



USA Dance, Gumbo Chapter (5031)

Financial Aid Opportunities from the Gumbo Chapter

In keeping with the mission of USA Dance to promote and develop ballroom dancing in the United States, the Louisiana Gumbo Chapter #5031 maintains a program of financial assistance for children and young adults who are involved in dancing competition. The details of the program, including qualifications and application procedures, are these:

- The program is open to dancers from age 5 through age 26 who hold current membership in USA Dance, Louisiana Gumbo Chapter #5031.
- Financial aid is limited specifically to assist with the cost of registering for ballroom dance competitions. Some assistance may also be considered for travel expenses.
- Ballroom dance competitions organized by any recognized dance organization (such as USA Dance or WDSF), within the United States or abroad, are eligible for funding.
- Dance competitions may be in any style of ballroom dance that is customarily included in a National Qualifying dance competition (such as the annual Gumbo of Ballroom Dance Competition or the annual USA Dance National Competition).
- Financial assistance may be requested for competition at any skill level.
- Financial assistance is not given to cover the cost of dance instruction, hotel accommodations, per diem expenses, or dancing attire.
- Applications for financial assistance may be submitted at any time during the calendar year.
- Each partner of a dancing couple must submit his own or her own application.
- Applications are made in the form of a written letter addressed to any member of the USA Dance Gumbo Chapter Board of Directors. The application letter must apply to one dance competition only; and it must include the following information:
 1. Full name of the competitor-applicant.
 2. USA Dance membership number of the applicant.
 3. The age of the applicant at the time of the scheduled competition.
 4. Home address.
 5. Phone number.
 6. Email address.
 7. The name (only) of the competitor who will be the partner of the applicant in the scheduled competition. (Each dancer of the partnership applies separately.)
 8. The official title of the dance competition for which assistance is sought and its sponsoring organization or studio.
 9. The physical address and website address of the competition organization or studio.
 10. The cost of registering for the dance competition. If separate fees apply for individual dances, they must be shown separately.
 11. The inclusive dates on which the competition is scheduled.

- Applications are reviewed and voted upon by the Gumbo Board of Directors. Decisions are made in a timely manner. All information submitted is kept confidential. This document was updated August 6, 2015.