

# Mankato Ballet Company

## Teacher Assistant Teacher Training Program

At Mankato Ballet Company (MBC) we like to encourage our advanced dancers to participate in programs that show them other sides of dance. One way to do this is through our Teacher Training Program. This program allows the dancer to work with an experienced instructor in a classroom setting. The dancer should take away many things from this experience:

- How to manage students
- How to establish lesson plans
- How to layout an appropriate class
- How to teach children musicality, terminology, and basic principles

Having a Teacher's Assistant (TA) in the classroom is extremely beneficial for the instructor. The TA is able to help students with combinations so that the instructor can focus more on how the combinations are being executed. The TA also helps give corrections to the students; so the student's benefit a great deal from having not one, but two sets of eyes looking out for them at all times.

Through this process the TA should learn how to properly handle a class and have a greater perspective on what teaching involves. Students that have completed this program may be eligible to be substitute teachers or teachers for lower level classes.

### Criteria for Applying

- Dancer must be in level 3B or above to apply
- Dancer must be enrolled as a fulltime student with MBC
- Dancer must have good attendance in ballet and supplementary classes
- Dancer must have permission from a parent or guardian to apply
- Dancer must be able to committ to assisting for Session 1 and Session 2
- Dancer must make every effort to be in attendance for every class he/she is assisting for, this sets a good example to the younger students.

### Application

Name:

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Level:

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Phone:

What is the earliest you can be at the studio:



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Dancers Signature Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date