

Dancer Tuition

GCB relies on performance income from Dancer Tuition to cover expenses related to the show. Every dancer is required to pay tuition, with the exception of paid professionals (i.e. Sugar Plum Fairy), invited special guests (i.e. mayor), local performers (i.e. paid actors), and adults in the Party Scene.

Depending on interest from the community, and the availability of skilled male ballet dancers, the Board sometimes (though not as a rule) will pay male performers to fill the following roles:

- Drosselmeyer
- Nutcracker Prince
- Snow King
- Arabian Prince
- Rat King
- Mother Ginger
- Other invited special guests (i.e. gymnasts, celebrities, actors, dancers)

Policy - Dancer Tuition

Payment of tuition is due at the first parent cast meeting; a performer may not begin rehearsing until it is paid. Families may be refunded all or part of the tuition if they participate in and meet the requirements for *optional* fundraising programs (designed to help families in need). There are no discounts for multiple family members in the production.

For party scene adults, all performers 21 years and older will be asked to make a donation that is “personally meaningful” to help cover costume alterations and cleaning, dance instruction, and related performance expenses. If a party scene adult auditions and is cast in a second dancing role, tuition will be assessed. Dancers who are children of party scene adults are required to pay the performance tuition.

Tuition is non-refundable (but may be considered on a case by case basis for specific hardship or medical reasons).