

# **New Teacher Assistant Program Application 2023-2024**

*(Dancers Levels Encore 3-5 & Levels 3a-8 who have been with Colorado Ballet Society for 1+ year)*



In its 7th season at Colorado Ballet Society, the **Teacher Assistant Program** is designed for dancers who aspire to pursue dance in the future. Students are mentored by our faculty to learn classroom management, execution of a syllabus and an introduction to child development. TA's gain valuable production and performance experience. As maturing dance students, we give them opportunities to develop responsibility and time management skills in a supportive environment. Hours earned as a TA could potentially be applied towards leadership requirements for NHSDA or school activities.

## **Teacher Assistant Program & Training Progression**

*(Assigned per Director and Manager discretion)*

### **Teacher Assistant Training 1**

- Minimum requirement 1 class/week
- May not perform with class on stage
- Attends all TA meetings 1x per month
- Follows all Commitments & Expectations

### **Teacher Assistant Training 2**

- Minimum requirement 1 class/week
- Will perform on stage *(if applicable)*
- Attends all TA meetings 1x per month
- Follow all Commitments & Expectations
- May be assigned to a specific dancer or group of dancers
  - These dancers are often those who may have conditional support needs

### **Teacher Assistant Intern**

- Minimum requirement 2 classes/week
- Will perform on stage *(if applicable)*
- Attends all TA meetings
- Follow all Commitments & Expectations
- Able to lead warm-up if asked to
- Leads 1-3 exercises/week
- May be called to sub for the instructor

### **Teacher Assistant Faculty**

- Minimum requirement 1 class/week – unpaid position
- Minimum requirement 1 class/week – paid position
- May or may not perform on stage
- Attends all TA meetings
- Follows all Commitments & Expectations
- Able to lead warm-up if asked to
- Leads 1-3 exercises/week
- May be called to sub for the instructor

## Commitment

- Your commitment is for a 45-week school year, August 7<sup>th</sup> – July 27<sup>th</sup>.
- If your schedule does not allow for this time commitment, you must inform us on this application.
- You are expected to inform us of any absences effecting your TA assignment.
  - **3 unexcused absences will result in dismissal.**
- Any color, modest leotards and skirt are required for all ballet classes you are assisting. For all other classes, please wear applicable dress code requirements.
- You are committing to all designated meetings **once a month from 8:00/8:15-9:00 AM.**
- You are committing to assisting as backstage crew, lobby help, dressing room help or on-stage performer for Holiday Showcase on December 2023, as well as the Primary Division Performances on May TBD, 2024. This means a commitment to *all* Dress Rehearsals and Performances on those dates, in addition to in-studio rehearsals 2 weeks prior to performances.
- You are committing to instructional training with Colorado Ballet Society faculty.

## Expectations

- It is expected that you prepare for the class you are assisting by:
  - Moving barres as necessary
  - Ensuring props are ready to go
  - Turning on/adjusting music as needed
  - Lining students up outside assigned their studio
  - Fill out a timecard each time you assist faculty, attend meetings, or work at a performance
  - If you are unable to attend Dress Rehearsals, you may be dismissed from the program
  - TA may be reassigned at any time based on Director/Management discretion and studio needs

## Teacher Assistant Program Rewards

*Rewards are based on cumulative hours within the season or if the dancer chooses to leave CBS. All dancers will be invited to an end-of-year party.*

- **TA of the Year \***
  - \$100 in Ballet Bucks to be used toward tuition or at the Ballerina Boutique
- **Perfect Attendance Award \***
  - \$50 in Ballet Bucks to be used toward tuition or at the Ballerina Boutique
- **Good Attendance Award (>90%) \***
  - \$25 in Ballet Bucks to be used toward tuition or at the Ballerina Boutique
- **Super Sub! \***
  - \$10 in Ballet Bucks for each class subbed for the instructor
- **150 Recorded Hours – Gold Certificate**
  - \$75 in Ballet Bucks to be used toward tuition or at the Ballerina Boutique
  - Goodie bag
- **100 Recorded Hours – Silver Certificate**
  - \$50 in Ballet Bucks to be used toward tuition or at the Ballerina Boutique
- **50 Recorded Hours Per Year – Bronze Certificate**
  - \$25 in Ballet Bucks to be used toward tuition or at the Ballerina Boutique

*\*These will be awarded by faculty and staff recommendation and given to one TA.*

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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you involved in: (circle all that apply)      **CYB**      **CDC**      **Praise**      **Competition**  
**Ensemble**

Please provide the earliest time you can arrive after school: \_\_\_\_\_

How many classes are you able to commit to? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your daily availability for assisting classes? (Please circle all days that apply and list below what times you are available)

Days:            Monday            Tuesday            Wednesday            Thursday            Friday            Saturday

Times:    \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_

Do NOT include times that you are in class.

What levels and styles of dance would you be interested in assisting?

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Why do you want to be a Teacher's Assistant?

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What makes you an excellent candidate for this program?

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How do you see dance in your life during middle/high school and after middle/high school?

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**Teacher Assistant Program Agreement**

*By signing below, you and your dancer are agreeing to the expectations and commitments of the TA program at Colorado Ballet Society. If at any time you cannot comply with this agreement, your dancer may be reassigned classes, on-stage performance duties, or may not receive a certificate of completion/rewards.*

Student's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Director/Manager Signature: \_\_\_\_\_