



*"Where EVERY Student Matters!"*

## **NWDA Competitive Company Requirements 2017-2018**

### **General Information**

Any student interested in becoming a Neu Wixom Competitive Company dancer must be accepted into the program by audition. All students accepted into the Company must attend the 5-week Summer Training intensive and the Choreography Camp in their level at Neu Wixom Dance Academy. The minimum age requirement to audition is 6 years old by August 2017. Students must register at the front desk to audition (\$20/student).

### **Company Auditions**

**June 13, 2017 (pre-registration required), cost: \$20 per student**

### **Summer Intensive**

**July 10 – August 10, 2017, cost: discounted flat-rate (see summer schedule)**

### **Choreography Camps**

**-Full & Apprentice: August 14-16, 2017 9:30am-2:30pm, \$200/student**

**-Neubies: August 17 9:30-2:30pm, \$70/student**

- Upon acceptance into the Company, and for the benefit of the student, the instructors reserve the right to move a student into a different level than originally placed. The age groups listed below are used only as a guide and, therefore, students will be placed into the group that is appropriate for them. The physical and psychological health of a student is always our number one priority. Please remember that the Neu Wixom instructors base their professional assessment and placement of the students on things such as technical strength, ability, work ethic and attitude. Students will never be placed in a particular group for reasons such as: their friends are also in the same group, scheduling conveniences, etc.
- **Students demonstrating poor attendance or tardiness may be dismissed from the Company without refund of any kind.** Students who are struggling or not showing improvement in their technique will require private lessons to keep pace with the rest of their group. Private lessons are an additional charge.
- ***Requirements are subject to change.***

## Explanation of Groups & Requirements

4 Groups: Neubies, Apprentice, Pre-Teen/Teen and Teen

- 'Pre-Teen/Teen' and 'Teen' dancers are required to take at least two Ballet classes (1 Technique and 1 Recital), Condition/Flexibility and Technique classes, and at least 1 Choreography class in their level per week.
- 'Neubies' and 'Apprentice' dancers are required to take at least 1 Ballet class per week, but are **highly advised** to take more Ballet classes per week, especially if they hope to eventually advance to Full Company. They are also required to take at least 1 Condition/Flexibility and Technique class, and at least 1 Choreography class in their level per week.
- Note for Tap & Hip Hop (Neu Crew) Company: students competing in Tap and/or Neu Crew group dances are also required to take a technique class in the style in which they are competing (i.e. Tap technique for 1 hour & Tap choreography for a half hour. Neu Crew is a half hour of technique and a half hour of choreography.)
- **For all Company dancers - the initial (1) Choreography Class is included in the monthly tuition for each level. Any additional Choreography Classes are \$30 each per month.** Please remember that additional Choreography Classes will require the purchase of costumes, competition entry fees and any other costs associated with extra competition entries such as shoes, rhinestones, tights, etc. Group Choreography Classes offered (minimum 4 students): Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Neu Crew, Acro & Contemporary.
- **All levels are highly advised to take additional Ballet classes per week (technique or recital).**

## Discounts & Perks

- **Discount Level 1:** Once a Company student enrolls in the required classes, any additional technique or recital classes are HALF OFF!\*
  - \*Excludes Choreography Classes including groups, solos, duets and trios. For example, a student who is enrolled in the required classes per week also enrolls in an additional 1 hour Ballet class. This additional Ballet class is only \$25.50 per month (normally \$51 per month).
- **Discount Level 2:** Any student reaching \$250 **in tuition** per month is eligible to take additional classes for FREE!
  - \*Free additional class perks are figured by individual students in each family, not by combined monthly family tuition. Excludes Choreography Classes including groups, solos, duets and trios.
- **Discount Level 3:** The Family Tuition Cap is \$400 per month, per family.
  - The Family Tuition Cap is the **combined total monthly tuition** for students in the same family who are living in the same household. Family Tuition Cap does not include solos, duets, trios or private lessons, etc.
- **Note:** Solos, duets, trios, private lessons, special workshops, etc. are separate charges from the discounts/perks and they will be charged to your account.

## Company Work-Study Scholarships

A limited number of work-study scholarships may be available for Company students who qualify. Applicants must be at least 11 years old, have a school GPA of 3.0 or higher, maintain excellent dance class punctuality and attendance, and be a good role model. NWDA can only award a limited number of scholarships each year. As a result, parents of applicants must complete the *Work-Study Scholarship Application*, which requires listing basic information including combined (or total) annual household income. Scholarships are awarded based on applicant's need and availability. Once the scholarship jobs are filled, the application process will close for that current year. **Note: completing the Work-Study Scholarship Application does not guarantee acceptance into the Work-Study Program.** Applications are available at the front desk.

