Financial Assistance Application for VVAD Students in Eagle and Edwards CO

September 2025 to May 2026

The following information is to be completed by the APPLICANT.

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

Parent Name_____ Email_____

Dancer Name_____ Email _____

Parent/Contact Phone_____ Age_____ Number of years of dance study _____

Mailing Address _____ City/St/Zip _____

Classes you will be taking _____

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 VVAD, what other dance experiences have you had in the past year?

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Signature of parent or guardian Date Signature of applicant Date

1. Financial information contained on the first and second pages of your 2024 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. If there are ongoing circumstances that render your tax return not a clear reflection of current financial conditions, they should be disclosed. Please blacken out the social security numbers on the documents. **The documents will be destroyed after review. Applications with an AGI of $150,000 or less will be considered for financial assistance awards.**

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 and support (i.e. financial, time, goals, etc.) for the applicant. Parents or guardians are required to volunteer 5-20 hours (depending on the amount you are awarded) at VFOD events during the period covered by financial assistance. See next page for details.

All money granted to the applicant will be sent directly to VVAD.

Note: If necessary an applicant will have a personal interview with FA committee.

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

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

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Vail Friends of Dance is very serious about its role as a provider of funding 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, their teachers and classmates in a supportive and respectful manner.

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

Applicants may receive full, partial or no financial assistance as a result of submitting this application. 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 agreed to by 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 **5-20 hours** (depending on the amount you are awarded) at VFOD events during the period covered by financial assistance. Half the amount 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 child is a member of the Vail Youth Ballet Company.

$500 or less = 5 hrs $501 - $999 = 10 hrs $1k - $1499 = 15 hrs $1500+ = 20 hrs

The information contained in your financial statement will be reviewed only by the financial committee of VFOD. All questions must be answered IN FULL by the student for the application to be processed and all required documents must be attached.

Deadline is **Monday, August 18, 2025** **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

APPLICANTS MUST BE ENROLLED IN DIVISION 4 OR BE 10-YEARS-OLD TO QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE