YORKSHIRE BALLET
SEMINARS

Bursary Guidelines

Bursaries are aimed at supporting families with limited financial means. A limited number of Bursaries to help cover the fees (all or part of) are available from Yorkshire Ballet Seminars for any students unable to pay the fees for attending our residential courses. Travel costs will not be included in any Bursary.

In order to be eligible for a Bursary , the total household income will need to be **£35,265** or below. Please note that only UK based students are eligible to apply for a bursary.

If you would like to be considered for a Bursary, please complete our bursary request form found on our website when the summer residential applications open.

The Director will assess any application for a Bursary taking into account whether a family is living on significantly less than the national average wage and/or in receipt of benefits or income support or is receiving a bursary for dance study from any ballet school. Applicants will have to provide written proof of the grounds relied on. YBS requires provision of tax returns submitted by the family which supports the student, supplemented by a statement of means, before deciding on any application. If you have previously applied for a bursary, you will still be required to submit proof of income for the year of your application.

The Director will refer to the Trustees in any case of doubt before awarding a Bursary and in any cases where she believes that it may be necessary to request submission of tax returns and a statement of means. The Director's decision is final.

Approved by the Board of Trustees. September 2026
Date of next review September 2027

A Guide to Submission

The bursary is aimed at supporting families with limited financial means. Only applicants with a gross annual household income of **£35,265** or less will be considered.

Eligibility Criteria

- The applicant must have applied to participate in one of our residential courses.
- The total gross annual household income must be £35,265 or less.
- Evidence of income must be provided and verified through appropriate documentation.
- Bursaries are limited and subject to availability.

Assessment Process

Step 1: Application Submission

Applicants must submit a Bursary Application Form, and provide which includes: the following:

- Personal details of the applicant and parent(s)/guardian(s)
- Total gross household income
- Explanation of financial need (optional, but recommended) and outlining personal circumstances

Step 2: Documentation Requirement

Applicants must provide copies of the following documents to verify household income:

For employed parents/guardians:

- Most recent P60 (or P45 if recently left a job)
- Payslips
- Most recent HMRC Tax Credit Award Notice (TC602), if applicable

For self-employed parents/guardians:

- Latest full set of submitted Self-Assessment Tax Return

For those receiving benefits or low income:

- Universal Credit award breakdown
- Housing Benefit award letter (if applicable)
- Any other relevant official documentation showing income

Step 4: Income Assessment and Verification

- Yorkshire Ballet Seminars will cross-check submitted documents for consistency.
- If additional information or clarification is required, applicants will be contacted and given 5 working days to respond.

Step 5: Decision and Notification

- Applicants will be notified of the outcome by email when application results go out.
- All data will be handled confidentially and in line with GDPR regulations.

Data Protection and Confidentiality

All information provided will be kept strictly confidential and used solely for the purpose of assessing bursary eligibility. Data will be stored securely and retained only for as long as necessary in accordance with GDPR.

Review and Adjustments

This process will be reviewed annually to ensure fairness, accuracy, and compliance with current financial standards and funding availability.