

## Dance and Drama Awards

Dance and Drama Awards offer reduced tuition fees and income-assessed support with living and learning costs at some of the leading independent dance and drama schools in England. The awards are given to students who display the most talent and potential at their audition; should two people display equal talent, the award would be given to the person from the lower-income household. There are a limited number of awards available for students who wish to train for a career in the performing arts.

If a student is over 19 at the start of their course in September 2011, the Department for Education will guarantee funding for the 2011/12 academic year only. The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills is considering the future arrangements for learner support for individuals aged 19 and over. See Directgov for more information about the scheme and contact details for the schools.

## Dance and Drama Awards: make it big!



Studying for a career in the dance or drama industries can be expensive. But if you think you've got the talent and attitude to make it big, you may be able to get a Dance and Drama Award to help with the costs of going to certain private, specialist schools.

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### What are Dance and Drama Awards?

"Dance and Drama Awards helped me to fulfil my dream" - Nathaniel Morrison

Dance and Drama Awards are for students over the age of 16 who want to work in the performing arts.

Available from some of England's leading private dance and drama schools, they'll help you pay for a place on a prestigious and well-respected course - whatever your financial circumstances.

The award will pay for the majority of your tuition fees, but you'll be expected to make a contribution. You could also get extra money to help with your living costs.

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### What courses are covered by Dance and Drama Awards?

You can only get a Dance and Drama Award if you take the Trinity College London qualification at one of the 21 accredited providers.

All these providers are externally inspected to ensure that their courses offer high standards of training.

The courses last between one and three years, and they are at Diploma Level 5 and 6.

Developed with advice from professionals in the sector, the courses emphasise the artistic, creative and technical skills artists need for a varied and high-level career.

The courses cover:

- professional acting
- professional dance
- professional music theatre
- professional production skills

### ***Courses not covered by Dance and Drama Awards***

Dance and Drama Awards are not for academic or general courses in Dance and Drama, such as A levels, degree courses, teaching courses or courses in further education colleges.

You will only be eligible for a Dance and Drama Award if you take a course at one of the 21 accredited providers.

Dance and Drama Awards are only available from 21 dance and drama schools across the country. To apply for an award, contact them directly.

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### **ALRA (Academy of Live and Recorded Arts)**

- Diploma in Professional Acting (3 years)
  - Diploma in Professional Acting Level 5 (1 year)
  - [Contact ALRA \(Academy of Live & Recorded Arts\)](#)
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### **Arts.Ed, London**

- Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
  - Diploma in Professional Acting (3 years)
  - Diploma in Professional Acting Level 5 (1 year)
  - [Contact Arts.Ed, London](#)
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### **Bird College - Dance and Drama Theatre Performance**

- Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
  - [Contact Bird College](#)
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### **Cambridge Performing Arts at Bodywork**

- Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
  - Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
  - [Contact Cambridge Performing Arts](#)
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### **Drama Studio London**

- Diploma in Professional Acting Level 5 (1 year)
  - [Contact Drama Studio London](#)
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### **Elmhurst School for Dance in association with Birmingham Royal Ballet**

- Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
  - [Contact the Elmhurst School for Dance](#)
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### **English National Ballet School**

- Diploma in Professional Dance Level 5 (2 years)
  - Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
  - [Contact the English National Ballet School](#)
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### **GSA Conservatoire**

- Diploma in Professional Acting (3 years)
  - Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
  - Diploma in Professional Production Skills (2 years)
  - [Contact GSA Conservatoire](#)
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### **The Hammond School**

- Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
- Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)

- [Contact the Hammond School](#)
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### **Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts Ltd.**

- Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
  - [Contact the Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts](#)
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### **Laine Theatre Arts**

- Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
  - Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
  - [Contact Laine Theatre Arts](#)
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### **Liverpool Theatre School and College**

- Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
  - [Contact Liverpool Theatre School and College](#)
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### **Millennium Performing Arts**

- Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
  - Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
  - [Contact Millennium Performing Arts](#)
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### **Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts**

- Diploma in Professional Acting (3 years)
  - Diploma in Professional Acting Level 5 (1 year)
  - Diploma in Professional Acting Musical Theatre (3 years)
  - Diploma in Stage Management and Production Skills (2 years)
  - [Contact Mountview of Theatre Arts](#)
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### **Northern Ballet School**

- Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
  - [Contact the Northern Ballet School](#)
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### **The Oxford School of Drama**

- Diploma in Professional Acting (3 years)
  - Diploma in Professional Acting Level 5 (1 year)
  - [Contact the Oxford School of Drama](#)
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### **Performers College**

- Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
  - Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
  - [Contact Performers College](#)
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### **SLP College Leeds**

- Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
- [Contact SLP College Leeds](#)

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## **Tring Park School for the Performing Arts**

- Diploma in Professional Classical Ballet Level 5 (2 years)
  - Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
  - [Contact Tring Park School for the Performing Arts](#)
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## **Urdang Academy**

- Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
  - Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
  - [Contact Urdang Academy](#)
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## **WAC Performing Arts and Media College**

- Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
- [Contact WAC Performing Arts and Media College](#)

# Dance and Drama Awards: how to apply

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## The audition stage

"Even when I went home I was thinking about the course. It was well worth the effort."  
Once you've decided on a course, contact the school to ask for an audition and tell them that you want to apply for an award. The school may send you an application form to complete and return. Since demand for this type of training is high, it's best to get in touch well with the school well in advance.

Dance and Drama Awards are given to the students who show the most talent at the audition stage, regardless of their financial circumstances.

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## If you've applied before

Once you've accepted a Dance and Drama Award, you won't be able to apply again except in very rare circumstances - so it's important to make sure you've chosen the right school and course before accepting.

If you've received an Award before and you're applying again, you must inform the school you're applying to and tell them why. A second Award is only given in exceptional cases, so it's unlikely that your application will be successful unless you were forced to stop your previous training through no fault of your own - for example, through illness or injury.

You won't be able to apply for a second Award if you've completed the course for which you got your first Award, or if the first and second Awards combined would last for more than four years. You can still apply for a Dance and Drama Award if you've already had a different form of financial help to do a further or higher education course.

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## Applying for help with fees and living costs

When you apply to one of the schools for a Dance and Drama Award, they should also send you an application form for help with living costs.

You'll have to apply every year for this additional help. If you do receive extra money, it will be split into three payments. You'll get these at the start of each term.

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## Dance and Drama Awards: what could you get?

If you get a Dance and Drama Award, it will cover the majority of your tuition fees. However, you will also need to make a personal contribution.

For the 2010/11 and 2011/12 academic years, this personal contribution is £1,275.

The Dance and Drama award is given regardless of your household income. But whether you get additional help depends on your circumstances.

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## Students from England, Scotland and Wales

If you come from England, Scotland or Wales you may be able to get additional help with living costs and childcare - over and above the Dance and Drama Award.

How much extra you get will depend on your family's annual household income. If your family's income is above £33,000, you will not be entitled to any extra help.

The table below shows how much extra help you can get for 2010/11 and 2011/12 towards your fees and living costs.

Household income	Students living at home	Students living in lodgings outside London	Students living in lodgings in London
Under £21,000	£2,292	£4,823	£5,460
£21,001 - £23,000	£2,010	£4,026	£4,559
£23,001 - £25,000	£1,710	£3,203	£3,632
£25,001 - £27,000	£1,435	£2,411	£2,724
£27,001 - £30,000	£1,145	£1,602	£1,810
£30,001 - £33,000	£0	£761	£910