


## Quick Reference Guide Learner Support

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| <b>Dance and Drama Awards</b>               |    |
| <b>What does it do?</b>                     | Dance and Drama Awards are scholarships funded by the Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA). They offer greatly reduced tuition fees and income assessed support with living and learning costs at some of the leading independent Dance and Drama schools in England.  |
| <b>Who is eligible?</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must be over the age of 16 for dance courses</li> <li>▪ Must be 18 and above for Acting and Stage management courses</li> <li>▪ Must be an EU or EEA national and have three years continuous residence immediately prior to attending the course</li> <li>▪ May be eligible if have refugee status</li> </ul>   |
| <b>What type of learning is applicable?</b> | <p>A course leading to a Trinity College London qualification at one of the 22 accredited providers. The courses cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Professional Acting</li> <li>▪ Professional Dance</li> <li>▪ Professional Music Theatre</li> <li>▪ Professional Production Skills</li> <li>▪ Professional Classical Ballet</li> </ul> <p>The courses last between one and three years and are at National Certificate or National Diploma level.</p>   |
| <b>How much could the learner receive?</b>  | <p>Most of the tuition fees.</p> <p>If the learner comes from England, Scotland or Wales, they may be able to get additional money over and above the Dance and Drama Award to help with their student contribution and living costs.</p> <p>How much extra the learner will get will depend on their family's annual household income? If their family's income is above £33,000, they will not be entitled to any extra help.</p> <p>The table below shows how much extra help the learner can get towards their fees and living costs.</p> |

| 2010 / 2011 | Household Income  | Learners living at home | Learners living in lodgings outside London | Learners living in lodgings in London |
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|             | 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 | NIL                     | £761                                       | £910                                  |

If extra money is to be paid for additional help with costs, this will be paid in three payments payable at the beginning of each term.

**What can/can't the funding be used for?**

- ✓ Tuition fees, however the learner will need to make a contribution towards their fees. In the 2010/2011 academic year this personal contribution is £1,275
- ✗ Degree courses, teaching courses, courses at Further Education colleges or courses in dance and drama other than those listed above
- ✗ A second award (unless there is an exceptional circumstance)

**How does the learner apply?**

To apply for an award the learner needs to contact their chosen one of the 22 accredited training providers to arrange for an audition. The training provider will send the learner an application form that should be completed and returned to the training provider. The training provider should also send through an application pack for help with living costs.

The learner will have to apply every year for any additional help as the rates may change.

**What are the effects on other sources of funding and benefits?**

- ✓ Learners may apply for additional help with their fee contribution and living costs
- ✗ If the household income is above £33,000 the learner will not be entitled to any extra help
- ✗ Awards do not move with learners so if they want to move schools or courses they must apply and audition again, however, the second award rules will apply.
- ✗ DaDA is not compatible with EMA or ALG.

**How are the funds administered?**

A limited number of awards, which cover the majority of the course fees, are allocated to each participating independent school by the YPLA National Office. The school must then grant those awards to the most talented applicant(s) at audition.

**What is the aim?**

The key aim of the Dance and Drama Awards is to make Dance and Drama training accessible to young people who show talent and potential to succeed in the profession.

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| <p><b>What are the key achievements of the funding?</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The awards have positively impacted on the recruitment and retention of highly qualified learners and staff, and have brought a measure of financial stability to the providers which has allowed for more strategic forward planning</li> <li>▪ The awards bring credibility and distinction to training and ensure that all learners graduate with a nationally recognised qualification</li> <li>▪ The awards and other related initiatives have increased the numbers of male learners and learners from low-income families. They are beginning to change the numbers of learners with disabilities and from Black and ethnic minority populations</li> <li>▪ The Awards have been successful in terms of providing greater access for learners from low income families.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Further Information and Contact Details</b></p>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#"><u>Information for Providers and Advisers (YPLA website)</u></a></li> <li>▪ <a href="#"><u>Information for Applicants (Direct.gov website)</u></a></li> </ul>   |