



Mid American Studio's Elite Dance Company Membership Guide 2023-24 Competitive Season

Auditions & Team Invitation

All Mid American Studio dancers 9 years of age or older as of January 1st, 2024 will be invited to audition to join the Elite Dance Co. Audition fee is \$15.00 per dancer. Dancers will receive a number to wear throughout the audition, which will be a 2-3 day process. Auditions are scheduled for May 30-31st, 2023. During day 1 of auditions dancers will be asked to demonstrate ballet and jazz technique in the center and across the floor, and then learn a short combination. During day 2 of auditions, after warming up and reviewing as a group, the dancers will perform the combination they learned in smaller groups in front of a panel of judges. At the end of day 2 or possibly day 3, any dancers interested in adding a Duet/Trio or Solo for the upcoming competitive season will need to perform a short routine of their own choreography for the judges.

Dancers auditioning for the Mini Team will attend a shortened audition experience, wherein they will learn both Jazz and Tap techniques.

Dancers will be notified of acceptance within 1 week of auditions. Dancers will then be required to commit to the team before the EDC Summer Intensive for dance placement (August 14-19, 2023). Each dancer will be required to pay the \$125 annual membership fee, charged upon signing their Team Contract for the year.

Summer Class Requirements

Dancers are required to participate in the summer class schedule. Classes are typically offered July - August. Dancers who intend to audition for EDC in August should participate in the Elite Summer Drop-In classes, highlighted on the Summer Dance Schedule. Classes include Strength & Stretch Bootcamp, Jazz technique, Tap technique, Int/Adv Ballet, Lyrical/Contemporary, Turn & Leaps, and Combinations classes which will focus on trying new styles and improving the dancer's abilities to speed-learn. Dancers are encouraged to take advantage of the Unlimited Summer Dance class package, so that they can attend multiple classes and practice different styles each week.

Summer 2023 classes will be held June 26 - August 11th: Dancers are offered 6 weeks of Unlimited Classes in various styles and techniques. *Dancers MUST attend each style of class offered for their age group at least once throughout the summer session.*

EDC Required Classes & Performance Commitments

Dancers are required to take a weekly schedule that includes Ballet, Jazz Technique, Tap technique, and 1 (or more) EDC Rehearsal classes throughout the school-year, September-May. Dancers will also be encouraged to study Lyrical, Pom, Musical Theatre or Hip Hop in order to expand their performance opportunities. If a dancer is chosen to perform in a competition routine in 1 or more of these styles, they will be required to take a technique class in that style as well.

Dancers are required to perform at all annual Mid American Studio Dance Recitals in the spring. The team will also compete in 2-3 regional dance competitions between February-April. Dancers may be asked to perform in community events throughout the year such as local parades, nursing care facility visits, etc. Should we choose to have the team attend a National Dance Competition hosted during the following summer; families will be notified at auditions.

Elite Dance Co. Mini Team

As a member of the EDC Mini Team, dancers will be training to join the full company when they reach the age of 9 years old. Until then, dancers ages 6-8 are invited to participate in a smaller role. Mini team members will participate and perform at all the same competitions, conventions, recitals, but with fewer routines and required classes. Mini dancers are required to take a weekly class schedule that includes Ballet, Jazz Technique/Rehearsal, and possibly Tap or Acro class (when they are ready). Dancers on the Mini Team will take their classes as a group so they are progressing together throughout the season. If it is determined that a dancer on the Mini Team is ready to perform/compete in more advanced group numbers based on their skillset, Miss Abbie will decide when to move them up.

Mini Tuition & Class Fees:

- Ballet class (45 min.) = \$50 per month
- Jazz Technique/Rehearsal (60 min.) = \$65 per month
- Tap class (optional, 45 min.) = \$50 per month

Tuition and Fees

Tuition will be set up on a monthly autopay schedule for all company dancers. Tuition payments must be made between the 1st-10th of each month, and payments will run September-May. All families with multiple children will receive a 10% discount on the 2nd (& more) child's classes.

Class tuition:

- Ballet class = \$65 per month
- Jazz Technique class = \$65 per month
- Tap Technique class = \$50 per month
- Competition Rehearsals = \$65+ *Tuition breakdown listed below.*
- Pointe class = \$50 per month
- Other recital classes = \$50 per month*

Competition dance rehearsals consist of weekly, 45 minute classes, *approx. 30 rehearsals per season*, where the dancers will learn choreography for their competitive dance routines. Each family will be asked to identify the number of competitive dance routines they feel comfortable with their child participating in, then the dancers will be chosen for routines by Mid American Studio instructors.

Monthly tuition breakdown for competition dance rehearsals:

- 1 = \$65 per month
- 2 = \$80 per month
- 3 = \$95 per month
- 4 = \$110 per month
- 5 = \$130 per month
- 6 = \$150 per month
- 7+ = \$175 per month

Solos/Duets/Trios:

- Solos/Duos/Trios = \$100 choreography fee (split between dancers)*
- Solo rehearsals = \$65 /month
- Duet rehearsals = \$50 /month each
- Trio rehearsals = \$50 /month each

Solo/Duo/Trio purchase includes 20, 30 minute rehearsals. *Participation in a Solo/Duo/Trio must be approved through Miss Abbie after auditions.*

Costume fees:

Each competition dance routine will have a unique costume. Costume prices may vary between \$75-\$100 each. Soloists and Duo/Trio members will be allowed to help choose their costume with advice from their teacher. EDC costume deposits (\$75 per dance) will be due in October. Remaining balance will be due before taking possession of your dancer's costumes.

