

# FEES & DFE GRANTS

## Q. What grants are available?

**A.** A full year on the Centre for Advanced Training lasts 6 terms and means tested grants range from £382 to £3,802 for this period. The Swindon Ballet (pilot) Programme will be running initially for 2 terms. With that in mind, we will make appropriate adjustments to the amount of grant/parental contribution.

RELEVANT INCOME	MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF GRANT	PARENTAL CONTRIBUTION
Up to £31,170	£3,802	NIL
£31,171 to £35,327	£3,420	£382
£35,328 to £39,483	£3,040	£762
£39,484 to £43,693	£2,661	£1,141
£43,64 to £47,796	£2,280	£1,522
£47,797 to £51,951	£1,891	£1,911
£51,952 to £56,559	£1,522	£2,280
£56,560 to £60,265	£1,141	£2,661
£60,266 to £64,421	£762	£3,040
£64,422 to £68,575	£382	£3,420
£68,576 or more	NIL	£3,802

**above figures are based on income from 2020-21**



## Q. Will the grant cover the fees entirely?

**A.** Parents will not have to make a contribution to fees if the total family income before tax is £31,170 or less (after deducting £2,156 for any dependent children including the grant applicant) in the tax year ending 5th April 2021

## Q. What is the cost?

**A.** The cost for a full year on the CAT (6 terms) is £3,802 however, because the pilot programme is initially for 2 terms, the cost will be £1,267.33. This fee will be either a combined grant and parental contribution, full grant with no parental contribution OR full parental contribution with no DfE grant. Fees can be paid in instalments.

## Q. How do I qualify for a grant?

**A.** In order to qualify for a grant, students should:

- Be successful at CAT audition;
- Be between 11 & 16 years during the year of entry onto the CAT;
- Be in full-time education/home educated;
- Have been a resident in the British Isles for a minimum of 3 consecutive years.

## Q. What is "relevant income"?

**A.** Relevant income is the figure used to calculate how much grant a student is eligible for. The total relevant income is arrived at by adding the amounts for the income of both parents and dependent children, with any other adjustments required and by making the following deductions:

- An allowance of £2,156 for current school year, in respect of each child or other relative living in the household, including the CAT applicant and who is wholly or mainly financially dependent upon the parents.
- The amount of covenant taken out prior to 15th March 1988, paid by a parent to a dependent child.



## Q. Are maintenance payments included in the income?

**A.** Only if parents are making or receiving maintenance payments in compliance with a Court Order, a separation agreement or under arrangements made by the Child Support Agency. Voluntary payments will not be included in the income.

## Q. What income is considered?

**A.** Declarations of income refer to the preceding financial year e.g. for entry onto the CAT in May 2022 the relevant financial year is 6th April 2020 to 5th April 2021. As a general rule, definitions of income follow as closely as possible those used by HM Inspector of Taxes for income purposes and parents must declare gross income before tax from ALL sources. Non-taxable social security benefits are not included in the income. If your income is likely to be significantly different from the previous year, please get in touch as we may be able to explore an alternative way of assessing your grant eligibility.

## Q. Who should I contact if I have more questions?

**A.** If you have any questions regarding the grant please email: [cat@swindondance.org.uk](mailto:cat@swindondance.org.uk)

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