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Mini-Grant Proposal

Project Title:

BalletNova Open Class

Description:

BalletNova Center for Dance offers a number of open classes with highly trained instructors throughout the year. I am a recently declared dance minor, and I tend to enroll in as many dance classes as possible during the semester. However, the dance curriculum, as is true for many colleges, tends towards a modern/contemporary style. Though I take a ballet class through the dance department, this is offered only twice a week, whereas I was previously accustomed to daily technique classes. This, combined with periods of little to no dance over the holidays, works together to effectively retrograde my training via my body, muscle memory, and cognitive skill that allows me to practice my art. I would like, over the course of winter break, to alleviate this period of lethargy by attending open classes at BalletNova Center for Dance, which offers classes at the appropriate age and skill level during this time. The opportunity to study under new instructors often results in exposure to new techniques and imagery that help with technique, artistry, and quality. I plan to take a number of pointe, jazz, and/or musical theatre classes. I will be able to train and re-explore areas of dance that have been neglected during my time at school. I am asking for \$500; these courses charge a per-class drop-in fee, and transportation adds to the cost. My outcome report should include videos of select exercises or combinations from class, as well as a scan of my notes taken immediately after the class detailing choreography, corrections, and useful commentary.

Budget:

BalletNova charges a drop-in fee of \$20 per class. Gas money for transportation should cost \$15 per trip, with an additional parking fee of \$10 per trip. I would like to attend the majority of classes possible, and will pay for any additional costs over \$500 with myself.