SWINDON DANCE

CENTRE FOR ADVANCED TRAINING

FUNDING & FEES
INFORMATION 2024-45

The Dance CAT's are funded by the Department for Education (DfE) Music and Dance Scheme (MDS). The scheme has run for several years and allows passionate dancers to access specialist training alongside academic studies.

Grants are available to those whose **household income sits within the set 'relevant' income** brackets. These change on a yearly basis, but we have included the current year's figures as a guideline below. If a student stays on the programme for multiple years, the family's financial situation will be assessed annually.

The DfE offers grants which are based on family's annual earnings per tax year, with some deductions, the main one being for dependents. **Relevant household income is taxable income, minus £2,264 per dependent.**

The fee per student for the academic year 2023-2024 is £3,840. Please see the table below to see if you would be eligible for a grant and the amount you would be entitled to. Please note these are likely to change for entry in Sept 2024.

For those households that do not qualify for a grant you can pay to attend the CAT, fees will be approx. £3,804 per year.

Relevant income	Amount of grant	Parental fee contribution
Up to £32,728	£4,032	NIL
£32,728, to £37,093	£3,646	£386
£37,093 to £41,457	£3,262	£770
£41,457 to £45,877	£2,853	£1,179
£45,877 to £50,185	£2,479	£1,553
£50,185 to £54,548	£2,101	£1,931
£54,548 to £59,386	£1,729	£2,303
£59,386 to £63,278	£1,344	£2,688
£63,278 to £67,642	£961	£3,071
£67,642 to £72,003	£577	£3,455
£72,003 or more	NIL	£4,032

Please note the above information is based on these current years grant information. We advise that these notes be used as a guidance only. If you have any questions regarding access to funding or fees please contact the CAT Team: cat@swindondance.org.uk / 01793 601700

FAQ's

Q. Will the grant cover the fees entirely?
A. Parents will not have to contribute to fees if the total family income before tax is £32,728 or less (after deducting £2,264 for any dependent children including the grant applicant) in the tax year ending 5th April 2024.

Q. What is the cost per year?
A. The current cost per year is £4,032 and means tested grants are available. This fee will be either a combined DfE grant and parental contribution, full DfE grant with no parental contribution OR full parental contribution with no DfE grant

Q. How do I qualify for a grant?
A. In order to qualify for a DfE grant, students should:

· Be successful at CAT audition;
· Be between 11 & 15 years during the year of entry onto the CAT;
· Be in full-time education/home educated;
· Have been a resident in the British Islands for three years prior, be a member of the European Economic Area, or Switzerland, or be a refugee or the child of a refugee.

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 (if living together) and dependent children, with any other adjustments required and by making the following deductions:

· An allowance of £2,264 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.

Q. What income is considered?
A. Declarations of income refer to the preceding financial year e.g. for entry onto the CAT in September 2024 the relevant financial year is 6th April 2023 to 5th April 2024.

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 previous year, please get in touch as we may be able to explore an alternative way of assessing your grant eligibility.

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