

# Kathy & Frank Newsom Scholarship – 2026

AUDITION DATE: Mon, February 23

Auditions will be held during both the Level 8/9 4:30 and  
Level 10 6:00 classes (attend your regular class time)

The Kathy & Frank Newsom Scholarship is a merit scholarship of \$650 to be paid towards the Ballet Center of Houston summer intensive. Two scholarships will be awarded.

Applicants must show not only a desire, but talent.

- Applicant must be currently enrolled in Ballet Center of Houston
- Must be **14 by May 31, 2025**
- Turn in application by **Thursday, February 19, 2026, by 9pm**

**Email submissions are allowed, but no submissions in any form after the deadline.**

Selection Criteria: Scholarship recipients will be chosen by an independent judge/master teacher selected by the HRB Artistic Director. Ms. Vittum may be consulted by the judge (if he/she chooses) to verify observations. In addition to dance talent, the applicant will be judged in the audition on:

- Fitness
- Attitude
- Responsiveness to corrections
- Ability to comprehend and execute dance vocabulary
- Desire (as described by the applicant in the essay below)

**Winners will be notified within one week of the audition class.**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age today: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Essay: Why would receiving the Kathy & Frank Newsom Scholarship be important to me? Why do you want to dance? Where do I see myself in the future with dance? Please attach a typed essay with your name at the top and which scholarship(s) you are applying for.**