

AMERICAN DANCE FESTIVAL SELF-HELP GUIDE TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The American Dance Festival offers financial assistance to a limited number of students, and very few are full scholarships. Even if you are awarded a partial scholarship, you may need to use outside funding to help pay for your summer study. The following is a list of suggested alternatives to consider in the event that you are not granted financial assistance from ADF or to use as additional financial assistance and money-saving ideas. You will want to begin researching the possibilities *early*, before a financial aid decision is made.

1. Many major city, college, and university libraries have a funding resource librarian. Work with this person or the reference librarian to locate possible sources of funding in your area. Many libraries offer free access to a Foundation Center collection, which offers a wealth of resources for individuals and organizations.
2. Check with your local arts council. These organizations often have some sort of scholarship program that could be applied to the ADF School programs and/or possibly used as a matching scholarship.
3. Local corporations sometimes donate funds to individual artists, although these donations are usually in the form of matching grants and are seldom full tuition grants. Again, check with your local arts council for information on whom to contact.
4. Unions, civic clubs, and other such organizations to which your parents/family members may belong may also have programs or scholarships open to the children of their members. These are also worth exploring.
5. Past students have been successful in raising money by holding performances, bake sales, car washes, and other fundraising events to help with the cost of attending ADF. These additional funds can also be put towards housing and travel in the event you are awarded money that has to go towards tuition. There are now numerous websites, such as www.gofundme.com, which can be used for personal donations.
6. The Internet is your friend when it comes to searching for scholarships, grants and financial aid! Start with some basic Internet searches (for example: "summer dance scholarship") and a world of resources will be at your fingertips. Finding online funding is not easy and may take many hours of research, but the payoff can be huge! Please see page 2 of this document for a list of organizations that provide summer study scholarships – this is a good place to start, but is not a comprehensive list!
7. If you are 18 or older - living on campus in the dorm is easy and you know exactly what you're getting, but off-campus housing can be 1/3 to 1/2 cheaper. It does however require some research and perhaps finding some roommates. (Having roommates will cut down on living costs a lot!). The [ADF website](#) provides a list of online resources to use when searching for sublets.
8. Join the [ADF Housing Collective](#) in your search for housing, roommates, etc.! This is a Facebook group monitored by the ADF School staff. The group is for registered applicants to connect about housing opportunities during ADF's summer programs. You must request to be added to the group. You will not automatically be added. Participants will be removed from the group once their program has ended.
9. Carpooling from your area is usually much cheaper than a plane ticket. Make friends before you arrive and save money at the same time!

MOST IMPORTANTLY – CALL THE ADF OFFICE IF YOU NEED SOME ASSISTANCE OR ENCOURAGEMENT!!

SUGGESTED READING/ REFERENCE LIST:

The Poor Dancer's Almanac

The Foundation Center – Guide to Grants for Individuals (check your local library for free access)

Grant Seekers Guide

Available Grants for Summer Study

This is not a comprehensive list! We suggest that all students do their own scholarship research in addition to using this reference list, as there may be local and regional opportunities that we have not included in this document.

- **Dance Council North Texas.** Deadline: February
<http://www.thedancecouncil.org>
- **Jessica Karrat Dance Scholarship Fund.** Deadline: June
<http://www.jkdance.org/apply.html>
- **Eurotard Performing Arts Scholarships.** Deadline: November
<http://www.eurotard.com/scholarships.html>
- **The Jerome Foundation.** Deadline: yet to be announced.
Applicant must be based out of Minnesota or the five boroughs of NYC and be “an emerging creative artist originating work in dance, literature, film and video, music, theater, and/or visual arts or a Minnesota-based executive or program administrator working for a nonprofit arts organization.”
<http://www.jeromefdn.org/apply/travel-study>
- **The Hayes Foundation.** Deadline: May
http://thehayesfoundation.org/Summer_Study_Grants.html
- **The American Harlequin Corporation**
Monthly Video Contest
<http://www.theworlddances.com>
- **Arts and Science Council (North Carolina) – Regional Artist Project Grants**
 - *Applicants must be a permanent resident of the region (e.g., have resided for a minimum of twelve (12) months prior to the deadline) of one the following counties: Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Lincoln, Rowan, Rutherford, Union, or York (SC).*
 - *Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and a US citizen or permanent resident.*
 - *Applicants and recipients may not enroll in, or be currently enrolled in, an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program during the time their funded project is in progress.*<http://www.artsandscience.org/gfindividuals/regional-artist-project-grants>
- **Asheville Area Arts Council – Regional Artist Project Grant Program**
 - *Professional, individual artists as well as small unincorporated groups of collaborating artists of all disciplines*
 - *May be either emerging or established artists*
 - *Must have a strong record of artistic accomplishment appropriate to the stage of their career*
 - *Must have been a resident of a participating county as of July 1 (Buncombe, Mitchell, or Madison Counties).*
 - *Must be at least 18 years of age*<http://ashevillearts.com/regional-artist-project-grant-program>

- **Gaston Arts Council – Regional Artist Project Grants.**
 - *Applicants must be a permanent resident of the region (e.g., have resided for a minimum of twelve (12) months prior to the deadline) of one the following counties: Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Rutherford, Union or York (SC).*
 - *Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and a US citizen or permanent resident.*
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<http://www.gastonarts.org/grantsandservices.htm>

- **Richard T. Naples Education Foundation, Inc. – OHIO.** Applications accepted January 10th through March 31st.

<http://www.wfboom.com/scholarships.html>

- **Bowdoin students – Scholarship Award for Summer Study in Dance.** Deadline: N/A

<http://www.bowdoin.edu/theater-dance/online-forms/summer-study-dance.shtml>

- **Duke students - Duke Arts Program.** Deadline: n/a

<http://www.duarts.org/resources-2/grants-for-summer-study>

- **Bryn Mawr College students Dance Study Grant.** Deadline: n/a

http://www.brynmawr.edu/summerfunding/Internship_Funding/other.html

- **Fairfax County Dance Coalition (Virginia)** Deadline: September

<http://www.virginiadancecoalition.org/scholarship.htm>

- **Assistance League Enrichment Scholarship Program;** Whatcom County, WA middle and high school students; Deadline: TBA

<http://assistanceleaguebellingham.org/scholarship>