



Scholarship / Financial Aid Guidelines

At Red River Dance & Performing Company, we believe every child should have the opportunity to experience the joy of dance, regardless of financial circumstances. Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, foundations, grants and individual donors, we are able to offer a limited number of tuition scholarships each Fall and Spring session. Scholarship funding is intended to reduce financial barriers while ensuring our program remains sustainable for years to come.

Scholarship Eligibility

Scholarship awards are based primarily on demonstrated financial need using the current Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPL) and the total household income and family size provided in the application.

While financial need is the primary consideration, Red River Dance may also consider additional factors when determining scholarship awards, including:

- Availability of scholarship funds
- Number of applicants during a given session
- Tuition requested
- Participation in required vs. optional programming
- Other circumstances shared by the family

Meeting the income guidelines does not guarantee a scholarship, and families above the financial need threshold may not qualify for tuition assistance. Red River Dance reserves the right to determine all scholarship awards based on available funding and organizational priorities.

Scholarship Guidelines

- Applications are accepted twice per year (Fall and Spring).
 - A new application is required for each session.
 - Scholarship funds apply only to tuition for the session awarded.
 - Scholarships cannot be applied toward previous balances.
 - Scholarships cannot be used for costumes, shoes, conventions, competition extras, private lessons, or other non-tuition expenses.
 - Scholarship awards are issued as an account credit after approval.
 - Awards are non-transferable and have no cash value.
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Application Process

1. Complete the Scholarship Application by the published deadline.
2. Provide all requested household income information.
3. Additional documentation (such as the prior year's Federal tax return) may be requested to verify eligibility.
4. Applications are reviewed by the Executive Director using Red River Dance's scholarship framework.
5. Final recommendations are approved by the Board of Directors.
6. Families will be notified by email once decisions have been finalized.

Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered.

Frequently Asked Questions

When are applications due?

Scholarships are offered twice each year:

- Fall Session
- Spring Session

Application deadlines will be announced on our website approximately one month in advance.

What expenses are covered?

Scholarships apply toward tuition only.

They do not cover:

- Costumes
- Dancewear or shoes
- Competition entry fees
- Conventions
- Solos, duos, or trios
- Private lessons
- Other optional program expenses

How are scholarship amounts determined?

Scholarship awards are based primarily on demonstrated financial need using Federal Poverty Guidelines, while also considering available funding and the number of applications received.

Will everyone who applies receive assistance?

Not necessarily. Scholarship funding is limited each session, and awards depend on available funds and demonstrated financial need.

Where does scholarship funding come from?

Scholarship assistance is made possible through generous support from local businesses, foundations, grants and individual donors who believe in making dance accessible to all.