Competition fees: Competition fees are charged per dancer, per dance. We will attend 2-3 regional competitions each spring between February-April. Competition fees will be due between December 1st - February 28th, and will be invoiced to each family based on their dancer's routines. Each competition will charge slightly different fees, but fees average as the following:

- Group dances, \$65-80 per dancer/per dance
- Duo/Trio, \$85-90 per dancer/per dance
- Solo, \$115-145 per competition

Additional Team Costs: *These items are not necessarily purchased every season, but will be required for each new member & as needed for all returning members.*

Team Gear: including jacket, pants, duffel bag, jewelry = \$150+

Team Makeup: including required eyeshadow, blush, eye liner, lipstick, and false lashes = \$75+

Competition wear: including multiple pairs of tights, shoes, props, and accessories = \$100/year

Dance Conventions: Full weekend of master classes and dance competition = \$250-\$300

Examples of monthly tuition payments and competition fees:

Dancer A:

1 Competition routine = \$65 per month, 1 rehearsal class per week

Ballet= \$65 per month

Jazz technique= \$65 per month

Tap technique= \$50 per month

Total monthly tuition= \$245

Competition fees= Average \$75, 1 comp dance (x 3 competitions)

Costumes= Average \$80 each (1 Competition costume + 2 recital costumes)

Dancer B:

2 Competition routines= \$80 per month, 2 rehearsal classes per week

Ballet= \$65 per month

Jazz technique= \$65 per month

Tap technique= \$50 per month

Pointe= \$50 per month

Total monthly tuition= \$310

Competition fees= Average \$225, 3 comp dances (x 3 competitions)

Costume fees= Average \$80 each (x 3 competition costumes + 2 Ballet/Pointe classes)

Dancer C:

Dancer C's Sibling: 10% off

3 Competition routines= \$95 per month

2 Competition routines= \$72 per month

Ballet= \$65 per month

Ballet= \$58.50 per month

Jazz technique= \$65 per month

Jazz technique= \$58.50 per month

Tap Technique= \$50 per month

Tap technique=\$45 per month

Total monthly tuition= \$275

Total monthly tuition= \$234

Competition fees= Average \$375, 5 comp dances (x 3 competitions)

Costume fees= Average \$80 each (5 Competition costumes, 2 Ballet costumes)

Company Member Expectations

- Dancers will show up to each class/rehearsal prepared to work hard and make progress.
- Each dancer is allowed 3 excused absences per season. Absence for illness or family emergency do not count, instructor needs to be given notice before class.
- Absences for school activities are accepted as long as the instructor is given notice before the day of class.
- Dancers are not allowed to dance for another studio while being a member of the Elite Dance Company.
- Dancers will always show up for class wearing the proper attire (Please see Dress Code), shoes, and hair pulled back into a neat ponytail or bun.
- Elite Dance Co. membership is both an opportunity and a privilege, and must be treated as such. All dancers will be expected to treat themselves, their peers, all staff/instructors with respect at all times.
- Dancers will strive to do their personal best every single day, in and out of the studio!**

Why Choose Mid American Elite Dance Co.?

This team is for the most dedicated and passionate dancers. Dancers who choose to become a member of the Elite Dance Co. will have the opportunity to train in multiple dance styles and techniques. The EDC program provides space for dancers to take their dance technique to the next level with the help of staff, instructors, and teammates who will constantly challenge you in the best ways. Each dance season will bring new goals for the individual and the team; and the only way to achieve these goals will be to act as a team! This requires dedication and discipline from every team member during every rehearsal, class, company activity, and performance. The opportunity to perfect your craft, perform in front of an audience, and receive praise for all the hard work you put in as a dancer will undoubtedly improve our dancers' confidence and self-esteem. Mid American Studio strives to develop good dancers, who are equally good teammates, and grow to become all-around good people!

Director reserves the rights to change or amend company rules at any time throughout the year to better serve our team members or enhance our program.

2023-2024 Company Calendar

Dates & Details may vary slightly.

June-July: Summer Dance classes June 26-August 11th, required for ALL potential team members.

August: EDC Summer Intensive Aug. 14-19, 2023

September: Classes begin Tuesday after Labor Day; Competition Dance Rehearsals begin 1 week later.
Competition dates & locations announced.

October: Elite Costume Deposits due by Friday, October 20th

Halloween: No Dance Classes

November: Costumes delivered (Costumes paid in full before taking home)

Parent visiting week: *Tentatively 11/13 – 11/17*

Thanksgiving: No Dance Classes Wednesday-Saturday

December: Holiday Break: 12/23 - 01/07

December-February: Competition entry fees due (Must be paid in full 30 days before comp.)

January: Weekly classes resume January 08, 2024

Competition Prep & Parent Meeting: *Tentatively January 19, 2024*

February-April: Attending 3 regional dance competitions

April: Spring Break 1 week (Follows Farmington Public School calendar)

Picture Day: Saturday in April (Attendance mandatory for competitive dancers)

May: Dress Rehearsal & Recital Performance (*Tentatively May 10-11, 2024*)

June: StarQuest Dance World Finals TBD