

## **Summer Intensive Program: Professional Division FAQ's**

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### **→Is it possible to attend less than the 6-week Professional Division Summer Program or 5-week Junior Division Summer Program?**

Unfortunately, because of the popularity of our Summer Intensive Program we do not allow partial participation or latecomers to the program. If you are 16 years or older and can only attend The Ailey School for a short duration of time during the summer, we recommend you contact The Ailey Extension at [aileyextension@alvinailey.org](mailto:aileyextension@alvinailey.org) for information on how to attend classes on a drop-in basis according to your individual availability.

### **→If I have been accepted to the Summer Intensive Program and plan to audition for a Scholarship, do I still have to submit my \$300 deposit?**

There are a limited number of spaces allotted to paying students and an additional number of spaces allotted for Scholarship students. Usually, by the time the Scholarship Program takes place most of the spaces for paying students are filled or close to being filled.

Therefore, if you plan to attend the Summer Program regardless of whether or not you receive a Scholarship, you should submit your \$300 deposit by the deadline in order to reserve your place as a paying student. In the event that you are awarded a Scholarship your \$300 deposit would then be transferred towards your Scholarship Participation fee, registration fee and physical therapy fee.

Please remember that the \$300 deposit is non-refundable so if you are absolutely certain that you are unable to attend the Summer Program unless you receive a Scholarship, it is not necessary to submit a \$300 deposit.

### **→How many classes are students assigned each week?**

Students attend a minimum of 12 to a maximum of 15 classes per week, which may include a repertory or elective workshop. Classes take place Monday through Friday. A typical schedule includes a daily ballet class, a daily Horton technique and/or Graham-based modern technique, and 5 additional elective classes and/or workshop.

### **→How are students placed in the appropriate technique levels?**

All students who have attended an audition have been placed in the appropriate technique levels by the audition panel.

Students who auditioned by DVD and photographs will be scheduled to take placement classes on the first day of the summer program. Schedules for those students will be made after placement classes.

**→When will I know what levels I have been placed in?**

Students will know what levels they have been placed in when they receive their final class schedules from the Registrar. Students should keep in mind that technique levels at The Ailey School do not correspond to the levels at other schools. Therefore, the levels you attend at your current school have no bearing on the levels you will be placed in at The Ailey School.

**→How are students scheduled for classes?**

After a student has made a \$300 deposit to the program they will receive a Class Enrollment form on which they can indicate their preferred modern technique (Horton or Graham-based modern) and their first, second, and third choice of elective classes and/or workshops.\* Students must return this form by mail or e-mail to The Ailey School Admissions Office. Based on the technique levels students have been placed in, and their choices of elective classes/workshops, Ailey School Faculty Advisors will create a preliminary schedule of 12 to 15\*\* classes for each student. Students who have met the minimum level requirements to audition for repertory workshops will have the opportunity to audition on the first day of the summer program. If chosen for a repertory workshop, the students schedule will be adjusted to accommodate that workshop.

*\*Due to studio space limits, there are a maximum number of students enrolled in each class/technique. Therefore, students should keep in mind that they may not get their first choice of technique or elective classes.*

*\*\* The maximum number of classes/workshops students may be scheduled for is 15. There are no exceptions to this rule.*

**→When will I receive my class schedule?**

Finalized schedules will be e-mailed to students the week before the start of the Summer Intensive Program. Only those students who have paid in full and have submitted all the required enrollment materials will receive their schedules by e-mail.

**→Can schedules and/or technique levels be changed once the program has started?**

There are no schedule changes. If a teacher determines that a student should be placed in a different level after the first week of classes, only the teacher can make that recommendation. Students may not request changes in the classes they have chosen or the levels they have been placed in.

**→How many students are in each class?**

Class size varies depending on the technique, the level, and the studio the class takes place in. Classes can be anywhere from 20 students to 45 students in our larger studios and elective classes and workshops.

**→Can students receive evaluations and/or college credit for participation in the Summer Intensive Program?**

Students wishing to receive evaluations or college credit must provide a letter from their current college or university on official stationary to The Ailey School Registrar, prior to the summer program. Letters must be received in sealed envelopes no later than June 20, 2011. Only those students who provide a letter may receive credit. Requests for credit will not be considered otherwise.

**→What is the policy on missing classes?**

The Ailey School attendance policy does not allow for excessive absences, as stated in The Ailey School Student Handbook. Absences will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Excessive absences from workshop rehearsals may prevent a student from participating in performances, or result in dismissal from the Summer Program.

**→Are make-up classes allowed?**

No. If a student misses a class they cannot make it up.

