



# ROANOKE BALLET THEATRE

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## Scholarship Application

Thank you for your interest in applying for a Roanoke Ballet Theatre Scholarship. We are proud to award our scholarships to dedicated, talented, and enthusiastic students who may otherwise not be able to take dance classes without financial assistance. Providing partial tuition scholarships to students who exhibit financial need, technical and artistic potential, and a strong desire to dance is an integral part of Roanoke Ballet Theatre's non-profit mission. We want to make training and performances of the highest artistic caliber available to young people of all ages, backgrounds, and means.

Scholarship applications are reviewed by Roanoke Ballet Theatre's Board of Directors and Executive Director. Completed application forms are accepted on an ongoing basis. No full scholarships will be awarded; only partial tuition scholarships are available to students. Scholarships cannot be used towards registration fees, performance fees, CYB fees, or any other fees outside of general/monthly tuition and will need to be paid-in-full. All applications and financial information are kept confidential.

Send or submit in person all materials in one package to:

Roanoke Ballet Theatre  
1318 Grandin Road SW  
Roanoke, VA 24015

For additional questions or information, please contact Roanoke Ballet Theatre via email at [rboffice@roanokeballet.org](mailto:rboffice@roanokeballet.org).

A completed scholarship application consists of the following:

1. Scholarship application form filled out in full
2. Proof of financial status
3. Supporting letters (see Part III)
4. Understanding of Volunteer Requirements (see Part IV)

### PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Dancer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### RACE/ETHNICITY (CHECK ONE):

Roanoke Ballet Theatre is required to report the amounts of scholarships awarded and individuals reached who identify with each of the following categories. Though not required, your answer helps us in our records. Roanoke Ballet Theatre does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, or national/ethnic origin.

- ☐ Alaskan Native / American Indian
- ☐ Black / African American
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ White / Caucasian
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### PART II: STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship candidates will be evaluated for their technical and artistic proficiency, improvement, dedication, conduct, and progress. Currently enrolled students' previous performance/actions will be taken into consideration in scholarship application and/or renewal. Behavioral issues can cause a student to lose their scholarship privileges and can be removed at any time due to students' actions throughout the year. This is at the sole discretion of the Executive Director.

#### CLASSES AND PERFORMANCES:

-In order to qualify and maintain scholarship status, students in Ballet 4 and up must be enrolled in the recommended number of classes for their specific level.

-Students of Ballet 4 and up are also required to perform in the majority of Roanoke Ballet Theatre's performances during the year. If your intention is not to perform and only to take classes, you will not be eligible for scholarship and/or your scholarship privileges will be revoked.

RETURNING STUDENTS - Number of years of training at Roanoke Ballet Theatre: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW STUDENTS - Number of years of dance training: \_\_\_\_\_ Most recent dance school: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PART III: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The above-named dancer receives financial support from:

\_\_\_\_\_ Both Parents    \_\_\_\_\_ One Parent    \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Guardian(s)

The above-named dancer is eligible for these programs (check any that apply):

- ☐ Virginia health plan
- ☐ Free- and reduced-price lunch (public schools)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Gross Income for the last year (20\_\_\_\_): \$\_\_\_\_\_ on IRS Form#: \_\_\_\_\_

# of household members: \_\_\_\_\_ adults \_\_\_\_\_ children

# of dependents in household: \_\_\_\_\_ Dependents' ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's/Guardian #1 occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's/Guardian #2 occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments (required):

(A) A brief letter from the student/parent/guardian explaining what goals the student wishes to obtain through dance, why he/she is interested in training at Roanoke Ballet Theatre, and how a scholarship will help him/her in achieving those goals.

(B) A letter to explain any circumstances that support your request for a scholarship. We understand that family income may appear sufficient but that there may be other circumstances, temporary or long-term, which affect that income.

#### PART IV: VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES

Every family of a scholarship student is required to provide volunteer hours to be completed over the course of the school year. Scholarship families need to complete a minimum of 3 hours a month (30 hrs. per registered year; September-June). These hours are in addition to the 2 recommended performance volunteer jobs that are for your students' participation in the shows. These hours are the responsibility of the dancer and family. A volunteer schedule with work needing to be completed remains at the front desk and needs to be initialed after completion of your job. If more volunteer hours need to be met, a charge to your card on file will be placed for the remaining hours at \$10/hr.

Some jobs for scholarship students or their families may include:

- Setting up/tearing down black box seats
- Sewing
- Building set materials
- Finding, making, painting props/sets
- Cleaning the outside of the studio (sweeping pavement, washing windows)
- Cleaning the studio (dusting, bathrooms, vacuuming, washing mirrors, disinfecting barres, collecting trash)
- Developing and distributing marketing or publicity materials
- Transporting sets before and after performances
- Transporting students to festivals or community performances
- Work of fundraising efforts (stuffing envelopes, approaching businesses)
- Volunteering/Chaperoning for shows outside of the 2 recommended jobs for your students' participation.

\*\*Volunteer opportunities are not limited to the items on this list. Please contact RBT for more options.

By signing this document on the following page, you agree to the terms of the volunteer requirements for scholarship students.

**PART V: DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE AND INTENT**

Roanoke Ballet Theatre student scholarship recipients and/or their guardians are required to sign a statement of commitment/intent for receipt of their scholarship. In the event that the enrolled scholarship student and/or guardian break the terms of the contract (except in the case of approved and extreme extenuating circumstances), the scholarship agreement becomes null and void. If at any time during the scholarship period, Roanoke Ballet Theatre determines that the recipient is not adhering to the terms of this agreement, Roanoke Ballet Theatre reserves the right to terminate the contract.

I/WE CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HERE IS CORRECT AT THIS TIME AND THAT I/WE WILL PROVIDE IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION OF ANY CHANGE IN MY/OUR FAMILY SITUATION, FAMILY INCOME OR ASSETS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS AN APPLICATION ONLY AND THAT IT WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE ROANOKE BALLET THEATRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ARTISTIC STAFF. IF A SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED, WE ARE PREPARED TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE-STATED TERMS AND CONDITIONS. SIGNATURE OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DATE PRINT PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME SIGNATURE OF STUDENT DATE PRINT STUDENT'S NAME

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**"THANK YOU" LETTER:**

One of the reasons why we can offer scholarships to our students is because of the kind donations of outside organizations/individuals.

Upon acceptance of your scholarship, it would be very meaningful to these organizations (although optional) for you to write an anonymous letter thanking these individuals by letting them know how much your scholarship with RBT has impacted your life/dancing.

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Roanoke Ballet Theatre wants to thank you for entrusting us with your children's dance future. We not only enjoy seeing them exceed in ballet, but beyond the barre.

Please let us know if you have any questions. To contact us, please email the RBT office at [rbtooffice@roanokeballet.org](mailto:rbtooffice@roanokeballet.org).