



## Newton Performing Arts Center Scholarship/Reduced Fee Application Guidelines

**Purpose:** To allow every child, age 17 and under, the opportunity to participate in recreational dance instruction regardless of household financial conditions. The Newton Performing Arts Center Scholarship/Reduced Fee program was developed to facilitate dance opportunities for individuals and families with demonstrated financial needs.

**Who Qualifies?** – Any youth age 17 and under who meets the qualification standards listed in **Table 1**, below (chart used is based in part on Free and Reduced Lunch Program requirements) and whose parent/guardian submits the Newton Performing Arts Center Scholarship/Reduced Fee Application may qualify. Scholarships are limited to two (2) classes per child per year. Any additional classes will be based at full rates. Scholarships **DO NOT** cover cost of costumes, competitive class fees, competition fees or any fees other than basic classes. All scholarship applications will be valid for one (1) year from the date they are submitted. Applicants will be notified if the scholarship is approved or not approved.

**How to Apply** - Complete the NPAC Scholarship/Reduced Fee Application form, which must be signed by a parent/guardian of the named youth applicant. One of the following pieces of documentation must accompany the application form: Approved Reduced Lunch Program Form, W-2 forms, SSI Form, Social Security and/or Unemployment Statements. Total family annual income must include the following before deductions for taxes:

- Monetary compensation for services, including wages, salary, commissions for fees;
- Net income from self-employment;
- Social Security;
- Public assistance or welfare payment;
- Alimony or child support payments;
- Regular contributions from persons not living in the household;
- Other cash income

### Other Important Information

- Scholarship amounts are based on total family size and total family annual income level (see **Table 1** below)
- Reduced fees will only be granted for dance programs solely sponsored by Newton Performing Arts Center
- Completing a NPAC Scholarship/Reduced Fee Application **DOES NOT** register a child for a program. Please complete the required registration form separately for the classes in which you are interested in having your children participate.
- All Participants are expected to pay at least 25% of dance registration fee.
- Scholarships will be provided on a first-come, space-available basis.

**Table 1**

Total Family Size	Total Annual Family Income*	
	50% Scholarship Eligibility	20% Scholarship Eligibility
2	20,036	26,954
3	26,955	33,873
4	33,874	40,792
5	40,793	47,211
6	47,212	54,630
7	54,631	61,549
8	61,550	68,468
<i>For each additional family member, add:</i>	+\$4, 525	+\$6,438

*\*Total family annual income from all sources before deductions for taxes, insurance premiums, bonds and other employee deductions*

**Confidentiality** – Newton Performing Arts Center will use the information on the application only to decide if your children qualify to receive a partial scholarship for eligible dance instruction. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times. Applicants are guaranteed that personal finances will not be discussed outside of the studio management. Instructors, volunteers or other individuals will not be informed of a participant’s financial or scholarship status.