



## 2023-24 JCSD Apprentice Program Application

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**Dear JCSD Apprentice Applicant,**

We are excited to release the apprentice application for the 2023-24 dance year. Many of you who are reviewing this letter are past apprentices hoping for a spot once again on our team. Some of you are first-time applicants. To all of you, thank you for taking the time to apply for this unique position at Junction City School of Dance.

Each year our apprentice program looks a little bit different than previous years, and this coming year will be no exception. What isn't changing is our heart to teach our apprentices to dance from a heart of surrender and excellence, to love and encourage dancers to know Christ in new and deeper ways, and to nurture and facilitate personal and spiritual growth in pursuit of becoming vessels that bring glory to God. We feel that in order to do this even better in the 2023-24 year we must meet weekly as a team. During these weekday sessions, we will study the Bible, pray and dance together, and throughout the week, we will prioritize one-on-one mentoring.

We're looking for young people who love Jesus, who engage well with little children, and who have the time to commit to the program. Our team will prayerfully review each applicant's letter, their past experiences with JCSD (where applicable), and reach out to personal references.

**To be consider for the JCSD Apprenticeship Program, you must:**

- Be at least 10 years old by September 1.
- Be placed in all upper-level classes (Level 2 or higher).
- Be enrolled as a JCSD student with plans to take at least two classes during the 2023-24 year.

- Agree to attend all weekly apprentice classes, mentoring one-on-ones, extra rehearsals, and events that include the apprentice team.
- Agree to the contract you will be asked to sign before the first class.
- Submit a written letter (past apprentices must submit a new letter each year) being as creative as possible. The more we know about you the better able we are to find a great fit for you within the JCSD schedule and mission.
  - Your letter should answer the following questions:
    - Why do you want to be an apprentice at JCSD? What skills and/or qualities do you have that would directly apply to the job?
    - Questions for returning apprentices: What have past apprentice experiences taught you? As you look back over the year as an apprentice, what is one thing you think you did well? Where do you think you could improve as an apprentice?
    - What is your favorite style of dance?
    - In addition to dance, what activities do you participate in throughout the week? Do you expect those activities to interfere with your commitment to the JCSD apprentice program?
    - If you had a free hour in the middle of the afternoon, what would you choose to do?
    - Please provide two personal references, not including your parents or JCSD teachers, who could speak to your character and work ethic. These could include people you have worked for or served alongside in the past.

Letters must be emailed to [jcschoolofdance@gmail.com](mailto:jcschoolofdance@gmail.com) no later than Monday, July 24. If we do not receive a letter by this date, we will know that you are not able to commit to this opportunity. Late applications will not be considered for the 2023-24 year.

Here's what you can expect in the coming weeks:

- July 24: Application deadline
- August 7: Acceptance letters and placements as well as non-acceptance letters will be sent via email.

- August 14: Final day to accept your placement and fully commit to serving for the 2023-24 year.
- August 28: Apprentice meeting 5-8 p.m.
  - At least one parent is required to attend the first hour of the meeting, which will include a review of the year's calendar, our expectations, and the contract.
  - You will receive more information before the meeting, but you can expect to participate in a photo shoot during this meeting.

We are eager to receive your letter on or before July 24!

Sincerely,

The JCSD Apprentice Program Team  
jcschoolofdance@gmail.com

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### **JCSD's Vision**

Our freedom in Christ Jesus  
expressed through dance and worship  
becomes someone else's healing.

### **JCSD's Mission**

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## **Staff/Apprentice/Parent Agreement**

(to be signed on August 28)

**Apprentice:** I agree with JCSD's mission and vision statements as stated above. I will represent JCSD to the best of my ability and always give my best effort as an apprentice. I will attend all of my apprentice classes or contact my teacher as soon as possible prior to my absence because of illness or an emergency. I understand that in

the case of a necessary absence it is my responsibility to arrange for another apprentice to substitute for me. I will attend each apprentice training, rehearsal, and event that includes the apprentice team, including the staff/apprentice recital dance.

**Parents:** I understand the commitment that being an apprentice requires and will give my best effort to support my child and the studio. I will maintain an open line of communication with my child's apprentice mentor and will make every effort to share pertinent information and/or address concerns quickly and respectfully. I commit to making sure my apprentice is at each apprentice training, rehearsal, and event.

**Staff:** I agree with JCSD's mission and vision statements. I will represent JCSD to the best of my ability and always give my best effort as an apprentice mentor. I will make myself available to my apprentice (and his/her parents) for support and respectful guidance. I will assist with and/or participate in practices and performances of the staff/apprentice recital dance.