



**Segerstrom
Center for the Arts®
American Ballet Theatre
William J. Gillespie School**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2023–2024
APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 30, 2023

- Please complete the application entirely. Applications that are not complete will not be considered.
- Only students ages 3 and above as of September 1, 2023 are eligible.
- All information is treated with complete confidentiality.
- ABT William J. Gillespie School offers financial need-based scholarships to applicants. To be fair to everyone, we ask that students apply for assistance only if they cannot attend the program without it. For students ages 12 and above, scholarships are awarded based on merit/financial need.
- ABT William J. Gillespie School reserves the right to terminate financial assistance based on poor attendance.
- Students are expected to adhere to ABT William J. Gillespie School Code of Conduct.
- Scholarships will be awarded on a year-to-year basis. This is not a multi-year scholarship.
- **RETURNING STUDENTS:** Evaluations, recommendation of the Faculty, attendance record, and participation in past ABT programs may be considered.
- **NEW STUDENTS:** All new students who apply will be interviewed by several members of the ABT Gillespie Scholarship Committee – the ABT Gillespie Administration will contact you via email to schedule these interviews.
- **NEW STUDENTS (ages 8 and above):** Submit at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher (dance or academic) who can comment on the student's dedication, work ethic and attendance record. Letters of recommendation may be submitted separately from the rest of the application. New students ages 8 and above are required to audition for acceptance and placement into the ABT William J. Gillespie School at Segerstrom Center for the Arts. Please contact ABT Gillespie Administration for the 2023-2024 audition methods.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student's Name: _____ Gender: _____

Student's Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) _____/_____/_____ Age as of September 1, 2023: _____

Student's School Name & District: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

A. PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Check one: Mother Father Stepmother Stepfather Guardian

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

B. PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Check one: Mother Father Stepmother Stepfather ☐ Guardian

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please tell us why you are requesting tuition assistance.

Please indicate previous dance-related experience, including number of years, styles, teachers, summer intensives, performances and competitions if applicable.

CLASSROOM ASSISTANT

Will the scholarship applicant be willing to assist one or two Pre-Primary or Primary classes per week? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please select each day applicant may be available:

☐ Mondays ☐ Tuesdays ☐ Wednesdays ☐ Thursdays ☐ Fridays ☐ Saturdays

Note: Assistant times will not conflict with regular classes. Students may be scheduled for a day they do not have other classes.

STUDENT PERSONAL STATEMENT

Students ages 8 and under, please describe in your own words or draw a picture of what dancing means to you. Students ages 9 and above, please describe in your own words your goals as a dancer and performer, and what dancing means to you. You may attach additional pages if needed.

PROOF OF INCOME DOCUMENTATION

Each applicant's parent/guardian must provide their most recent IRS 1040 form showing your total gross income. If you were not required to file taxes, you must provide ALL official forms of documentation that prove total income and dependents.

Application requirements - If financial documentation is missing, your application will be considered incomplete and will not be processed. ABT William J. Gillespie School will not contact you looking for missing information or documentation

Parent Marital Status: ☒ Single ☒ Married Separated Divorced Widowed

Student is residing with: ☒ Both parents Father Mother Guardian

Other: _____

Total number of people in household **REPORTED** on your 2022 Federal 1040:
Adults _____ Children _____

What amount of annual tuition do you feel your family could reasonably afford for the 2023–2024 school year? _____

If you have filed a 2022 IRS form 1040 – Submit copies of the following:

Pages 1 and 2 of your 2022 signed Federal Tax Return Forms
(**DO NOT** include your State Tax Return)

☐ YES NO ☐

Copy of your 2022 W-2 Forms?

☐ YES NO ☐

Is your child listed as a dependent on your taxes?

☐ YES NO ☐

If your child is NOT listed as dependent,
please explain in a Notarized Letter.

☐ YES NO ☐

If you did not file taxes and you received non-taxable income for 2022 (Jan1-Dec 31, 2022)

Submit copies of the following:

Social Services Statement (TANF), etc.

☐ YES NO ☐

Cash Assistance Documentation?

☐ YES NO ☐

Food Stamp Documentation?

☐ YES NO ☐

Child Support assistance?

☐ YES NO ☐

2021 Unemployment Benefits?

☐ YES NO ☐

Housing Assistance Documentation?

☐ YES NO ☐

Social Security Income statements showing total amounts
received in 2022 for ALL members of the household?

☐ YES NO ☐

Proof of Guardianship?

☐ YES NO ☐



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**CHECKLIST OF SCHOLARSHIP MATERIALS TO BE RETURNED TO
ABT GILLESPIE SCHOOL**

DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIALS: MAY 30, 2023

- ___ I. STUDENT & GUARDIAN INFORMATION
- ___ II. TUITION ASSISTANCE STATEMENT
- ___ III. STUDENT PERSONAL STATEMENT
- ___ IV. FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION
- ___ V. COPY OF W2
- ___ VI. COPY OF FEDERAL TAX RETURN
- ___ VII. SCHEDULED AUDITION (if applicable)

FORMS MAY BE SUBMITTED BY:

Email ABTGillespieSchool@scfta.org

Fax (714) 427-2429

Mail ABT William J. Gillespie School at Segerstrom Center for the Arts
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Costa Mesa, CA 92626