**→Do all students get to perform in the end of summer performances?**

The Ailey School makes every effort to give students of every level the opportunity to perform by offering elective workshops that do not require an audition. Students in elective workshops will either participate in the Summer Sizzler Performances, or in studio showings at the end of the summer.

Repertory workshops have minimum technique level requirements that are determined by the choreographer and Directors of The Ailey School. Those students who have met those level requirements will have the opportunity to audition for repertory workshops on the first day of the Summer Intensive Program. Please note: although a student may meet the level requirements for auditioning for a workshop it does not guarantee participation in a workshop. Choreographers and the School Directors will make their casting decisions after all auditions have taken place.

**→What are the dates and times of the Summer Sizzler performances?**

Summer Sizzler Performances and studio showings take place on the last two days of the Summer Intensive Program at 4:30PM and 7:30PM.

**→How much are tickets to the Summer Sizzler performances and when can they be purchased?**

Tickets are \$10 and \$20. A limited number of tickets are available to each student. Information on purchasing tickets and on the performance programs will be available two weeks before the performances.

Students are strongly encouraged to communicate information regarding performances to their parents directly.

There is no charge to attend studio showings, but space is limited.

**→Can parents or guests video-tape or photograph the performances?**

Because of the choreographer's copyrights, photography and videotaping is not allowed under any circumstances.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED PAYMENT QUESTIONS**

**→Is there need-based financial assistance for the Summer Intensive and/or housing?**

Federal Financial Aid is not available for the Summer Intensive. Unfortunately, there is no financial assistance available for housing.

**→What kind of financial assistance is available for the summer?**

The only tuition assistance that is available for the summer term is merit-based scholarships for students between the ages of 15 and 21. Students must audition for the Scholarship Program in New York at The Ailey School.

*We do not accept DVD applications for the Scholarship Program.*

**→Are payment plans available?**

Unfortunately, payment plans that accommodate payments to be made beyond the Professional Division and Junior Division final payment deadlines are not available. However, you may make incremental payments as long as the total tuition and fees are received ON or BEFORE the final payment deadline. We will also accept payments from your local, third-party supporters, as long as they are made in the accepted forms of payment.

**→Can I combine my Housing and Tuition payments?**

No. Payments for housing and tuition must be received separately and with the appropriate corresponding paperwork.

**→How can I make payments?**

Payment details are available on the enrollment form and on our website's Payment Instructions page.

<http://www.theaileyschool.edu/payment-instructions>

**→If I wish to save my spot in the Summer Intensive Program, can I pay over the phone?**

Your space in the program can only be reserved with a deposit payment and paperwork. Please submit these items at the same time by fax or mail. Confirmation of your place in the summer program will be jeopardized if final deadlines are not met.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED HOUSING QUESTIONS**

**→Is housing guaranteed if I am accepted into the Ailey Summer Intensive programs?**

No. Housing is reserved on a first come, first served basis, until all beds have been assigned. Housing deposits will only be accepted from students who have already made a tuition deposit to confirm their attendance in the summer program.

**→Can I pay over the phone to reserve housing?**

Unfortunately, space can only be reserved with a deposit payment and the required paperwork. Please submit these items at the same time by fax or mail. (Reservations will be jeopardized if final deadlines are not met.)

**→Is there need-based financial assistance for housing?**

Unfortunately, financial assistance is not available for summer housing. We happily accept payments from your local, third-party supporters. You are also welcome to make small, incremental payments as long as the total housing cost is received ON or BEFORE the final payment deadline.

**→How far is McMahon Hall from the Ailey School?**

McMahon Hall is located a 5 minute walk from the Ailey School at 155 West 60th Street (between 9th and 10th Aves), New York, NY 10023. There is no need for public transportation between the dormitory and the school, as students can easily walk to and from both locations.

**→When can my son/daughter move into the dormitory? Can my student arrive early or stay additional days in the dormitory?**

Students can move into McMahon Hall during the assigned move-in times ONLY as indicated in your housing packet.

**→Does the Ailey School offer transportation services between the airport and McMahan Hall?**

The Ailey School does not provide transportation from the local airports. Students have several transit options between the airport and McMahan Hall. Please visit [www.panynj.gov/airports](http://www.panynj.gov/airports) for more detailed information on shuttles, taxis, trains, buses and car services.

**→What are the rooms and facilities like at McMahan Hall?**

McMahan Hall is a 20-story building with elevator service that offers apartment-style housing with a 24-hour security guard. Each air-conditioned, apartment-style suite is composed of a common room, a kitchen, a bathroom, and either 2 or 3 bedrooms that can accommodate 2 to 3 students per bedroom. There are 4 to 8 students per suite. Apartments come with basic dorm-style furnishings. Kitchens are equipped with refrigerators, electric stove-top oven, and sink.

