

Michigan Ballet Academy Scholarship Policy

Michigan Ballet Academy ("MBA") believes that all young people can benefit from access to arts education. To this end, MBA will consider awarding scholarship funds to students who wish to pursue the study of ballet.

Need Based Scholarship

- Need based scholarship may be available for any student enrolled in the professional division meeting the established financial guidelines as follows:

Household Income as Percentage of HHS Poverty Guideline	Scholarship Percentage
Up to 150%	100%
150% - 180%	80%
180% - 210%	60%
201% - \$240%	40%
240% - 270%	20%
Over 270%	0%

- A student/family requesting scholarship assistance must submit a fully completed scholarship form accompanied by a copy of the most recently available Internal Revenue Service tax return (social security number can be marked out) and a Student Written Statement.
- Scholarships for the regular school year will be awarded for a single semester. Scholarship awards for the first semester of the regular school year may be renewed for the second semester if the student has met 90% of required attendance for all regularly scheduled first semester classes and has met 100% attendance at performance rehearsals (if applicable) unless permission to be excused is granted in advance of the rehearsal.
- Scholarship requests for the summer program require completion of a new application (Student Written Statement not required if previously submitted). Scholarship will only be awarded for students attending all six weeks of the program.
- Post Graduate, Open Division and Children's Division students are not eligible for need based scholarship.
- Scholarship applications will be reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors. The Committee may use discretion where household income falls at or near the tier transition points. For example, an applicant with a household income at 210% of the HHS Poverty Guideline may be awarded a scholarship between 40% and 60%. All data submitted will remain confidential and will not be shared outside of this Committee. Scholarship award results will be communicated to the School Administrator and Artistic Director for purposes of informing the scholarship recipient.

Merit Based Scholarship

- Merit based scholarship is available for boys only, must be requested by the student/family and is awarded at the sole discretion and recommendation of the Artistic Director.
- Children's Division – 100% scholarship is available for the first semester of enrollment at MBA. Scholarship of up to 50% may be awarded in one semester/session increments for tuition beyond the first semester of enrollment, subject to an evaluation by the Artistic Director and attendance requirement as stated in the need based scholarship section above.
- Professional Division – 100% scholarship is available for the first semester of enrollment at MBA. Scholarship of up to 100% may be awarded in one semester/session increments for tuition beyond the first semester of enrollment, subject to an evaluation by the Artistic Director and attendance requirements as stated in the need based scholarship section above.
- Post Graduate Division – Typically, Post Graduate Students would not be eligible for merit based scholarship. However, in very limited circumstances, scholarship up to 50% may be awarded in one semester/session increments for tuition subject to an evaluation by the Artistic Director. Initial scholarship may be renewed if attendance meets the attendance requirements as stated in the need based scholarship section above.
- Open Division – no merit based scholarship is available for open division students.

Availability of need and merit based scholarship is dependent upon the overall financial condition of MBA and is subject to change at any time. However, once scholarship for a semester is awarded, it will not be rescinded.