

Western Ballet Scholarship Program Nina Novak Scholarship

Each year, Western Ballet offers a limited number of scholarships to students who would otherwise be unable to take advantage of its programs. The Nina Novak Scholarship is a need-based scholarship, in which potential talent for ballet and family commitment contribute to the determination of awards. The scholarships are awarded for and cover all three semesters of study in full (fall, winter, and spring), for girls ages 6-10 years, and boys ages 6-12 years. Western Ballet does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its scholarship program, or any other school-administered program.

To apply for this scholarship, parents must fill out an application, and bring their child to the scheduled audition or complete an evaluation by the Artistic Director to assess their abilities. In addition, recipients of the scholarship and their families must meet the requirements of the program as outlined below.

Recipients of the Nina Novak Scholarship are expected to:

1. Be dedicated to the study of ballet.
2. Have perfect attendance, with no unapproved absences.
3. Participate in workshops and performance opportunities appropriate to their level.
4. Comply with the policies of Western Ballet.
5. Parents of scholarship recipients are required to volunteer in providing assistance to the School. A minimum of 25 volunteer hours will be required of participating families.

Application Process for the Nina Novak Scholarship

1. Attend the scholarship audition or evaluation.
2. Within one week after the audition or evaluation, parents will return the Scholarship Application Form to Western Ballet. (*Note that the forms must be received within seven days to be considered. Late forms will not be accepted!*) Please note that a copy of the applicant's federal income tax return is required to demonstrate financial need. The tax return must be submitted with the application form.
3. Parents will receive notification within two weeks of the audition if a scholarship has been awarded to their child.
4. Parents of scholarship recipients must complete the class registration form and sign the scholarship agreement before their child begins class.

Review Process

1. An audition or evaluation will be conducted by an instructor and/or the Artistic Director. No dance experience is necessary for the Nina Novak Scholarship. Students will be evaluated based on ability to focus and follow directions, rhythm, musicality, and physical aptitude for ballet.
2. The Scholarship Committee will review written applications with the scores and advice provided by the Artistic Director.
3. Applicants will be notified of their scholarship within seven to ten days following the auditions.
4. The Committee's decision as to awards will be final.
5. Warning notes will be sent to parents who are not meeting attendance or other scholarship requirements.

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Nina Novak Ballet Scholarship Application

For Girls, Ages 6-10 & Boys, Ages 6-12

As part of the scholarship determination process, all students who wish to apply for the Nina Novak Ballet Scholarship for the current term must attend the scheduled audition or be evaluated by the Artistic Director.

Please fill out the information below.

Student Name _____ **Age** _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Current Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Phone (include area code) Home _____ **Cell or Other** _____

Email address _____

The Nina Novak Scholarship is based on a combination of the family's financial need, the student's commitment and talent for ballet, and the family's willingness to commit to volunteer responsibilities with Western Ballet. The following information is requested to assess for scholarship support based on need.

Annual Family Income _____

Number of Family Members in Household _____

Please use the space below to describe any additional factors you wish to be considered with your application

Copy of 2009 Federal Income Tax Return is REQUIRED FOR CONSIDERATION (this will be kept confidential and destroyed upon completion of scholarship awards).

Scholarship Service

All parents of scholarship recipients are to provide a minimum of 25 hours of volunteer assistance to the School.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Student Signature _____

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