



Instructions to International Students accepted into the Dance Theatre of Harlem School (DTHS) Professional Training Program and Dancing Through Barriers® Ensemble:

- **All students who are not U.S. citizens must obtain an F-1 Visa only**, through DTHS in order to complete Registration into the school; no other type of Visa previously held is acceptable. *DTHS is authorized under Federal law to enroll non-immigrant students only. DTHS is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Dance.*
- **The prospective student must submit a valid Passport and I-94** to the school so that copies may be made for the DTHS files.
- **Submit a copy of your High School Diploma or Transcript** proving completion of High School. Proof of completion of a High School equivalency course is also valid. (*Proof of current enrollment in an equivalency course may be accepted at the discretion of the DTH School Administrator.*) The Professional Training Program is a certificate granting program, to be completed within a minimum of 3 years (133 credits), for aspiring professional dancers.
- **Submit an Official Bank Statement or Bank Letter** – a bank statement must indicate an amount greater than or equal to the tuition and/or living expenses for the expected length of study per year*. The amount must be indicated in U.S. Dollars or, if in foreign currency, the bank must also provide written verification of the conversion rate for the date the statement was issued. A bank letter must be on official bank letterhead and clearly state the dollar value of the account. The statement must be in the name of the applicant (you), a parent, or a sponsor**.

* Refer to the Expenses Chart on page 2.

**If the bank statement or letter is in a sponsor's name it must be accompanied by a notarized, sworn Affidavit of Support. An affidavit of support specifies the types and amount of support being pledged and the length of time that support would continue. (For example: I am guaranteeing to provide the student, \$1,200.00 per month living expenses per year for a period of three years").

- **Official proof of income** or employment of the family member. If you are being funded by your family you must also provide the school one of the following: A letter from an employer, a paycheck stub, or an annual income tax return proving that they are gainfully employed and will be able to provide for your tuition and living expenses for the second and third years of your study.
- **Submit one photograph, a head shot of the applicant.**

The I-20 will be issued ONLY after all the required financial documentation has been submitted to the International Student Advisor at the Dance Theatre of Harlem School (DTHS).

- **Insurance Documentation** – A letter from the applicant's health insurance company or a copy of the insurance policy must be sent to the International Student Advisor. It must indicate coverage for the expected period of enrollment and specify coverage outside the student's home country. Students who do not provide this information prior to arrival at DTHS, will be required to purchase insurance before paying tuition. A number of insurance policies that DTHS recommends are available from the Registrar, however, insurance must be purchased directly through the health insurance company.

- **Medical Form** – A medical statement signed by a doctor must be submitted before the student is allowed to take classes. The DTHS’ “Doctors Medical Form” may be used for this purpose or an official signed physical statement from your doctor is also acceptable.
- **Applying for an F-1 Student Visa:** When you receive your I-20 Form from Dance Theatre of Harlem School (DTHS) you should immediately contact the U.S. Consulate in your city and make an appointment for a Visa interview. Before you can obtain a Student Visa, you must fill out a SEVIS I-901 Form and pay the I-901 Fee of \$100.00 to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS); to pay the fee online visit their website at: www.FMJFEE.com.
After you have paid the SEVIS Fee, you must take the I-20, your DTHS Letter of Acceptance, your receipt of payment of the SEVIS Fee, and financial documentation to the U.S. Consulate nearest your home city to apply for an F-1 Student Visa. We strongly recommend you meet the following deadlines when submitting your documents to DTHS: No later than: June 1 for the Winter Session / April 1 for Summer Session. You may apply for your Visa up to 90 days (3 months) in advance of your program start date, but the Consulate will not issue a Visa until 30 days prior to the program start date. The entire process can take up to three (3) months from the time you submit your documents to DTHS, so it is advisable to contact the consulate nearest you and inquire about their procedures for interviewing prospective F-1 students.
- **Expenses & Chart:** Please use the Expense details and Chart below as a guide when documenting your funds for one DTHS Academic year which includes both Winter Session (9 mos.) and Summer Intensive Session (6 weeks); a 10 1/2 month commitment. Cost of living, airfare, clothing and misc. are estimated; tuition may increase and is subject to change, the details below are calculated for a typical Academic year:

Expense details: (based on 11 months)

Housing @ \$800.00/month	\$ 8,800.00
Utilities @ \$70.00/month	\$ 770.00
Cellphone @ \$45.00/month	\$ 495.00
Food @ \$500.00/month	\$ 5,500.00
Metro Card @ \$76.00/month	\$ 836.00
Clothing & incidentals	\$ 2,000.00
Airfare	\$ 1,500.00
Misc.	\$ 99.00
TOTAL	\$20,000.00

CHART:

Program & Timeframe	Tuition & Registration Fee	Cost of Living	Total Recommended
Professional Training Program - Winter & Summer Sessions	\$7,140.00	\$20,000.00 (Estimated 11 months)	\$27,140.00
Professional Training Program - Winter Session only	\$6,050.00	\$17,018.00 (Estimated 9 months)	\$23,068.00