



How does Marsh Youth Theater's Sliding Scale Tuition program work?

MYT is proud of its commitment to be accessible to all interested children, regardless of financial situation or past arts experience. All of our classes are on a sliding scale and no one is turned away for lack of funds.

We are able to accomplish this goal through the generosity of private and public funders and individuals. About 40% of our budget comes from tuition payments. Those tuition payments are essential to MYT's viability as well as its ability to provide financial assistance to those who need it. The sliding scale tuition program works only if each family pays to the maximum its ability. We recognize that the economy puts stress on families of all income levels; therefore we set MYT's classes tuition at reasonable prices so that they are affordable to those who are not eligible for financial aid.

If you are interested in the sliding scale tuition program, here's what you need to do:

- On the paper application, check the box that asks you to enroll in the sliding scale tuition program and send in the application with a \$40 deposit. Or, if you are registering online, select the "financial aid deposit" of \$40. **DEPOSITS APPLY TOWARD TUITION.**
- Fill out the financial form at the end of this letter. **You must answer all questions and attach the first page of our most recent income tax return, or if you do not have one, proof of income, unemployment or disability.** Make sure to include any special circumstances that may contribute to your need to apply for financial aid.
- On the line, "How much of the _____ tuition do you feel you can afford to pay?" fill in the blank with the class tuition you are selecting. Then follow the guidelines below for the percentage of the full tuition you should contribute. If you need to make more than one payment, indicate it in that space as well. Please try to make the maximum payment possible, even if it exceeds the guidelines. Although we cannot guarantee to honor your exact request, we try to come within the range of your estimation.
- Everyone who receives financial aid must volunteer a prescribed number of hours. Fill out your volunteer preferences on the volunteer sheet. This is a way for us to keep our running costs down so that we can provide even more aid to students. The jobs we need performed are quite varied, and include weekend and evening work for working parents. The amount of volunteer time required is based on the duration of a particular class. Volunteering is a very enjoyable way to become part of our process and helps our staff enormously.

Here is a general guideline for determining sliding scale tuition rates:

- \$50 minimum payment for everyone and all classes.
- 90% assistance for gross family incomes under \$20,000
- 80% assistance for gross family incomes under \$25,000.
- 70% assistance for gross family incomes under \$30,000.
- 60% assistance for gross family incomes under \$35,000.
- 50% assistance for gross family incomes under \$40,000.
- 40% assistance for gross family incomes under \$50,000.
- 30% assistance for gross family incomes under \$60,000.
- If gross family income is above \$60,000 please explain your need circumstances if requesting financial aid.
- **All payments can be made in installments**

Again, these are guidelines only. Bear in mind that we have many requests for financial aid, and we like to spread our scholarship funds out to as many children as possible, so please stretch a bit when you calculate your needs. On the other hand, we keep in mind the number of people in your family and any special circumstances you have.

Sometimes the minimum payment will exceed the 80 or 90% level. In that instance, a \$50 minimum is required until the percentage exceeds \$50. For example, if you are enrolling in a dance class that costs \$185, you are required to pay a minimum payment of \$50 if you have a gross family income under \$25,000. At 30,000 (70% assistance) you would be asked to pay 30% of the class tuition: \$55.

Otherwise, roughly follow the chart according to your income level.

Thank you for your interest in the Marsh Youth Theater. We welcome your children and hope to accommodate your financial needs. After we receive your financial aid form, we will get back to you with your financial aid reward and volunteer assignments. Feel free to e-mail myt@themarsh.org with any questions.

Thank you,

Emily Klion, MYT Program Director

MARSH YOUTH THEATER FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

A copy of the front page of your 2010 income tax return is required to process this application, along with an MYT application and emergency form, available online:

http://themarsh.org/myt_app_form.html

CHILD'S NAME _____

MYT Class or Workshop for which you are applying _____.

Parent or Guardian's Name _____

Address: _____

A. Marital status (circle one)

Single Married Partnered Divorced Separated Widowed

Applicant lives with _____

Number of Family Members _____

Salaries and wages (2010) of parent/guardian \$ _____

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Expenses: Rent \$ _____ Monthly mortgage if you own home \$ _____

Assets: Checking/Savings Account \$ _____

Other Investments (CD's, Stocks, etc.) \$ _____

B. Please explain why you are requesting financial assistance from The Marsh. Include any unusual expenses you may have.

C. Realistically, how much of the _____ tuition do you feel you can afford to pay? _____

(A minimum activities fee of \$50 will be required from all applicants.)

I would like a payment plan. I require _____ payments.

I will pay my balance on the first day of class.

I declare that the information reported on this form is true and complete.

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Please send application with both sides complete and a \$40 deposit (if you have not already paid deposit online) to:

Marsh Youth Theater 1062 Valencia Street, SF, CA 94110 415-826-5750 X3. For questions, please email: myt@themarsh.org. **Deposits apply towards tuition.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & REQUIREMENTS

Student's Name _____ Parent's Name _____

Indicate which class/program you are registered for.

Individual class _____ (*1 hour per child per class of volunteer time*)

Performance Ensembles (more than one hour per week) _____
(*2 hours per child of volunteer time; 3 hours for more than one child*)

Below is a list of jobs we for which we need volunteers. Please check three jobs you are interested in and we will assign them to you before the program begins. Please note that we will not consider your application for Financial Aid until you complete this form.

If you are taking an single class please sign up for.....

- _____ Assisting with office work at The Marsh (flexible times)
- _____ Translating forms into Spanish or Chinese
- _____ Assisting with parent communication to Spanish speaking parents
- _____ Distributing brochures and other publicity related activities
- _____ Driving to pick up food, materials or set pieces as needed
- _____ You choose! I will do anything.

If you are part of MainStage (summer or winter) you may also sign up for the above as well as.....

- _____ Sewing costumes at home or at The Marsh
- _____ Putting up the set and lights
- _____ Putting on makeup and assisting backstage before performances
- _____ Assisting with set construction
- _____ Putting up the set and lights on a Saturday before the show
- _____ Striking the set and assisting with cleanup on the final day
- _____ Coordinating and cleaning up from the cast party

I am available during the day (specify) _____

Weekends and evenings only _____

Thank you! We look forward to working with you and your children this session.