Rooms are NOT equipped with; Televisions, microwaves, dishwashers, cooking ware, dishware, bedding, towels, toilet paper or cleaning supplies. A complete list of furnishings is included in the Housing Application packet, as well as a list of what household and comfort items to bring.

**→Is there a cafeteria or meal plan?**

Although a meal plan is not available during the summer, Fordham University has a cafeteria that is open from 8:30AM to 3:30PM, Monday to Friday. The Cafeteria offers prepared foods and hot meals for purchase. The cafeteria is closed during the weekends and all Fridays after the 4th of July. Cash and debit/credit cards are acceptable forms of payment in the cafeteria.

Additionally, The Ailey Boutique located on the ground floor of The Ailey School offers lunch items and healthy snack options during the weekdays. There are several diverse local eateries and grocery stores within walking distance of McMahan Hall and The Ailey School, many of which provide delivery service to the dormitory.

As a reminder, the suites at McMahan hall are equipped with basic functioning kitchens for those students who wish to prepare their own meals.

**→Will there be Resident Assistants or Chaperones available?**

Resident Assistants and Chaperones who are employed exclusively for the Ailey Summer Intensive Students live in the dormitory and provide a congenial and supportive environment for residents.

Chaperones and RA's go through a thorough interview, background checks, and training process. Resident Assistants are available for all Professional Division students residing at the dormitory and Chaperones are responsible for all Junior Division students residing in the dormitory. Activities are planned throughout the summer for chaperoned students and are led by Resident Assistants and Chaperones. Non-chaperoned students are also welcome to participate in planned activities. However, those students will not be monitored by or accountable to the Chaperones.

**→Can I withdraw from the Chaperone Program once the Summer Program has started?**

16-year-old Professional Division students who choose the option of being chaperoned cannot withdraw from the Chaperone program once apartments have been assigned. Therefore, we recommend that parents and students review the Chaperone program guidelines before making a decision on whether to be part of the Chaperone program or not.

**→Are there curfews for my son/daughter?**

Yes. Depending on a students' age, curfews and room checks are in effect for Summer Intensive students as follows:

Junior Division students must be in their apartments by:

10pm Sunday-Thursday

11pm Friday-Saturday

Professional Division students ages 16-17 must be in their apartments by:

12pm Sunday-Thursday

1am Friday-Saturday

There is no set curfew for Professional Division students who are 18 years old or older

**→What is the guest policy? Are parents allowed to visit their students in the dormitory?**

Absolutely NO guests are permitted at McMahan Hall. Parents will be allowed to assist their sons/daughters in the dormitory during assigned Move-In and Move-Out days ONLY. Parents will not be allowed upstairs into the dormitory at any other times during the Summer Intensive Program. During the summer months, McMahan Hall houses Fordham University students and other summer guests in addition to Ailey School students. Therefore, in order to respect the privacy of the Non-Ailey residents we ask that families socialize outside of the dormitory when visiting.

A MANDATORY ORIENTATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE DORMITORY AT 6:00PM ON MOVE-IN DAYS. Parents are welcome to attend this meeting.

Summer Intensive students who do not reside in McMahon Hall are strictly prohibited from visiting fellow students who do reside at the dormitory.

**→Is there Internet in McMahon Hall?**

Wireless Internet is available to students for a \$20 fee. This can be paid in person on Move-In day (cash only). At no additional cost, Internet kiosks are available to students in the 5th floor lounge for basic email and Internet research.

**→Are housekeeping services provided at McMahon Hall?**

No. Students are expected to maintain a neat, clean and orderly room at all times and to show respect and courtesy to their fellow cohabitants by doing so. Students must provide their own cleaning supplies, and other housekeeping items. Upon vacancy, rooms should be left in the clean condition in which they were found. Any damage or additional cleaning fees will be assessed to those students occupying the apartment.

**→Are laundry services available?**

Washing machines and dryers are located on the 2nd, 10th and 16th floors of the dormitory for student use at no additional cost. However, students must provide their own laundry detergent.

**→Can my son/daughter receive mail over the summer?**

Yes. Students residing at McMahon hall may receive mail AFTER they have moved in to the dormitory. No mail will be accepted prior to move-in or after move-out dates. Students will be assigned a mailbox and will receive a mailbox code upon Move-In. Students must present their Guest Identification card to the Mailroom staff during business hours in order to retrieve their package. Mailroom hours are 9am-5pm, Monday-Thursday and 9am-1pm on Friday. Fordham University does not accept responsibility for the transportation of students' belongings. Students can only send letters with the appropriate postage from the University's mailroom. There is a US Postal Office located at 27 West 60th Street, NY, NY 10023 from which students can mail packages home.