



# Anaheim Ballet School

## ***STEP-UP!* Afterschool Outreach Program**

### **Application 2023**

Anaheim Ballet's afterschool educational outreach program, ***STEP-UP!***, is a free program for Anaheim youth ages 8 – 20 years old, who require financial assistance in order to attend ballet classes and experience the life-long benefits of classical ballet training. The ***STEP-UP!*** program has been in effect since 1997, and has benefited hundreds of local youth in both their personal and professional lives.

Students are not required to have previous ballet experience to apply. Due to the high demand for this program, student enrollment is monitored to ensure that the highest number of students is instructed while still maintaining a manageable class size. Applications are accepted throughout the year, and new students are enrolled on a quarterly basis, as spots are available. Accepted applicants will be notified approximately 1-2 weeks prior of their enrollment date.

The ***STEP-UP!*** classes are held from 3:45-4:30pm, and students are enrolled in the Monday & Wednesday class, or Tuesday & Thursday class depending on their choice at time of enrollment. After three months of consistent attendance, students may attend up to four classes per week, but at a minimum must attend two classes per week in order to stay enrolled in the program. In addition, there is an advanced ***STEP-UP!*** class held on Fridays that is offered by instructor invitation only, and selected students may be offered full-time ballet scholarships.

The program is offered year-round, and enrolled students are expected to attend their scheduled classes during the summer and all other school break periods. At the end of spring, Anaheim Ballet School presents an annual Spring Concert recital performance, in which the ***STEP-UP!*** students perform a dance they learned in their classes. Practice for the dance(s) take place during their scheduled classes.

***STEP-UP!*** students are expected to demonstrate exemplary citizenship and excellent classroom work ethics at all times. Students are asked to attend their classes regularly, and must notify the AB School front desk staff in advance if the student will not be able to attend (due to illness or any other circumstances). In addition, we ask ***STEP-UP!*** students and their families to assist with Anaheim Ballet projects and events throughout their time of enrollment.

Students are encouraged to wear ballet attire (\*Ladies: black, pink or white leotard; pink tights; pink ballet shoes \*Gentlemen: black or white T-shirt, black shorts or sweatpants, black ballet shoes). We ask that female students wear their hair in a ballet bun (items needed: hair tie, bobby pins, hairspray). Instructional assistance can be provided once the student is enrolled.

Please note: As with any physical fitness program, dancing and dance exercises may result in injury. All students are urged to consult with their doctors regarding the advisability of dance lessons.

To apply to the ***STEP-UP!*** program, complete and return the attached application form (including financial documents) to Anaheim Ballet School in person, by mail, or by e-mail:

Anaheim Ballet 280 E. Lincoln Ave. Anaheim, CA 92805 school@anaheimballet.org

**If you have any questions about this information or the application form, please contact:**

Leticia Valli (714) 520-0904 school@anaheimballet.org



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- Applications are accepted year-round; new students are enrolled quarterly
- All information provided will be treated confidentially
- Program eligibility requirements:
  - Student must be between the ages of 8 – 20
  - Student must be resident of the City of Anaheim
  - Family/household must demonstrate financial need
- Once enrolled:
  - Students must attend a minimum of two classes per week, Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs; after first three months, students can attend any two weekdays and up to four classes per week
  - Students must call or email with excuse if they will miss any class
  - Students will be asked to re-certify eligibility each January

#### **STUDENT INFORMATION:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:**

Check one:  Mother  Father  Guardian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  Mother  Father  Guardian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROOF OF FINANCIAL NEED:**

Is the student qualified to receive Free or Reduced-Price meals from their school? Yes / No

- If *yes*, please provide a copy of the notification letter with this application.
- If *no*, please provide a copy of the first page of your parent/guardian's most recently filed federal tax return and note here your household's total annual gross income: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: In order to provide proof of residency, the school lunch letter must include the student name (tax return must include at least one of the parent names) and list an Anaheim address. Proof of eligibility for CALWORKS, FDPIR, MEDICAIDE (MEDI-CAL) or SNAP (Food Stamps) benefits will also be accepted as proof of financial need.

Number of people in your family/household: \_\_\_\_\_

If there are other/additional circumstances that demonstrate financial need, or the documents noted above are not available, please explain here.

**OTHER:**

Why do you or your family want you to be involved in this program?

How did you hear about the **STEP-UP!** program?

I give my permission for my son/daughter to apply to Anaheim Ballet's **STEP-UP!** program.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return application form (including financial documents) in person, by mail, or by e-mail:**

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**Office Use Only**

Date Application Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted to Program: Y / N

To attend: Mon/Wed Tues/Thurs

Financial Documentation Included: Y / N

Parent/Student contacted re: status: \_\_\_\_\_

Date to begin classes: \_\_\_\_\_