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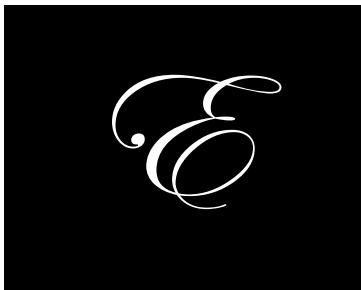
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## LAUREN ANDERSON BALLET MASTER CLASS SERIES APPLICATION

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*Lauren Anderson* is a native Houstonian and American ballet dancer. Anderson danced with the Houston Ballet from 1983 to 2006 performing leading roles in all the great classical ballets, appearing across the world to critical acclaim, and in the process, becoming one of Houston Ballet's most beloved stars. In 1990, she was one of the first African-American ballerinas to become a principal for a major dance company, an important milestone in American ballet. She has danced all of the major classics, and Don Quixote and Cleopatra were created especially for her. January 2007, Anderson assumed her new role in Houston Ballet's education department where she teaches ballet classes at Houston Ballet's Ben Stevenson Academy. In 2016, Anderson had her pointe shoes from her final performance placed in the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture.



# Lauren Anderson Ballet Master Class Series Application & Submission

Hello Lauren Anderson Ballet Master Class Series applicant and fellow dancer!

You are applying for a 9 month full tuition free acceptance to the 2021-2022 Lauren Anderson Ballet Master Class Series sponsored by the Edison Arts Foundation. ALL applicants MUST be intermediate to advance level dancers between the ages of 12-18 years old.

**\*\*ALL PARTICIPANTS MAY NOT MISS ANY BALLET MASTER CLASS!\*\***

Applicants MUST complete ALL parts of the application and return the completed application via email or mail by the following deadlines:

- **Email application packet by Midnight Friday, September 10, 2021**  
to [edisonartsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:edisonartsfoundation@gmail.com) (Subject: Lauren Anderson Application)  
**OR**
- **Mail application packet postmarked by Friday, September 10, 2021**  
to Edison Arts Foundation, Attention: Lauren Anderson Application,  
1959 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, TX 77489.

**VIDEO AUDITIONS must be submitted by Midnight  
Friday, September 10, 2021**

"Lauren Anderson Ballet Master Class Series" participation will be judged not only based on financial need and ability but also on an overall interest and *commitment to dance*.

Technique, rhythm, showmanship, style, appearance/dress will be considered as part of judge's overall impression.

**What to wear:** Black leotard, pink/flesh/black ballet tights, and ballet shoes are mandatory. Ballet skirts, leg warmers, and pointe shoes are allowed. No jewelry and No costumes PLEASE!

The Edison Arts Foundation and the Lauren Anderson Judging Committee look forward to receiving your application and seeing your video audition.

Please complete and submit in order the following pages:

# Lauren Anderson Ballet Master Class Series Application

**Please Attach a current picture at the top of this page.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION						
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	Birth Date	
Street Address				Apartment/ Unit #		
City		State		ZIP		
Phone		E-mail Address				
Parent Name:			Email Address:			
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male			Race/Ethnicity:			
Number of months/years of dance study:						
How did you find out about the scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> My dance studio <input type="checkbox"/> My school <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Other						
EDUCATION						
School			Address			
Current Grade:						
SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORY QUALIFIER Check all that apply (Proof MUST be attached)						
Foster Child Program _____	Boys and Girls Club		CDBG Qualified Area		Other _____	
Free/Reduced Lunch _____	Grandparent Raising Grandchild _____		Copy of Driver's License _____			
Annual Household Income			Number in Household			
REFERENCES						
<i>Please list two references.</i>						
Full Name			Relationship			
Email			Phone			
Full Name			Relationship			
Email			Phone			

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dancer Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Lauren Anderson Ballet Master Class Series

## Written Essay OR Video Submission

**ESSAY:** Please address **ALL** of the following questions on a **SEPARATE** sheet of paper using complete sentences. Limit your essay to **TWO** pages (**Minimum 300 WORDS**). **Typed, Minimum font 12pt; 1" margins.**

**OR**

**VIDEO:** Please address **All** of the questions below in your video submission. All videos should have name and age stated at the beginning of video. Be sure you are seen in your video with a loud clear voice to be heard! Submit videos via email to: [edisonartsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:edisonartsfoundation@gmail.com)

1. What other hobbies and interest do you have?
2. What are your strengths and weaknesses as a dancer?
3. What encouraged you to dance?
4. Who has motivated you to dance?
5. Why is dance important to you?
6. Describe your personality.
7. What makes you “stand out” above other applicants?
8. What would this scholarship mean to you?

# Lauren Anderson Ballet Master Class Series

## Recommendation Form

Scholarship Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by: (Please print name) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

### To the Applicant:

Please ask one of your instructors, teachers, or directors to complete the following recommendation form for you.

### To the Recommender:

#### **PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM:**

Score the student to the best of your knowledge and judgment. Use the guidelines below and circle the score that best applies. Please know that this is a CONFIDENTIAL evaluation. These results will be used as part of the application process. Feel free to write any additional comments in the space provided. After you have completed the evaluation, please return to applicant. **PLEASE WRITE IN INK.** Thank you for your time!

	1=NEVER	2=SOMETIMES	3= OFTEN	4=ALWAYS
1. Applicant is a positive/influence role model	1	2	3	4
2. Applicant is prepared	1	2	3	4
3. Applicant is cooperative	1	2	3	4
4. Applicant is respectful to peers	1	2	3	4
5. Applicant is compassionate to others	1	2	3	4
6. Applicant can accept and give criticism	1	2	3	4
7. Applicant can handle leadership role	1	2	3	4
8. Applicant goes above and beyond	1	2	3	4
9. Applicant has positive attitude	1	2	3	4
10. Applicant has self-confidence	1	2	3	4

Additional comments:

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Recommender Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Lauren Anderson Ballet Master Class Series

## Applicant Requirements & Checklist

- ☐ High Res photo of applicant suitable for publicity
- ☐ Completed application with supporting documents
- ☐ Copy of essay responses or video submission
- ☐ One recommendation letter
- ☐ Most recent report card
- ☐ Dance audition piece 1 minute in length. Must include at minimum each of the following:
  - 1 leap
  - 2 turns (pirouette, pique, chaine', or soutenu)
  - Arabesque
  - Floor work
  - Level changes

*Note: Technique is the basis of all fundamentals of dance, from holding your body correctly while performing, to executing skills properly in a routine. Strong technique extends across all areas of dance regardless of the style of your routine.*

***Please submit all items above in order of appearance by the deadline:  
Friday, September 10, 2021***

**Notice of acceptance will be announced by September 12, 2021**

### **Participant's Mandatory Parents Meeting:**

If selected, the committee will notify families via email provided in the application. A mandatory meeting will be held prior to our first class. Both dancer and parent/legal guardian must be in attendance to meet the teacher, discuss expectations, rules, attendance, and sign participation contracts.

If you have any questions, please email [edisonartsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:edisonartsfoundation@gmail.com)