

Canopy Studio, Inc. Financial Aid Policies

Canopy Studio offers financial aid for students and families in the form of full scholarships, partial scholarships, work/trade scholarships and production/trade scholarships for certain classes and, in some cases, private lessons. Applications for financial aid will be available prior to the start of each session of classes. Any student wishing to be considered for one of these must fill out a financial aid application and turn it in by the deadline, which will be posted prior to each session.

The CANOPY Board of Directors is solely responsible for the allocation of financial aid funds. Any appeals must be made directly to the Board prior to each session. There is no guarantee that funds will be available each session or that the Board will provide funding for scholarships for any particular session.

Scholarships for Classes

Students who have a referral from one of our “partner” agencies (ESP, ABHS, or Butterfly Dreams) or who have documented disabilities (an IEP or 504 from a school district) will be considered first for financial aid.

An additional amount of scholarship funds will be available based on income. CANOPY uses the current Federal Poverty Level guidelines published each year by the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Only the classes that are part of our core program are eligible for scholarship, i.e., Trapeze, Fabrics, Acro, Pole, and Handstands. The following classes are NOT eligible for financial aid: Conditioning, Stretch or Yoga.

Students who are brand new to Canopy will be eligible for 50% of the cost for one class if financial need is proven even if they are at 100% of the FPL. These students are eligible for 100% of the cost of one class if their income is at or below 100% of the FPL. Brand new Canopy students are not eligible for financial aid for fabrics.

All students must apply each for aid each session and must register for the class using appropriate codes before the session begins.

Scholarship for Private Lessons

Students who have a referral from one of our “partner” agencies (ESP, ABHS, or Butterfly Dreams) or who have documented disabilities (an IEP or 504 from a school district) can be considered for scholarships for private lessons.

Partial, Work/Trade and Production/Trade Scholarships

If the funds still exist from the allotted amount for scholarships for a session then we may offer partial scholarships, work/trade scholarships or production/trade scholarships.

Depending on the application numbers, the applicant’s financial situation and a student’s demonstrated commitment to CANOPY, we may offer a partial scholarship (with the student paying the remainder of the class fee), half scholarship/half work trade or just some work/trade

hours. If a student has production skills (e.g. running lights or music) that would be useful during a Rep show or other performances, we may offer a production/trade scholarship in exchange for their work on a show.

All work/trade and production/trade students must apply each session and must register for the class, using appropriate codes.

Summer Camps and Summer Session:

Scholarships for Summer camps will be allocated based on the same criteria outlined above, but awards will be limited to 50% of the total cost of one week of camp, if there is a documented financial need, and 100% of one week if there is documented special need (referral from partner agency or documentation from a school district).

Students may receive assistance for only one week of camp, regardless of financial need or disability.

Students who qualify will be awarded financial aid for either Camp or Classes, not both.