

Auditions for the 2019-2020 Season:

Thursday, May 30, 2019 in Studio One (5650 S Woodlawn)

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm: Ballet I & II; Modern I & II; Jazz I & II; all levels of Hip Hop; Boys Dance I & II

7:00pm - 8:45pm: Ballet III-VI; Boys Ballet III-IV; Modern III & IV; Jazz III

Scholarship Program Overview

Hyde Park School of Dance (HPSD) has a limited amount of funds available each year to offer scholarships to students who would otherwise be unable to participate in its programs. The Scholarship Program is a need-based program in which dance talent and commitment contribute to the determination of award levels. Scholarships are awarded for Session I (Fall Semester) and Session II (Winter-Spring Semester) to students age 7 to 18. Scholarship awards typically provide partial support for class tuition and fees associated with special performance workshops, such as *The Nutcracker* and biennial spring story ballet and workshop. Both current and new families are invited to apply.

The following steps must be completed as part of the scholarship application process:

- Parents/guardians must complete this application, and participate in an interview with one or more members of the Scholarship Committee.
- Students must audition at the scheduled time for scholarship audition appropriate to their level. Questions regarding level should be directed to the HPSD office (773-493-8498).

Recipients of scholarship awards must meet the requirements of the program as outlined below.

Scholarship recipients are expected to:

1. Demonstrate dedication to the study of dance.
2. Have excellent attendance, with no unapproved absences. All approved absences must be made up during the same 16-week session.
3. Participate in workshops and performance opportunities appropriate to their level.
4. Comply with policies of the School as described in the Hyde Park School of Dance Student Handbook.
5. Fulfill any tuition payment obligations.
6. Assist HPSD with performance marketing, with a goal of selling a minimum of 10 tickets to annual performances.
7. Volunteer 16 hours per session with activities determined by the Artistic Director, faculty, and administrative staff.
8. Maintain a record of attendance and volunteer hours in a Special Programs Folder provided by HPSD.
9. Demonstrate positive behavior in the classroom, performance and volunteer settings.

Parents / guardians of scholarship recipients are encouraged to volunteer to provide assistance to the school.

Application Process

1. Parents/guardians must complete this Scholarship Application Form, and sign-up for a short interview with one or two members of HPSD's scholarship committee (sign-up for a slot at hydeparkdance.org/scholarships). **Please note:** a copy of the applicant's federal income tax return is required to demonstrate financial need. All financial information is held in strict confidence and shredded after review. The completed application form and financial documents must be handed in at the time of the interview.
2. Dancers must attend the scholarship audition appropriate to their level on May 30, 2019. Parents/guardians are encouraged to observe the audition as well.
3. Parents/guardians will receive notification as to whether a scholarship award has been made once the review process has been completed. Notifications are typically sent by mid-July.
4. Parents/guardians of award recipients must complete their dancer's class registration and sign the scholarship agreement and payment plan documents prior to the start of the Fall 2019 session.

Review Process

1. The Artistic Director conducts auditions and evaluates the dancers' talent, attitude, and ability to follow directions.
2. After all interviews have been completed, the Scholarship Committee convenes and reviews applications, identifying those where need has been demonstrated.
3. The pool of funds is allocated based on the level of need and artistic ranking.
4. Applicants are notified of their scholarship as soon as possible following the audition.
5. Decisions made by the Scholarship Committee are final.
6. Mid-season evaluations are made of each recipient. Recipients must meet the expectations listed above in order to maintain their scholarship for the entire season.

Hyde Park School of Dance does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, national or ethnic origin, in the administration of its scholarship programs, or any other school-administered program.

2019-20 Season Scholarship Application

Families who wish to apply for scholarship support must submit a completed application form and sign-up and attend a brief interview with members of HPSD's Scholarship Committee. Families can sign-up for an interview slot online at hydeparkdance.org/scholarships.

Dancers must also attend the scholarship audition appropriate for their level on Thursday, May 30, 2019. The audition consists of a class taught by HPSD Artistic Director, August Tye, and select HPSD faculty. **Students should come prepared to dance in proper attire. Questions regarding the proper attire, level, or the any part of the application process should be directed to HPSD's office (773-493-8498).**

Please fill out the information listed below:

Student Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Current Address: _____

City/State / Zip Code: _____

Phone (including area code): H: _____ **Work/Cell:** _____

Email Address: _____

Previous Training:

- Hyde Park School of Dance student
- Other (please describe) _____
- New student (no previous training)

Have you previously received scholarship support at HPSD?

- Yes
- No

Scholarship awards are based on a combination of financial need, student commitment and talent in dance, and family willingness to provide volunteer assistance to the School. The following information is requested to assess the non-dance parameters for scholarship support and will be discussed in further detail in the interview.

Annual Family Income 2018: \$ _____ **Number of Family Members Living in Household:** _____

Copy of 2018 Federal Income Tax Return -- REQUIRED FOR CONSIDERATION
(Will be kept confidential and destroyed upon completion of scholarship award process)

Is there any additional financial information you would like HPSD to consider in reviewing your application?

Please use the space below (continue on back if needed) to describe any additional factors you wish considered with your application:

During the interview, the scholarship committee will tell you more about HPSD's Scholarship Program, and talk with you about topics such as your dancer's experience, how the scholarship program would be beneficial to your family, and volunteer opportunities available for recipients. If you are a returning applicant, we would also like your feedback on your past experience(s) as a recipient. We look forward to talking with you; please **sign-up for an interview slot at hydeparkdance.org/scholarships**.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Scholarship applications must be completed in full to be considered, and should be handed in at your scheduled interview (sign-up for an interview slot online at hydeparkdance.org/scholarships).