



Volunteer Commitment

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to the West Michigan Youth Ballet Family! As with the success of any organization, your participation is paramount to the success of this ballet performance season. Not only is it important at the performance, but in all the preparations leading up to the ballet and activities involved in striking the set and moving out of the theater after the performances.

Performance Weekend: Volunteer hours are mandatory at the performance. A minimum of five hours per family are required during the performance weekend.

Pre-Performance: A minimum of 20 hours per family are required prior to the performance. If volunteer hours are not completed pre-performance, a fee of \$20 per hour will be assessed and you will be invoiced via your designated email. **Pre-performance fees must be paid by 11/19/2023.**

If your family is unable to volunteer during the rehearsal season, please notify WMYB by 7/15/23 at communications@wmyb.org. If you have extenuating circumstances during the performance season regarding volunteering, please notify us at the communications@wmyb.org email as soon as possible so that we may plan accordingly.

Volunteer hours are tracked through an online sign-up system which you will be emailed shortly after rehearsals begin. Unworked hours are billed based on hours worked in the sign-up system. You are responsible for notifying WMYB of your volunteer hours if they are not logged into the system.

West Michigan Youth Ballet is a not-for-profit company dependent on the support of the Board Members, committees and all families enrolled in the company. It takes more than 1,000 volunteer hours alone during the performance weekend to insure that every aspect of the ballet meets all of our expectations for a successful and amazing weekend. With the goal of keeping tuition as reasonable as possible, hiring workers to make these performances successful is not possible. In 2022, \$29,000 was collected in dancer tuition for the Nutcracker season and the expenses for the Nutcracker performance weekend were \$105,300.

Good Actions give strength to ourselves and inspire Good Actions in others.