



## Audition Requirement for All Returning Dancers — Showing Gratitude!

Every May, GCB raises money during the “Missoula Gives” online fundraiser — and, we can’t think of a better way to show our appreciation than for *our dancers* to thank those generous donors. (*Did you know?* Students who attend our free school show also create “thank you” letters for donors!)

### Important ...

*Dancers auditioning for the very first time are excused from this requirement.*

**Returning Dancers** — thank you for giving this your very best effort and closely following the important instructions below. There are examples online to give you inspiration if needed.

**Parents** — please gently assist and review final work (making sure your dancer follows the instructions below) — we want these letters to have a positive impact on each of our Missoula Gives donors.

### Instructions ...

- 1) Use one standard (8.5 x 11) sheet of plain, unlined, white paper. Do not fold your paper. (Please, no binder paper or notecards. Just a plain, white sheet of copy paper best suited for scanning and/or framing.)
- 2) Write your note as neatly as possible using only black ballpoint pen or black felt tip marker.
- 3) To begin your note, start with: **Dear Generous Donor,**
- 4) Include heartfelt thanks and gratitude — for example:
  - a. I am so grateful for your donation to Garden City Ballet because ...
  - b. Your generous support of Garden City Ballet makes it possible for me/GCB to ...
  - c. Being part of The Nutcracker production means a lot to me because ...
  - d. Supporting the performing arts is important because ...
- 5) Please decorate your note with art! Use color pencils, crayons, markers, stickers, etc. (*but no glitter*)
- 6) To end your note, please sign your name (i.e. Sincerely, Claudia or Claudia S. or you can use your full name)
- 7) Bring your note (*again do not fold, please*) to auditions, along with other required paperwork and headshot.