



DEPC Time/Cost Commitments Quick Guide

Thank you for your interest in DancEncounter's Performing Company. Understanding the commitments that being a member presents, is important and we try to lay out as many details as possible. Financial commitments are a little easier to quantify than time commitments but this document is intended to help point out what to look for in both those areas.

The company guide booklet details the fees for company membership (there is a document on our website too). In addition to those fees are your class tuition fees (detailed on the class registration form), costume fees for both class and company, event entry fees, class attire and dance shoes. You will see over the course of a school year season we estimate approximately 4 company costumes (plus class costumes in show session).... These are estimated in the \$75-80 per costume range. Event entry fees can vary. Competition is usually about \$40 per dance and there are entrance fees should we dance somewhere like the Zoo or Six Flags and don't forget associated costs like parking, food and souvenirs...

What does the Company Fee cover? In addition to the creation and teaching of choreography on a weekly basis, but staff leadership and support at events, plus the research, administration & communication for the performance opportunities and company activities.

Regarding time, this is a little harder to quantify as there are unknown factors when involved with outside events like festivals and competitions, but we on average look at 4 - 5 performance events in a school year/season. This does not include any social holiday gatherings for the purpose of the DEPC company to enjoy one another's friendship and celebrate the season. However, we can count the time of the required classes on a weekly basis plus the company rehearsal time. We try hard to develop flow of classes/ rehearsal time but company dancers can normally expect a minimum of two evenings a week as they get older. This is important from regularity of training point of view and body fitness.

Additional to the weekly class and rehearsal commitments is a monthly rehearsal (called ALL Rehearsals because all company groups are invited to meet, show one another their dances or work group numbers, as well as build in a little social, bonding time too). The "All Reh" also allows us to develop a big sister/brother, little sister/brother aspect, so we are not only members within our specific company group but also across the companies. We encourage sending notes, holiday cards or special momentos or small gifts to our dance family ~ this all helps with a sense of belonging and team spirit... that we are members of something larger than oneself and what we do; how we treat one another, matters.

Item	Time	Cost
Company 6-8 yrs	Minimum 45 mins per week reh	\$222 Fall & again in Winter Spring. Summer is different approx. \$140
Required Combo Ballet/Jazz Class	Average 1 hour per week	\$14 per hour Fall Session \$209 Wint/Spring\$307
Company 9 - 11 yrs	Minimum 45 mins per week reh	\$222 Fall & again in Winter Spring. Summer is different approx. \$140
Required Combo Ballet/Jazz Class	Average 1.5 hour per week	Fall Session \$313 Wint/Spring \$459
Company 11+ yrs	Average 1 hour per week reh	\$297 Fall & again in Winter Spring. Summer is different approx. \$140
Required Ballet	Minimum 1 hour ballet class but depending on level, two classes per week are advised	One Hour: Fall Session \$209 Wint/Spring\$307
		Two Hours: Fall Session \$416 Wint/Spring\$610
Required Jazz	Minimum 45 mins but usually 60 mins	One Hour: Fall Session \$209 Wint/Spring\$307
ALL Rehearsals	2 - 3 hours once per month	Included in Co. Fee
Costumes		\$75- 80 each (x4 +class)
Attire:		
Nudie (under leotard)		\$25
Ballet Shoes		\$23
Jazz Shoes		\$39
Class leotards		\$25 each
Tights		\$9 each footed \$15 each footless/convertible
Cosmetics & Hair tools (pins, elastics, spray)		\$50
Company jacket		\$95
Event Fees:		
Competition We usually look for local events e.g. The Paramount Theatre Aurora, Pheasant Run in St. Charles, local High Schools, or Colleges but have been as far as Governor State University and Genesee Theatre in Waukegan.	Block out whole weekend... Can be just a morning then come back for awards but we never know schedule until couple weeks before hand	\$40 per group dance Can be 3 or 4 dances though often minimum two. Duets etc more \$90 per dance
Festivals/Shows We have danced on Navy Pier, at Six Flags, Kane County Cougars, Brookfield Zoo, as well as All State Arena and local showcases, village festivals, fundraiser charity events, retirement and nursing homes.	Usually a smaller block of time 2 -3 hours if a local town. Parks, Zoos or Sports Events can be day long events...	Often free unless at the zoo or a park then entry fees apply though we often get group rate or free to dancers and one adult. But then there are parking fees sometimes too.
This table is designed as a quick reference guide and prices are subject to change and time often varies, but outlined here to give an idea.		