

Artist Minigrant Application
Proposal to Fund Technique classes and Body Exploration
Project Title: Summer Preparation for Dance Improvisation and Composition
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To the Director of Miller Arts Scholars, Michael Rasbury,

My name is Gabrielle (Gabby) Struckell; I am a second year Miller Arts Scholar in the discipline of dance. I am requesting funding for technique classes in Charlottesville this summer so that I can improve my training in preparation for the improvisation and composition classes I will take next year.

I am in the program for dance and hope to apply for a rising fourth year award next year. Next year, in place of technique classes, I will begin my choreographic journey by taking Dance Improvisation in the fall and Dance Composition in the spring. Because of the amount of time I hope to put into these classes I will be unable to take technique classes through UVA. I have already started to witness how quickly technique can slip away without regular practice. This is something I am trying to avoid as I focus less on my technical training and more on my creative training.

In order to keep up with my ballet training I hope to take classes at the Ballet School at Charlottesville Center for the Arts this summer. In order to make the best use of my time I will attend classes twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday nights this summer. I will continue with once a week during the fall semester, however I am not asking that my fall classes be funded with this minigrant.

While I hope these ballet classes will reinforce my ballet technique, I also hope to gain a better understanding of my body this summer through the practice of yoga. I have not been well versed in this practice yet, but believe it will be a valuable journey for me in preparing for composing my own pieces. Composition requires a deep understanding of my body and mind. I will take these classes once a week at Hot Yoga Charlottesville.

The combination of ballet classes with Yoga will prepare me for the creative journey I will take in the fall. I really hope you consider aiding me financially so I can be as prepared as I need to be to engage in choreographing my own pieces.

Thank you,
Gabby Struckell
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Dance Scholar

Timeline

Beginning June 23 I will take 2 ballet classes a week until August 18. This will be a total of 15 classes, as I will give myself some leeway in case I need to miss a night for my job.

I will also take yoga 1-2 a week during the months of June and July

Budget

Ballet School at Charlottesville Center for the Arts	3 X 5 Class Card (\$65 each) = \$195	Ballet School Rates on Website
Hot Yoga Charlottesville	Student Intro Month \$70 + Monthly Unlimited \$140 = \$210	Hot Yoga Rates on Website
Gas	\$95	