



Garden City Ballet
2026 Scholarship Program
Deadline to Apply: May 1, 2026

January 26, 2026

GCB has proudly operated a scholarship program since 2001 — awarding more than **\$50,000** to dancers attending prestigious programs nationwide. As an organization, we fundamentally believe in dance education and supporting our students and families.

The Board uses this formula to determine awards *for tuition only* (not travel, housing, etc.)

- Requests that exceed \$1000 in tuition fees are capped at \$500 per dancer
- Requests under \$1000 in tuition fees are funded at 50% (rounded to a sensible figure)

In any given year, however, award levels will depend on the degree of competition for limited funds as well as the overall financial health of our nonprofit organization. The Board reserves the right to make no awards during a particular year. Likewise, the Board also reserves the right to award scholarships that exceed amounts using the rule-of-thumb formula outlined above.

Following the summer program, a written report (describing the dancer's experience) is required. Award recipients may also be asked to submit a headshot for marketing purposes.

NOTE: Any scholarship recipient from last year who did not submit the required written report — on time and according to guidelines — is not eligible to apply this year.

Please see the program rules and report guidelines on the following pages.

If you have any questions, please email Caroline Kurz: caroline@gardencityballet.org

We look forward to supporting your dance education!

Sincerely,

GCB Board of Directors

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Scholarship Program – Rules

Eligibility Requirements

- Candidates must be 12 years of age by the start date of the summer dance program.
- Candidates must have danced in last season's GCB production of *The Nutcracker*.
- Application must be submitted **online** and meet all rules and instructions.
- If you received a GCB scholarship last year, you may apply again this year if you meet all the above requirements. If, however, you did not submit the written report last year *on time and according to guidelines*, you are not eligible this year for consideration.

Award Rules

- Scholarships may only be used for *tuition costs* related specifically to dance programs or workshops. (Scholarships are not awarded to cover punch cards or drop-in classes.)
- Any recipient who does not use the scholarship award *in the year it is offered* relinquishes the award.
- Scholarship awards are paid directly by GCB to the dance program. If you already paid the dance program, GCB would reimburse you with proof of payment (official receipt).
- Please note that GCB reserves the right to make no awards in any given year.
- **All applicants will be notified by email.**

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Scholarship Program - Required Written Report Guidelines

Deadline to Submit Report: October 1, 2026

- 1) Follow the instructions below, and submit a typed report to: info@gardencityballet.org
- 2) At the top of the page, please provide the following:
 - Current date
 - Your name
 - Workshop name
 - Workshop dates
 - Workshop location (city, state)
- 3) On a scale of 1-10 (where 1=disappointing, 5=average, 10=exceptional), please rate your *overall experience* at the program, *and explain why you chose this rating.*
- 4) On a scale of 1-10 (where 1=not challenging at all, 5=just right, 10=extremely challenging), please rate your *own dance ability* in the program, *and explain why you chose this rating.*
- 5) Please think about and respond to each the following:
 - Describe your daily schedule.
 - Did you have a favorite instructor? Why did you enjoy this person?
 - Would you recommend any of the instructors as future Nutcracker guest artists or GCB workshop guest faculty? If so, please provide names.
 - Was there an end of program performance? If so, please describe.
 - Describe the positive (and/or negative) aspects of the program. What did you like? Not like?
 - What challenges did you face as a student?
 - Did the program influence your future dance plans?
 - Would you attend this program again? Why, or why not?
 - Would you recommend this program to your friends? Why, or why not?
 - Anything else you would like to share with us?



We look forward to hearing about your summer dance experience!