

The Future Stars Program At The Little Theatre On The Square
DANCE AND DRAMA TUITION ASSISTANCE FORM

Please fill out the attached forms and submit by mail or drop at The Little Theatre On The Square by September 1, 2019. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AFTER THIS DATE. The Scholarship Committee will review applications and contact you by September 6, 2019. Scholarships awarded will be for the full 2019-2020 school year and scholarship financial responsibility will begin immediately after scholarships are awarded.

For Drama and Dance Classes tuition can be paid in full before the first class, or an adjusted payment plan will be agreed upon, which would also begin before the first class. Please note costume fees are not covered by Tuition Assistance Scholarships.

Part 1: Scholarship Requirements:

Financial Scholarship Eligibility Guidelines and Application Procedures

This Scholarship program is offered to accommodate potential Future Star Program students who would be unable to participate in our programs due to financial hardships. The Future Star Program Scholarship provides reduced fees for those who qualify based upon family income or special family circumstances. As the applicant's guardian works to fill out the application form, please review the following Scholarship Application Eligibility Guidelines:

- 1.) Scholarships will be awarded based upon the demonstrated need and the availability of funds.
- 2.) Amount of fees waived will be based on income criteria and 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 1040 A) 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 attached).
- 6.) Scholarships will not be reviewed and awarded unless the application form is completely filled out, properly submitted by the due date stated on the form.
- 7.) Any individual that withdraws or is expelled from a class, or attends fewer than 75% of all classes for which they are receiving scholarship monies will no longer be eligible to receive scholarships unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- 8.) After the family receives notification of scholarship award it is the family's responsibility to make initial payments to The Little Theatre On The Square for dance and drama classes.
- 9.) Costume Fees are not included in the amount of the Scholarship Award.

10.) Due to limited funding qualifying financially for a scholarship does not guarantee that you will be awarded a scholarship at that amount. Also, scholarship awards will be based on income and any special needs, which may be listed on the application form, will be taken into consideration as award amounts are decided.

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 IDHS (Public Aid or Food Stamps)
- 5.) Workman's Compensation for previous two months indicating amounts received.
- 6.) Copy of Divorce Decree including alimony and child support amounts.

Part 3: Commitment (FUTURE STARS PROGRAM DANCE AND DRAMA COPY)

1. Student agrees to attend 75% of all classes registered for. This means that the scholarship student can miss no more than 2 classes per semester for each class the student is registered in with no exceptions. If this requirement is not met, the scholarship will be pulled and the student will be responsible for 100% of their class fees and will not be eligible for a scholarship in the future.
2. At the time of registration, student or guardian must pay a) a \$40.00 costume deposit for **each** dance class the student is registered.
3. Student will conduct himself/herself as a leader in class, be on time, be courteous, follow the rules and dress codes, and be respectful and willing to help instructors in the dance and drama studio when asked.
4. Parents and/or guardians of scholarship students will volunteer for the Spring Dance Recital.
5. All scholarship payments **must** be paid by their due dates:

Payments are due either in full at beginning of classes or monthly on the 1st of every month. There is a 15 dollar late fee added for any payments later than 5 days after being due. Costume fees are due when signing up for classes.

By signing this agreement, you are understand and commit to the scholarship guidelines and will fulfill the promises stated. By not fulfilling these promises, the scholarship will be terminated and applications for future scholarships will not be granted.

I have verified all above information is correct, and submit this application to the Scholarship Committee for the FUTURE STARS Dance & Drama Program:

Student Name: _____

Student Signature & Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature & Date: _____

STAR Dance & Drama Employee Name: _____

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