

## **Rauschenberg Dancer Emergency Grants**

### **Eligibility and Application Requirements as of Nov. 9, 2021**

To be eligible to apply, you must:

Demonstrate recent and sustained activity as a professional dancer (in any stage/performance style, including aerial, ballet, hip-hop, jazz, modern, tap, and traditional/folk) over the last three-four years in public-facing performances. Inactivity, or online/streaming activity, during COVID is allowable. Self-produced online presentation and/or performances shared solely through Instagram or Facebook are not eligible. Your resume/bio should include: Title/production/event, company (if applicable), your position/role, location, date(s) for each engagement.

- Live in one of the 50 states, a tribal nation, a U.S. territory, or the District of Columbia on the grant deadline
- Be 21 years or older on the grant deadline
- Have adjusted gross annual income of \$75,000 or lower for an individual, or \$150,000 for joint filers, averaged over the last two federal tax returns
- Provide a W-9 with a Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) or EIN if you are funded
- Not be enrolled in a degree-seeking program
- Request expenses that have been/will be incurred in the U.S.

Applications must be in English (though they may be translated by someone other than the applicant) and can be completed by a proxy if needed.

All applications, including support materials, should be submitted online via Submittable. However, we understand that under certain conditions, it may be easier for an artist to submit a paper application or receive assistance with an online application. Please contact [emergencyfunds@nyfa.org](mailto:emergencyfunds@nyfa.org) or (212) 366-6900 ext. 239 to request assistance or an accommodation.

To complete an application:

First, you must be able to answer “True” to these statements:

- I can demonstrate recent and sustained activity as a professional dancer for a public audience
- I am experiencing a dire financial emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- I live in one of the 50 states, a tribal nation, a U.S. territory, or the District of Columbia as of the grant deadline
- I am/will be 21 years or older on the grant deadline
- I have adjusted gross annual income of \$75,000 or lower as an individual, or \$150,000 as a joint filer, averaged over the last two federal tax returns
- I am able to provide a W9 and Social Security Number or EIN Number if I am funded
- I am not enrolled in a degree-seeking program
- The expenses I am requesting have been/will be incurred in the U.S.

If you can answer “true” to all of these statements, you will then need to:

- Provide your annual Income (averaged over the last two years).
- Provide your contact information.
- Complete a checklist to describe the economic severity of your emergency situation.
- Describe your dire financial emergency as clearly and thoroughly as possible; you must demonstrate an urgent and critical need for emergency support. Maximum 300 words.
- List the expenses for which you are requesting this grant. For recurring expenses, you may request up to three months' of funding within the eligible time period: between September 1, 2021 and April 30, 2022.
- Request a grant amount, up to \$5,000.
- Certify that the information in the application is true.
- Attach a resume/bio/CV, demonstrating your recent, sustained practice as a professional dancer over the last three-four years. Inactivity, or online/streaming activity, during COVID is allowable. Self-produced online presentation and/or performances shared solely through Instagram or Facebook are not eligible. Your resume/bio should include the title/production/event, company (if applicable), your position/role, location (website for online streaming), date(s) for each engagement. We do not accept videos/work samples.

### **Decision-Making Process**

Applications are reviewed by NYFA Grants Staff for eligibility and completeness. Applications will be reviewed by an outside panel and assessed using the following criterion:

Demonstrated need.

- Economic severity of your emergency situation
- Economic urgency of your emergency situation

Please note, we anticipate this will be a very competitive category, and an application is not a guarantee of support. In each of the three cycles, we will award \$100,000, an estimated 20 grants.

A note on privacy: We take the privacy of applicants and recipients seriously. The names of recipients of emergency grants are not published on our website or in our 990 or other financial documents. All reviewers sign confidentiality agreements, and financial information such as tax returns is kept confidential by staff.

### **Questions**

All questions should be directed to [emergencyfunds@nyfa.org](mailto:emergencyfunds@nyfa.org) or (212) 366-6900 ext. 239. Inquiries to the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation will be forwarded directly to [emergencyfunds@nyfa.org](mailto:emergencyfunds@nyfa.org).