

Season 16 *Guide*

2026-2027 Season

WELCOME

A Letter to Our *Dance Families*

Welcome dancers and families to Season 16 at Scenic City Dance.

As we begin another exciting season together, I find myself incredibly grateful reflecting on the last 15 years of sharing this beautiful and inspiring art form with so many dancers and families. What began as a vision to create a strong training environment has grown into a community built on passion, discipline, artistry, and heart.

At Scenic City Dance, our mission has always extended far beyond trophies, titles, social media followers, or temporary recognition. While we are proud of the accomplishments our dancers have achieved over the years, we define the success of our program by something much deeper — growth, quiet achievements, resilience, community, character, and the confidence our dancers carry with them long after they leave our studios.

Our goal is to educate dancers with pure intention. We strive to build strong, independent, confident individuals who not only possess technical excellence and a solid foundation in dance, but who also embody discipline, leadership, time management, work ethic, humility, and the belief that they are capable of succeeding in any path they choose in life.

Dance is one of the most beautiful yet often misunderstood art forms. It requires extraordinary athleticism, emotional vulnerability, discipline, artistry, determination, and sacrifice. There is never enough light shined on the dedication this art form demands, and our hope is to continue being a program that brings awareness, appreciation, and excellence to the dance community in Chattanooga and beyond.

Scenic City Dance will always remain a strong training program, a place for dancers who simply love to dance, for those pursuing collegiate or professional goals, and for those who feel dance is not just something they do, but something they deeply need. We will continue to raise the barre, continue pursuing excellence in our teaching, and continue refusing to settle for anything less than our absolute best.

For 15 years, Scenic City Dance has been recognized as one of Chattanooga's leading training programs, and I fully intend to continue pushing our program forward with purpose, integrity, and innovation. Growth requires adaptation, reflection, and the willingness to evolve, and as we step into this next milestone of SCD, we are more motivated than ever to continue strengthening and refining the education we provide our dancers.

One of the most exciting additions to Season 16 is the introduction of our official Ballet Curriculum. This curriculum has been thoughtfully designed to further define the education and technical progression within our ballet program. Through structured expectations, evaluations, skill development, and feedback, dancers and families will now have a clearer understanding of progress, achievements, areas for growth, and the long-term vision behind our training.

We are incredibly excited for this next chapter of Scenic City Dance and honored that your family has chosen to be part of it. Thank you for trusting us with your children, your time, your commitment, and your dreams. We do not take that responsibility lightly.

Here's to Season 16, a season of growth, discipline, artistry, excellence, and purpose.

With gratitude,

*Stacey Perkinson
Owner & Director*

Commitment & Program Expectations

At Scenic City Dance, we are committed to providing a focused, disciplined, and high-quality training environment for every dancer. As we enter Season 16, we continue to raise the standard of excellence within our program through intentional class structure, curriculum-based training, and clear expectations for both dancers and families.

Class Placement & Registration

To maintain the integrity and effectiveness of our training program, technique-focused classes will remain intentionally limited in size. Smaller class sizes allow our instructors to provide individualized corrections, detailed technical education, and stronger dancer development.

- Registration is strictly first come, first serve.
- Once a class reaches capacity, dancers will be placed on a waitlist.
- A minimum waitlist of 10 dancers is required before an additional class section may be considered.
- No exceptions, reserved placements, or special accommodations will be made once classes are full.
- We strongly encourage families to register as soon as registration opens to secure placement.

Registration Fee Policy

Season 16 registration includes a non-refundable and non-transferable annual registration fee of \$40 per dancer/family.

- Registration fees will not be refunded under any circumstance.
- This policy applies regardless of attendance or participation once registered.

Seasonal Commitment

When registering for Season 16, families are committing to the full dance season from August through June, including participation in our annual Showcase.

At Scenic City Dance, consistency, attendance, and commitment are essential to the growth and development of every dancer. Progress within dance training requires dedication, discipline, and continued participation throughout the season.

We deeply value the families who prioritize their dancer's training and uphold the commitment made at the beginning of the season through its completion.

If you are uncertain about your ability to commit to the full season, we kindly ask that you refrain from registering at this time.

Withdrawal & Cancellation Policy

If a dancer chooses to unenroll from the program after registration:

- A \$100 cancellation fee will be applied.
- Withdrawal requests must be submitted prior to the 15th of the month to avoid being charged the following month's tuition.
- If notice is submitted after the 15th, the following month's tuition plus the cancellation fee will be charged.
- Families removing a dancer from a specific class while maintaining an active account will not incur a cancellation fee.
- Families relocating will not incur a cancellation fee.

Attendance Expectations

Consistent attendance is a vital part of technical growth and classroom progression.

- Excessive absences may impact a dancer's progress, placement, choreography participation, and overall development.
- Dancers are expected to arrive on time, prepared, and ready to fully participate in class.
- Repeated tardiness or early dismissal disrupts both the dancer and the class environment.

Dress Code & Professional Presentation

Proper dance attire is strictly required for all classes, including appropriate dance shoes.

Dress code standards are implemented to:

- promote discipline and professionalism,
- allow instructors to properly assess alignment and technique,
- create consistency within the classroom environment, and
- encourage dancers to approach training with seriousness and pride.

A detailed dress code list for Season 16 will be distributed prior to the start of classes. All dancers are expected to fully comply with dress code requirements.

Studio Culture & Expectations

At Scenic City Dance, we strive to create an environment rooted in:

- Discipline
- Respect
- Accountability
- Work ethic
- Positive attitude
- Teamwork
- Artistic growth
- Excellence in character

We believe these values not only create stronger dancers, but stronger individuals prepared for success both inside and outside the studio.

As we prepare for the launch of Season 16, we want to encourage all families to carefully review class recommendations, scheduling commitments, and studio expectations prior to registration. Consistency, attendance, and commitment play a major role in every dancer's growth, confidence, technical development, and overall success throughout the season.

Before Season 16 officially begins, families will receive a detailed studio calendar including important dates such as holidays, closures, Showcase Week, costume timelines, picture days, special events, and additional studio information needed to help your season run as smoothly as possible. Additional emails and communication throughout the summer will also include important reminders, dress code requirements, shoe requirements, studio policies, and class-specific expectations.

Our goal each season is to provide an organized, positive, and inspiring environment where dancers can continue to grow not only as performers, but as disciplined, confident, and hardworking individuals. We are incredibly excited for all that Season 16 will bring and are honored to continue being part of your dancer's journey. Thank you for choosing Scenic City Dance for another amazing season!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at info@sceniccitydance.com or by call/text at 423-602-6552. Please note that our summer office hours may vary, so email is typically the fastest and most reliable form of communication during the summer months.