



## **Rauschenberg Dancer Emergency Grants Eligibility and Application Requirements as of January 3, 2023**

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Have not received a Rauschenberg Emergency Grant from NYFA
- 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 at least the last three years in public-facing performances (outside of educational/academic settings). 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 must include: Title/production/event, company (if applicable), your position/role, location, date(s) (at least the year) for each engagement.** If you perform your own work, make it clear that you were BOTH the choreographer and dancer.
- 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 your 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 have not previously received a Rauschenberg Emergency Grant through NYFA
- I can demonstrate recent and sustained activity as a professional dancer for a public audience over at least the last three years
- I am experiencing a dire financial emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences
- 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 which I’ve filed
- 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.
- Describe if you receive the grant, what is one step you will take towards stability. Maximum 150 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. For Cycle 7, this is between September 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023; for Cycle 8, between December 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023.
- 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 at least the last three years (outside of educational/academic settings). 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 must include the title/production/event, company (if applicable), your position/role, location (website for online streaming), date(s) for each engagement. If you perform your own work, make it clear that you were BOTH the choreographer and dancer. We do not accept videos/work samples.**

## Decision-Making Process

Due to the number of qualified applications and the limited amount of funds, NYFA uses a two-step award process:

1 - Applications are reviewed by NYFA Grants Staff for eligibility and completeness. Next, eligible 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

2 - Following the panel review, the top pool of applications based on scores is placed into a lottery for the final awards. We make every effort to notify all applicants of their status within four weeks of the deadline; and to pay grant awards within four weeks of notification.

Please note, this is a very competitive category. Applicants who are not funded and remain eligible may apply again in a future cycle.

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**

For questions, please contact [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).