

BLAIRSVILLE DANCE PROJECT

TUITION ASSISTANCE FORM

Please fill out the attached forms and submit by mail or in person to Blairsville Dance Project. We begin distributing scholarships on August 1 and will do so until funds are exhausted. Tuition assistance/scholarships are awarded on a first come first served basis until available funding is gone. The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and contact you within 10 days of receiving your application or no later than August 7, 2018, whichever is first. Tuition assistance/scholarships will be awarded for the 2018-2019 dance year.

If tuition assistance is provided, an adjusted payment plan will be agreed upon, by signed application. Tuition will be required to be paid on time, in accordance with the regular tuition payment schedule August-May, if reduced tuition is granted. Failure to comply with the agreed payment schedule will result in termination of the agreed of tuition assistance/scholarship, and the parent/guardian will be held responsible for 100% of the year's tuition fees. This will also result in ineligibility for the tuition assistance/scholarship in the future.

****Please note that registration fees and costume fees are not covered by Tuition Assistance/Scholarships and must be paid, for the student to be registered for the 2018-19 dance year and to participate in our recitals. Payment arrangement must be made for any balances incurred prior to admittance into the scholarship program. Failure to follow the agreed upon payment arrangements will result in immediate dismissal from the scholarship program.**

Part 1: Scholarship Requirements:

Financial Scholarship Eligibility Guidelines and Application Procedures

This scholarship program is offered to accommodate potential BDP dance students who would be unable to participate in our program due to financial hardships. The BDP Tuition Assistance/Scholarships provide 25% or 50% scholarships for those who qualify based upon family income or special family circumstances.

Application Eligibility Guidelines:

1. Tuition Assistance/Scholarships will be awarded based upon the demonstrated need and the availability to provide such funds.
2. Amount of fees waived will be based on income criteria, household size and the assessment of special situations.
3. All applicant information is confidential and not a matter of public record.

4. All applicant information must be true and accurate. Scholarships are legally recoverable if paid and awarded on the basis of false information.
5. Proof of financial need must be presented by submitting your most recent Federal Income Tax Return (Form 1040 or Form 1040A) and corresponding W-2 or 1099 earnings summaries. If applicant is not required to file an income tax return, then additional documentation is required (see below).
6. Tuition Assistance/Scholarships will not be reviewed and awarded unless the application form is completely filled out, properly submitted on or before the due date.
7. Any individual that attends fewer than 75% of all classes for which they are receiving scholarship monies for, withdraws or is expelled from a class will no longer be eligible to receive scholarships.
8. Registration fees and costume fees are not included in the amount of scholarships awarded and must be paid.
9. Parents/Guardians of tuition reduced students may be required to volunteer for at least two events or tasks throughout the dance year: The annual holiday recital, costume alterations, assisting with lineup for class pictures, flier handouts, general office tasks, and fundraising events for the performing team or any other task BDP needs assistance with. All scholarship students participating in recitals are required to be at pictures, rehearsals and recitals.
10. All scholarship students are required to participate in the annual fundraiser, as this, in addition to allowing our students to earn costume fees, also supports our scholarship program.
11. Due to limited funding, qualifying financially for a scholarship does not guarantee that you will be awarded tuition assistance/scholarship.

Additional Documentation Required When Applicant Has No Federal Income Tax Return & W-2 Forms

Applicants who are exempt from filing a Federal Income Tax Return or are unable to provide corresponding statement of income, must provide copies of the following applicable documentation for all household members in order to be considered for tuition waivers:

- 1.) Checking and Savings account statements for previous two months.
- 2.) SSA/SSI Award Letter (Disability Income)
- 3.) Proof of unemployment benefits for previous two months indicating amounts received.
- 4.) Proof of application for/or Receipt of Benefits from DSHS (public aid or food stamps)
- 5.) Copy of Divorce Decree including alimony or child support amounts.

If a grandparent or other person(s) have legal guardianship of the named student, please provide a copy of the legal documentation showing awarded guardianship for financial responsibility.

If a grandparent or other person(s) does not have legal guardianship but provides complete financial support for dance classes please describe the situation:

Part 2: Personal Information

Student Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Primary Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Total Household Income 2012: _____ 2013: _____

in Household: _____

For which dance class(es) are you requesting financial assistance? _____

If reduced tuition is awarded, how much are you willing to pay a month?

Are there any special circumstances you would like the scholarship committee to be aware of?

Please write a brief note to the Scholarship Committee about what it would mean to your child to participate in dance classes with Blairsville Dance Project?

Part 3: Commitment

- Student/parent/guardian agrees that the student will attend 75% of all classes registered for. A parent/guardian must be willing to help around the studio as asked, in return for tuition assistance. Any student participating in the recital will be at pictures, rehearsals and recitals. Failure to comply with any of these requirements will result in termination of the agreed upon tuition assistance/scholarship, and the parent/guardian will be held responsible for 100% of the year’s tuition fees. This will also result in ineligibility for the tuition assistance/scholarship in the future.
- At the time of registration (after tuition assistance/scholarship has been agreed upon), a \$25 registration fee will be due immediately.
- Students/parents/guardians will conduct himself/herself as a leader at the studio, in classes and at events. The student(s) will be on time to classes and events, be courteous, follow the rules and dress codes and be respectful and willing to help the instructors/director in the dance studio when asked.
- Parents/guardians of scholarship students will volunteer for at least two events or tasks throughout the dance year: The annual holiday recital, the annual end of the year recital, costume alterations, flier handouts, general office tasks and fundraising events for the performing team or any other task BDP needs assistance with.
- All tuition reduced payments must be paid on time by their due dates. Reduced tuition payments are required to follow our regular tuition due dates for monthly payments.
- By signing this agreement, you understand and commit to the scholarship guidelines and will fulfill the promises stated. By not fulfilling these promises, tuition

assistance/scholarship will be terminated and applications for future tuition assistance will not be granted.

I have verified all the above information is correct, and submit this application to the front desk at Blairsville Dance Project, email to blairsvilledance@gmail.com or mail to Scholarship Committee (Blairsville Dance Project , 80 Blue Ridge St., Blairsville, GA 30512) for the 2018-19 dance year (August-May).

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature & Date: _____

BDP Staff: Date received _____