

UCC Newcomer Funding Program Application Form

The Ukrainian Canadian Cultural Society of Vancouver Island – Victoria Branch (UCC) is providing Ukrainian newcomers with financial support for participation in Ukrainian Dance through the Veselka Ukrainian Dance Association for the 2024/2025 dance year. This funding program aims to enhance accessibility for newcomers to participate in Ukrainian culture through dance.

Applications are confidential and will be evaluated by the President and Treasurer of Veselka. Please review the Terms of Reference on page 2 for eligibility and application requirements.

Applicant Information

Name of applicant(s) (parent(s)/guardian(s)):

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| Address: | City: | Postal Code: |
| Phone Number: | Email: | |
| Official Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) number: | | |

Dancer Information

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| Name of child(ren) | Date(s) of Birth: | Class(es): |
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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 funding application is strictly confidential.
3. I (We) understand that if we receive full assistance, I (We) would pay for applicable dance festival and travel fees.
4. I (We) understand that if we receive assistance, I (We) would be responsible for our child(ren)'s dance class attire.
5. I (We) understand that the funding 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 or withdraw from registration at Veselka.

Signature of applicant:

Date (dd/mm/yy)

Terms of Reference for Newcomer Funding Program and Application

General Terms

- Eligible newcomer families will receive a maximum of \$500.00 for the current dance year
- Available funds will be disbursed depending on the number of applicants
- Funds granted can be used to cover current dance and costume fees. For further details on fees, please see the Veselka Handbook which can be found online at veselkadancers.com

Eligibility

- Funding is available to newcomer families who have arrived in Canada from Ukraine on or after February 24th, 2022
- Families must provide their valid Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) number
- Child(ren) must be under the age of 19
- Child(ren) must be registered in at least one Ukrainian dance class offered by Veselka
- Only applications of families with child(ren) registered in Veselka will be considered. Please ensure you have first completed Veselka registration for the current dance year which can be found online at veselkadancers.com

Requirements

- Funds granted will be used to cover dance and costume fees
- Estimated additional costs not covered by the funding program include: dance attire, travel, workshops and performances, and are described in the "Guide to Additional Costs" on page 4

Termination

- The funding may be terminated automatically if the child(ren) quits Veselka dance 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.

Application Process

- The application form will be available online at veselkadancers.com
- Only one application per family may be submitted
- Applications must be emailed to the president – president@veselkadancers.com (president@veselkadancers.com) by 11:59 pm on Sept. 3th, 2024
- The President and Registrar of Veselka will review applications and communicate decisions on fund disbursement to families the following week.

Funding Program Form Attachment: Guide to Additional Costs to Dancers involved with Veselka

Veselka tries very hard to fundraise 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 (\$35), 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 (\$300), 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.