## Time & Commitment

In addition to regular weekly training, Company students, and their parents/guardians, are required to commit to the following:

- 2-3 pre-scheduled mandatory Company rehearsals (most likely in January through March – the final rehearsal will usually be on the Saturday or Sunday before the first competition of the season)
- 1 (Neubies), 2 (Apprentice) or 3 (Full) pre-scheduled competitions (keep these entire weekends open)
- Possibly Nationals in summer
- Be present at every competition to support fellow NW Company dancers even if you are not competing on the same day (must be present for *at least* 2 Neu Wixom dances, other than your own)
- Participation at Wixom's Founder's Day (usually on the Sunday before Memorial Day in May)
- Participation in 1-2 of the Wixom Summer Concerts (usually on Thursdays in July and/or August)
- NW's Annual Recital
- Sell 1 ad in the NW Recital Program (business card size or bigger)
- Parent/guardian volunteer at competitions (bringing food/drinks, helping w/ hair make-up), at NW Recital, etc.

## Costs

- Regular tuition (discounted for Company dancers)
- \$75-85 per costume (if necessary, costumes exceeding the budget must be approved by all parents in group)
- \$60 per dancer for embroidered warm-up Company jacket
- \$45 jewelry per dancer (if doesn't have already, this cost may vary depending on new styles/brands)
- \$110 non-refundable commitment fee (or \$140 total for families with siblings in Company). This fee helps to off-set the cost of teacher compensation at extra rehearsals and competitions.
- Entry fees per competition (cost varies by competition and number of dancers in routines)
- Rhinestones, performing tights, make-up and appropriate dance shoes (if applicable)

## **Solos, Duets and Trios**

Solos, duets and trios are reserved only for students who are ready for the responsibility and challenge that these types of dances require. Solos, duets and trios are by teacher recommendation only – no exceptions. Students seeking solos, duets or trios are required to first be accepted into, and commit to, at least one group dance through the Company audition. Students who are interested in solos, duets or trios must complete the *Solo, Duet & Trio Request Form*. All solos, duets and trios will require a half hour choreography session each week during the months of September and October. Starting in November, these choreography sessions may continue to meet every week, or switch to every other week until the first competition of the season (usually in February or March). After the first competition, instructors will recommend choreography sessions as needed to “clean” the dance & keep up technique for the Recital.

**NOTE:** Cancellations or re-schedules must be made within 24 hours of a scheduled choreography session otherwise a \$25 fee applies. Solo = \$35/half hour    Duet = \$20/person, per half hour    Trio = \$15/person, per half hour  
***Solo, duet and trio tuition is a separate, additional cost from the Family Cap.***

## **Tuition and Requirements Breakdown**

### **'Neubies' minimum 2 hrs. per week, \$80 per month**

*1 Ballet Recital Class (1 hour) – costume*

*1 Condition/Flexibility and Technique Class (30 min)*

*1 Choreography Class (30 min) – costume*

*<additional Choreography Classes are only \$30 per month, per class\*>*

*\*Note: Tap & Hip Hop (Neu Crew) group routines require an extra half hour of technique class (\$20/month) in addition to the half hour choreography class.*

### **'Apprentice' minimum 3 hrs. per week, \$115 per month**

*1 Ballet Recital Class (1.25 hour) – costume*

*1 Condition/Flexibility and Technique Class (1.25 hour)*

*1 Choreography Class (30 min) – costume*

*<additional Choreography Classes are only \$30 per month, per class\*>*

*\*Note: Tap group routines require 45 min. technique class (\$25/month) in addition to the half hour choreography class.*

*Hip Hop (Neu Crew) group routines require additional half hour of technique class (\$18/month) in addition to the choreography class.*

### **'Full' Pre-Teen, Pre-Teen/Teen & Teen minimum 5 hrs. per week, \$185 per month**

*2 Ballet Class – 1 technique and 1 recital (3 hours) – costume*

*1 Condition/Flexibility and Technique Class (1.5 hours)*

*1 Choreography Class (30 min) – costume*

*<additional Choreography group routines are \$30 per month, per class\*>*

*\*Note: Tap group routines require 45 min. technique class (\$25/month) in addition to the half hour choreography class.*

*Hip Hop (Neu Crew) group routines require additional half hour of technique class (\$18/month) in addition to the choreography class.*

*>>Tuition prices for each group reflect group class pricing (4 + students per month). Tuition for groups of 3 students or less may be adjusted according to the number of students. If a student is in several different groups, then the tuition tier is figured by the Ballet requirements.<<*

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