition assistance based upon a student's financial need and aptitude for dance.

- Assistance is offered with the understanding that students will make a reasonable effort to regularly attend class. All students who receive tuition assistance must show consistent effort and progress, behave in a disciplined, responsible and proper manner. Students must attend classes regularly.
- TAP students will be re-evaluated at the end of each semester to determine their continuing eligibility. Inconsistent attendance, lack of focus, enthusiasm, or prompt payment of tuition will affect eligibility.
- A completed tuition assistance application (including a copy of the most recent Federal Income Tax Return) must be submitted to the Boulder Ballet office to be considered for financial assistance, and all first time applicants and guardians must attend auditions and parent meeting.
- Assistance is awarded each semester. Upon request, students who have received tuition assistance in a previous semester must complete and submit a new application prior to each new semester. Assistance is **not** available for the School's drop-in classes. Assistance is **not** available for the Summer Session.
- ***Boulder Ballet's ability to provide financial assistance is dependent upon annual contributed income. Thus, not all applicants can be accommodated, and those who receive assistance one semester may not receive it in another.***
- Tuition Assistance is determined based on an applicant's income and ranges from 25% to 100% of tuition.
- The Boulder Ballet School Director, with the approval of the Tuition Assistance Committee, will award tuition assistance on a case by case basis.
- The granting of tuition assistance will be kept confidential from other students and the public as to the name of the recipient except as may be necessary for reporting requirements.
- Boulder Ballet will not in any way discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or handicap.
- ***TAP committee will consider applications beyond the application deadline for ONLY those current students who experience a sudden and unforeseen financial circumstance during the semester.***
- Tuition Assistance does **not** cover the cost of registration.

### Priority I: NEED

Need is determined based on a financial assistance scale which will be updated annually based on the poverty line as published by the United States Census Bureau.

1. Children of Single Working Parent
2. Children of Parent of Guardian with disability
3. Temporary Financial Assistance for children of families in financial distress: high medical costs, unforeseen family expense, temporary employment, new job situation.  
(Not to exceed 1 year)

### Priority II: APTITUDE

Upon establishing need, students seeking tuition assistance will be required to attend auditions, the date of which will be set by the School Director and Tuition Assistance Committee. Priority will be given to those students who qualify for Boulder Ballet's highest levels with priority decreasing as level decreases. Only first time applicants will be required to audition for assistance.

1. Level 7
2. Level 6
3. Level 5
4. Level 4
5. Level 3
6. Level 2

To apply for Tuition Assistance, the following is required:

1. Boulder Ballet Tuition Assistance Application
2. Parent/guardian's Federal Income Tax Return.
3. Audition for new applicants.
4. Parents/Guardians of first time applicants are required to attend Parent Meeting.

Applications for Fall 2016 TAP award consideration are due no later than August 1, 2016, and determinations made by August 12.

Applications for Spring 2017 consideration are due no later than December 1, 2017, and determinations made by December 12.