



DANCE 4 JOY MINISTRIES

DANCE 4 JOY FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

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Purpose of Scholarship Policy (07-2025-001):

At Dance 4 Joy Ministries, we believe that dance is a gift from God and a way to glorify Him through creativity, community, and service. We are committed to making dance accessible to all families while fostering a faith-filled environment rooted in Christian values.

“We are training up the next generation to proclaim the gospel in DANCE!”

This scholarship policy outlines the criteria for financial assistance and the associated volunteer commitments for families seeking support, which requires them to serve with grateful hearts and a spirit of stewardship.

Eligibility for Scholarships:

It is the Policy of Dance 4 Joy Ministries that families seeking financial assistance must submit a completed scholarship application.

Scholarship eligibility is based on demonstrated financial need and availability of funds.

Applicants will be asked to provide (1) of the suggested supporting documents listed below to verify financial need.

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Suggested Documentation for Financial Need Verification

Proof of Household Income

- Most recent tax return (Form 1040)
- Recent pay stubs from parent(s)/guardian(s)
- Unemployment benefit statement (if applicable)

Government Assistance Documentation

If your family receives aid, you may submit:

- SNAP (food stamps) eligibility letter
- Medicaid or CHIP coverage letter
- Housing assistance or Section 8 verification
- Free or reduced lunch program eligibility.

Additional Financial Hardship Statements

- A brief written explanation of current financial challenges
- Medical bills, child support, or unexpected expenses impacting finances
- Letter from a pastor, school counselor, or community leader vouching for need

Household Size and Income Overview

- A simple form summarizing how many individuals live in the household and total monthly income

Note: All shared information is treated confidentially and reviewed only by our Administrative Director and Executive Director for scholarship consideration. Our goal is to serve families with compassion and integrity.

Types of Scholarships:

Dance 4 Joy Ministries offers both Partial and Full* Scholarships to families seeking and in need of financial assistance. Our scholarships are awarded based on a first come basis, availability of allocated scholarship funds and families need for financial assistance.

*** Full Scholarships do not cover Base Tuition Commitment, or Garment Production fees, see below.**

A.) **Partial Scholarships** are awarded to families in need of a reduction in tuition costs based on income and the family's ability to pay.

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B.) **Full Scholarships** are awarded to low-income families who do not have the means, nor income, to pay tuition fees, or families who are experiencing temporary financial hardships and no longer can pay tuition.

Volunteer and Service Requirements:

It is the Policy of Dance 4 Joy Ministries as an expression of faith and gratitude, families receiving scholarships are required to serve and give back to the community with joy and humility to keep their scholarship in good standing. The following is an outline of the minimum volunteer/service hours required:

A.) Partial Scholarship Recipients Volunteer Commitment:

Minimum of 6 hours of service per season (Fall, Spring, Summer) .

Service Areas: Opportunities include assisting during events, setting up, registration, supervision, clean- up, or other weekly tasks that support the ministry.

Purpose: Serving others is an act of love and obedience to Christ's command to serve one another.

B.) Full Scholarship Recipients Volunteer Commitment:

Minimum of 12 hours of service per season (Fall, Spring, Summer).

Service Areas: Similar to partial scholarship recipients, with additional opportunities to support various ministry activities and outreach events.

Purpose: Serving with a joyful heart reflects Christ's love and demonstrates gratitude for His blessings.

Spirit of Service

It is the Policy of Dance 4 Joy Ministries to encourage all families to serve willingly, cheerfully, and with prayerful hearts, seeking to honor God through their acts of service.

Service Hour Tracking and Verification

Families are responsible for recording and signing up for volunteer hours on designated event dates through the online system, website and sign up Genius application as directed by Dance 4 Joy Administration.

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The Administrative Director, and/or Executive Assistant will verify hours completed per season and indicate areas where service is needed. Specific instructions will be provided for all volunteer needs per event or activity. Fulfilling volunteer commitments is a vital part of honoring God's call to serve others and maintain scholarship eligibility.

Base Tuition Commitment

It is the Policy of Dance 4 Joy Ministries that all scholarship recipients pay a \$15 monthly base tuition to reflect their commitment to the program.

2025/2026 Tuition Schedule

Below is a chart that outlines tuition rates for ages 6- Adult. Effective September 2, 2025

Hours per Week	Monthly Cost	Cost per Hour
1.0	\$85.00	\$21.25
1.5	\$115.00	\$19.17
2.0	\$150.00	\$18.75
2.5	\$180.00	\$18.00
3.0	\$195.00	\$16.25
3.5	\$220.00	\$15.71
4.0	\$240.00	\$15.00
4.5	\$270.00	\$15.00
5.0	\$285.00	\$14.25
5.5	\$310.00	\$14.09
6.0	\$325.00	\$13.54
6.5	\$345.00	\$13.27
7.0	\$365.00	\$13.04
7.5	\$390.00	\$13.00
8.0	\$405.00	\$12.66
8.5	\$430.00	\$12.65
9.0	\$440.00	\$12.22
9.5	\$460.00	\$12.11
10.0	\$470.00	\$11.75
10.5	\$490.00	\$11.67
11.0	\$500.00	\$11.36
12.0 (CAP)	\$520.00	\$10.83
13.0	\$520.00	\$10.00

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14.0	\$520.00	\$9.29
15.0	\$520.00	\$8.67
16.0	\$520.00	\$8.13
20.0	\$520.00	\$6.50
24.0	\$520.00	\$5.42
30.0	\$520.00	\$4.33

Registration & Garment/Production Fees:

It is the Policy of Dance 4 Joy Ministries that all dancers, regardless of scholarship, will pay a \$30 registration fee per family annually, and a \$30 production/garment fee per dancer twice a year for the Fall and Spring Concerts. If your family needs assistance paying these mandatory fees, an option to fundraise through a sponsor form will be available. Please contact Admin@dance4joy.org for more detailed information.

How to Apply for a Scholarship

Contact our Administrative Director at Admin@dance4joy.org and request an application.

Renewal Process

Scholarships are valid for one school year and recipients that are awarded scholarships will need to reapply annually during the next Fall Season. All scholarships are subject to review by Administration at any time, and it is the responsibility of each family receiving a scholarship to notify Dance 4 Joy Ministries of any change in income or your ability to pay for tuition. If your circumstances change please notify Administration at Admin@dance4joy.org right away.