



Financial Assistance Application for Eagle County Dance Students

September 2026 to May 2027

The following information is to be completed by the STUDENT APPLICANT.

The financial awards are processed in August and extend through May. Half of each award is paid in the fall and half in January. In December, recipients are evaluated by the FA Committee and those who receive a positive recommendation based on teacher evaluations (attendance, dedication, preparation, attitude and dance classroom decorum) will continue to receive funding.

Dancer Name _____ Email _____

Parent Name _____ Email _____

Parent/Contact Phone _____ Age _____ Number of years of dance study _____

Mailing Address _____ City/St/Zip _____

WVAD classes you are registered for _____

THE APPLICANT may answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Why do you deserve to receive financial assistance for your dance classes?
2. What do you hope to achieve through your study of dance?
3. Outside of classes at WVAD, what other dance experiences have you had in the past year?

Signature of parent or guardian

Date

Signature of applicant

Date

1. Financial information contained on the first and second pages of your 2025 federal income tax form (both parents if divorced). All financial information remains strictly confidential and is reviewed solely by the Vail Friends of Dance financial assistance committee. This information must demonstrate the need for financial assistance. Please blacken out the social security numbers on the documents. **The documents will be destroyed after review. Only applications with an AGI of \$150,000 or less will be considered for financial assistance awards. If there are ongoing circumstances that render your tax return not a clear reflection of current financial conditions, they should be disclosed.**

2. **Two letters of recommendation** are required. One may be from the applicant's dance teacher. These letters must be included with the application information submitted.

3. Submit a brief letter from the parent or guardian stating their level of commitment. It is important that we are assured you intend to support VFOD and contribute your time and effort to making this program sustainable. Parents or guardians are required to volunteer 5-25 hours (depending on the amount you are awarded) at VFOD events during the period covered by financial assistance.

All application materials should be emailed to **js46morgan@gmail.com**
If you have questions or need help filling out your application, contact the above email address.

VFOD will not consider any application that is incomplete or received after the required date.

DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026 NO EXCEPTIONS!!



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Vail Friends of Dance is a 501(c)(3) not for profit and is very serious about its role as a provider of financial assistance to help dancers. It is an honor and a privilege to be awarded financial assistance. All funds are generated entirely through fund raising by un-paid volunteers. We expect the applicants and their parents to represent VFOD, Vail Valley Academy of Dance, their teachers and classmates in a supportive and respectful manner.

The VFOD Financial Assistance program awards funds to dance students ENROLLED IN DIVISION 4 AND HIGHER who are serious about their studies, are disciplined and motivated in class, attend all classes unless you have an excused absence from your teacher, and who express and can **document financial need**.

Applicants may receive full, partial or no financial assistance as a result of submitting this application. Note: If necessary, at any point in time, an applicant will have a personal interview with the FA committee. If granted, the recipient and parent/guardian are required to fulfill certain requirements:

1. The recipient agrees to attend all dance classes for the duration of this award (September thru mid-May) unless prevented by illness, injury or circumstances previously disclosed to VFOD. **Payment will be made directly to VVAD and the student is expected to attend the program in its entirety. If the dancer is unable to fulfill the commitment, the Financial Assistance committee should be contacted immediately. VFOD will expect reimbursement for the total assistance amount awarded.**
2. The recipient will follow dress code, be respectful of their teachers and follow class decorum required by VVAD.
3. Parents or guardians are required to volunteer **5-25 hours** (depending on the amount of financial assistance you are awarded) at VFOD events during the fall/spring semesters by financial assistance. Half the hours from September to December and the other half from January to May. As stated in this contract, these hours are additional to the parent volunteer hours required if your dancer is a member of the Vail Youth Ballet Company or Altitude Dance Company.

\$500 or less = 5 hrs \$501 - \$999 = 10 hrs \$1k - \$1499 = 15 hrs \$1500+ = 25 hrs

The information contained in your federal income tax return will be reviewed only by the VFOD financial assistance committee. All questions on the application must be answered IN FULL by the student for the application to be processed and all required documents must be attached. If incomplete, your application will not be considered.

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