

## Tuition Assistance Guidelines 2016-17 Season

### Purpose

Colorado Conservatory of Dance trains students of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. We understand that some dancers cannot afford to pay tuition. Therefore, we offer tuition assistance to a select number of students who meet our financial, dance and leadership criteria.

### Amount, Value and Scope of Tuition Assistance

The amount of tuition assistance will be determined by financial need (based on Federal Poverty Guidelines) and other factors. We may award full or partial tuition assistance. Tuition assistance students are expected to take the recommended number of classes for their level; therefore, the value of each scholarship will vary.

Tuition assistance may only be applied toward tuition for the current season, which runs August 15, 2016 – June 3, 2017, and includes all classes and camps during the summer session from June 19 – July 29, 2017.

### ***Tuition assistance may not be used for the following:***

- Payment of school fees, including the following:
  - Registration fees
  - Costume fees
  - Fees for private lessons
  - Participation fees for productions, including *The Nutcracker*
  - Participation fees for the Studio Company
  - Any other fees charged by the school
- Payment of tuition in excess of scholarship award
- Payment of overdue tuition owed for prior sessions
- Tuition for any additional summer classes beyond ballet technique class
- Purchase of CCD tickets or merchandise

### Criteria for selection

All applications will be evaluated based on financial need, dance-related criteria, leadership and quality of application.

### Financial

- Full tuition assistance will only be granted where combined annual gross household income is at or below 165% of the federal poverty level (see attached chart). Partial tuition assistance may be granted for families whose household incomes are above 165% and up to 200% of the federal poverty level (see chart below).
- **All sources of household income must be disclosed, including child support.**
- **Most current year's tax return is required with all applications.**

Household Size	2016 Poverty Guidelines	165%	Monthly	200%	Monthly
1	\$11,880	\$19,602	\$1,633.50	23,760	1,980
2	16,020	\$26,433	\$2,202.75	32,040	2,670
3	20,160	\$33,264	\$2,772	40,320	3,360
4	24,300	\$40,095	\$3,341.25	48,600	4,050
5	28,440	\$46,926	\$3,910.50	56,880	4,740
6	32,580	\$53,757	\$4,479.75	65,160	5,430
7	36,730	\$60,604.50	\$5,050.38	73,460	6,122
8	40,890	\$67,468.50	\$5,622	81,780	6,815
<b>Source: Federal Register, January 25, 2016</b> <a href="https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines">https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines</a>					

### Interest in dance

- Dancer must demonstrate strong interest in and commitment to studying dance.
- Prior dance training is not required and applicants may be any age.

### Leadership

- Dancer must exhibit a consistently positive attitude toward himself/herself and others.
- If enrolled in an academic school, dancer must maintain good grades (2.5 GPA or above).
- Applicant must be a positive member of his/her school and/or community.

### Quality of application

- Application must be complete, including financial documentation.
- Letter(s) of recommendation are required for all new students who are applying for tuition assistance. Currently enrolled CCD students and students who received tuition assistance in the previous year are not required to provide a letter of recommendation, CCD staff and faculty will be consulted.
- Great weight will be given to applicant's answers and letter(s) of recommendation.
- If enrolled in an academic school (grades K-12), please submit student's most recent report card.

### Granting Process

Application must be complete and include all required financial documentation and at least one letter of recommendation to be considered. Input may be solicited from CCD staff and faculty if the dancer has studied previously with CCD. **Additional input may include information on past history with tuition payments, participation in CCD functions, consistency with prior attendance and behavior, and attitude/attendance in CCD classes, performances, fundraisers and other events.**

Applicants will be notified by phone or e-mail when the review process is complete. Applicants may be invited to take class at no charge for a maximum of 2 weeks pending the final decision. If tuition assistance application is not received within the 2 week period, the student will not be permitted to take class until application is received.

Colorado Conservatory of Dance is an equal opportunity arts organization. Tuition assistance decisions are made based on the above criteria and are not based on race, color, origin, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

## **Responsibilities**

Tuition assistance recipients and their families are expected to be role models for other Colorado Conservatory of Dance dancers and families through the following:

- Excellent attendance and punctuality
- Consistent adherence to dress code and other CCD policies
- Exceptional, positive attitude toward other dancers in the CCD school
- Outstanding, healthy nutritional habits
- Consistent respect and positive attitude toward CCD teachers and staff members (required of both dancer and family members)
- Full, proactive participation in all CCD performances, fundraising activities and other special events
- Parental involvement and volunteerism

## **Revocation of Tuition Assistance**

If a student fails to meet the above responsibilities his/her tuition assistance may be revoked. Revocation of tuition assistance is a serious step, and will be considered in the following circumstances:

- Chronic lateness or absenteeism in class or rehearsals
- Negative attitude or poor role model behavior

**Alcohol (for students under the age of 21), cigarette or drug use will result in the immediate revocation of all tuition assistance and possible dismissal from the school.**

## **Renewal of Tuition Assistance**

Tuition assistance is not automatically renewed each year. Students who receive tuition assistance this season must re-apply again next season. Top priority in granting tuition assistance will be given to re-applying students who have met and/or exceeded all of their tuition assistance responsibilities during the previous season.



**STUDENT TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION**

**DATE SUBMITTED** \_\_\_\_\_

Dancer Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years studying dance: At CCD \_\_\_\_\_ Elsewhere \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list current and recent dance training:**

Dates	Location	Type of Dance	Level	# Times/wk	Instructor Name

*(Use another sheet if necessary)*

**Current gross annual household income\*: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*REQUIRED** -include all sources of income, including but not limited to salary, tips and bonuses, maintenance and child support; attach last year's tax returns.

**Household size:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Total number of individuals)

Parent/Guardian #1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Position \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Gross Annual Income \_\_\_\_\_ *Attach last year's tax return.*

**I give CCD permission to contact my employer to verify the above information.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

Parent/Guardian #2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Position \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Gross Annual Income \_\_\_\_\_ *Attach last year's tax return.*

**I give CCD permission to contact my employer to verify the above information.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

**To be filled out by dancer:**

Please explain why you want to study at Colorado Conservatory of Dance. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please explain why you are applying for tuition assistance. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please provide any additional information you think we should consider. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Application Checklist – application is not complete without ALL of the following**

- Completed application (*front and back*)
- Completed letter(s) of recommendation (*NOT required for returning applicants*)
- Most current year's tax return(s) (*required for ALL applicants – will not be processed without returns*)
- Copy of student's most recent report card (*applies to school age children*)

## TUITION ASSISTANCE RECOMMENDATION FORM

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying to Colorado Conservatory of Dance for tuition assistance. We grant tuition assistance based on financial need and the following criteria:

### Dance-Related

- Dancer must demonstrate strong interest in and commitment to studying dance.
- Prior dance training is not required and applicants may be any age.

### Leadership

- Dancer must exhibit a consistently positive attitude toward himself/herself and others.
- If enrolled in school, dancer must maintain good grades (2.5 GPA or above).
- Dancer must be a positive member of his/her school and community.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years you have known applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Please use the space below to comment on this student's interest in dance and/or leadership qualities. Make sure to address the criteria listed above. Please return this form to the student so he/she can submit it with his/her application. Thank you.

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