

# VESELKA

## UKRAINIAN DANCE ASSOCIATION

### Bursary Application

The Veselka Ukrainian Dance Association (Veselka) occasionally has limited funds to support families in financial need, allowing their children to participate in dance programs. Assistance is awarded based on the number of dancers in need and the amount available to distribute each year. Funding decisions are made once all applications are received after the deadline.

Applications are confidential and will be evaluated by the President, Registrar, and Artistic Director of Veselka.

Please review the Terms of Reference on page 3 for the application requirements in more detail.

#### Applicant Information

Name of applicant(s) (parent(s)/guardian(s)):	Address:	City:	Postal Code:
	Phone Number:	Email:	

#### Dancer Information

Name of child(ren)	Date(s) of birth	Class(es)	Number of years dancing with Veselka
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#### Bursary Request

Dance year:	Assistance requested: ( ____% x ____ monthly fee) x ( ____ number of months) = \$ _____
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In the space provided, please describe the financial reason(s) for applying for a bursary (continues onto page 2):

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Declaration

1. I (We) declare that the information on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my (our) knowledge.
2. I (We) understand that additional information may be required by Veselka to decide and that any information provided as part of the bursary application is strictly confidential.
3. I (We) understand that if we receive full assistance, I (We) would pay for applicable costume fees.
4. I (We) understand that if we receive assistance, I (We) would be responsible for our child(ren)'s class dance attire.
5. I (We) understand that the bursary may be terminated at any time by the vote of the Board if the child(ren) and/or parents/guardians do not adhere to the Code of Conduct as outlined in the Veselka handbook.

Signature of applicant:

Date (dd/mm/yy)

# Terms of Reference for Bursary Program and Application

## General Terms:

- Veselka would like to support parents in financial need, enabling children to dance at Veselka who otherwise may not be able to.
- A bursary program is consistent with Veselka's objective of increasing enrollment and operating as a non-profit, family-oriented dance school.
- The amount of the bursary awarded will be based on the number of applicants, and the amount of funding available.
- Individual bursary awards will not exceed the dancer's annual fees.
- The bursary fund available varies year to year.

## Eligibility:

- Family must reside in the Capital Regional District.
- Child(ren) must be under the age of 19 years.
- Child(ren) must be registered in at least one Ukrainian Dance class offered at Veselka.
- Bursary funds must be used to cover current dance fees and not for any other purpose.

## Preferences:

- Family with demonstrated limited financial capacity; as a general guideline, Statistics Canada low income cut-offs are used (e.g., approximately \$34k for family of 2; \$42k for family of 3; \$51k for family of 4; \$58k for family of 5).
- Required proof of financial need options: a clear, legible, and current copy of pages 1 and 2 of your Canada Child Benefit (statement) should be included in your application OR alternative proof of financial need can be presented in consultation with the President, Treasurer and/or Artistic Director.
- Other considerations include un- or under-employment; few assets; and other special circumstances.

## Requirements:

- Recipient parent(s)/guardian(s) will be responsible for any applicable costume fees. See website for further details. [www.veselkadancers.com](http://www.veselkadancers.com)
- Estimated additional costs, not covered by the bursary, include, but not limited to: dance attire, travel, workshops, performance events and are described in the "Guide to Additional Costs" below.

## Termination:

- The bursary may be terminated automatically if the child(ren) quits prematurely.
- The bursary may be terminated at any time by the vote of the Board if the child(ren) and/or parents/guardians do not adhere to the Code of Conduct as outlined in the Veselka handbook.

## How to Apply:

- The application form will be available on Veselka's website.
- Completed applications, including supporting documentation demonstrating financial need, must be submitted to the President, Veselka Ukrainian Dance Association via email.
  - Email: [president@veselkadancers.com](mailto:president@veselkadancers.com)
- We encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible so we can best accommodate your financial needs.
- Application Deadlines can be seen on Veselka's website. Generally the beginning of September before classes start.
- Successful applicants will be notified by email.

## **Bursary Form Attachment: Guide to Additional Costs to Dancers involved with Veselka Dance**

Veselka tries very hard to fund raise and absorb as much of the additional costs as possible for dance performances, workshops and other events. Below is an idea of what families should know about the costs associated with a child(ren) dancing with Veselka. Note that all prices are estimates.

**Girls Dance Attire:** During practice girls are required to wear a bodysuit (\$30-50), pink tights (\$20), red ballet slippers (younger levels) or for older dancers' slippers can be pink (\$40), and a supportive bra for older dancers (\$30-40). Hair must be pulled up off the face and in a bun (\$10). Dance skirt or shorts are optional and at the discretion of the instructor. If they are wearing character shoes/boots in performances they must bring these to class.

**Girls Performance:** Veselka purchases most of the costumes and they are on loan to the dancer. Usually around the Junior 2 level and above dancers will start purchasing or sewing/embroidering their own Poltava blouses (\$60-\$100). Beginners and Junior 1s will perform in their existing red ballet slippers and performance socks (\$3). Shoes: Junior 2 and Junior 3 -- Black character shoes (\$40); Intermediates - - Red character shoes (\$130); Seniors -- Red character shoes (\$130) and Red boots (\$275). Junior 2 up to Seniors will wear Tan tights (\$20) for performances. Make-up (\$10-25) will be needed.

**Boys Dance Attire:** During practice they need a t-shirt (\$15) and shorts (\$25) that are easy to move in; ballet or modern dance shoes. If hair is longer it must be pulled back into a ponytail; if bangs are long, they must be pinned back also (\$5). If red boots are worn during practice they must bring these to class.

**Boys Performance:** Veselka purchases most of the costumes and they are on loan to the dancer. Usually around Junior 2 level and above dancers will start purchasing or sewing/embroidering their own Poltava shirt (\$60-\$100). All levels will perform in their existing Black dance shoes and performance socks (\$3) except Seniors who will wear Red or Black Boots (\$275). Make-up (\$10-25) will be needed.

**Travel:** Dancers will need to travel to and from dance classes at the dance studio. Occasionally a practice will be off-site. Car-pooling is an option too. (\$ price of fuel)

**Travel Performances:** Many performances are local. Sometimes we will travel up island to Nanaimo or Courtenay for a day performance (\$ price of fuel and food). We do usually travel for a weekend once a year to the Lower Mainland (Mission BC). This event is the British Columbia Ukrainian Cultural Festival (BCUCF), and generally involves Junior 2 up to Senior dancers. The performance is all day and usually means staying over in a hotel for 2 nights (\$400), ferry (\$78 for car, \$18 per person), gas (\$ fuel), food (\$ varies) etc. (all costs approximate) Carpooling is an option as well as shared hotel accommodations.