



DANCE ACADEMY USA
TEACHER ASSISTANT (TA) PROGRAM APPLICATION 2024-2025

What is the Teaching Assistant (TA) Program?

The Teaching Assistant program is a leadership program at DAU. We train and develop our older, advanced dancers to work in a classroom setting, provide extra assistance to our DAU Staff and cultivate a positive experience for all our DAU dancers. This season-long program allows for our students to learn from each other, and to develop as future leaders.

The TA Program is a one-year commitment (August-June) that is designed to give dancers the opportunity to:

- Learn the art of becoming a dance teacher
- Gain leadership and classroom management skills
- Work in a positive, instructive environment

Interested dancers who meet the program requirements will be mentored by our DAU staff while providing assistance to their assigned teacher.

What are the Requirements?

1. All TAs must be at least 11/12 years old (by August 12, 2024) and have been a DAU student for at least two years to apply. Must be dancing at a level 1C or higher.
2. Requirements to TA the following classes:
 - Creative Dance, Intro to Dance, Ballet/Jazz, Tap/Jazz (all Combo classes), all "Pre" and Intro to Lyrical/Intro to K-Pop classes: TAs must be at least 11 years old, enrolled in at least one of the following: Ballet, Jazz, Tap, or Hip Hop (for Pre-Hip Hop), and leveled a 1C or higher.
 - Ballet/Tap/Hip Hop: TAs must be at least 12 years old and enrolled in a level 2 or higher of the same subject.
 - Jazz: TAs must be at least 12 years old and enrolled in both Ballet and Jazz at a level 2 or higher.
 - Lyrical: TAs must be at least 12 years old, and enrolled in Ballet, Jazz, and Lyrical at a level 2 or higher.



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3. TAs will be required to attend three TA meetings, held at the start, middle and the end of the year (dates to be announced). You will be informed of the first meeting date via email. TA's will be evaluated by their teachers twice a year and must also submit a brief mid-year reflection.
4. TAs must Volunteer at:
 - June 2025 – DAU Recital
 - Other events on an as needed basis
5. TAs are expected to represent DAU through consistent attendance, exemplary demonstration, and respectful behavior. This includes wearing the appropriate dance attire and shoes to whichever class you TA for.
6. TAs will participate in the end-of-season recital Opening Number and will be expected to attend 3-4 rehearsals as scheduled (TBD).

Final day to turn in 2024-2025 TA Applications is Friday, May 31, 2024.

[Please email all applications to danceacademyusaTA@gmail.com.](mailto:danceacademyusaTA@gmail.com)

Thank You!



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Name: _____ Current Age: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Grade (you will be in during the 2024-25 season): _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent's Name/Email:

Shirt Size: Child Adult _____ # Years at DAU (Prior to 2024-2025) _____
(circle one)

Day(s)/Time(s) Available:

Dance Style(s) Requested:

Are you a returning TA? ____ Yes ____ No

How many classes would you like to TA? _____

If yes, how many years and in which style did you TA?



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Please list all the DAU dance class(es) you are enrolled in for the 2024 - 2025 season. You may attach a printout of your classes if that is more convenient.

Student Signature*

Parent Signature*

Your signature on this form acknowledges your understanding of ALL requirements associated with the TA Program. Each TA must attend three TA Meetings throughout the 2024-2025 dance year, participate in Teacher Evaluations twice a year, submit a brief mid-year reflection, volunteer at least ONE major DAU studio event, and maintain consistent attendance/behavior expectations in your TA classes.

Failure to follow through on these commitments may result in removal from the TA Recital Opening Number and/or removal from the program itself.

