

RYDE Volunteer
Packet 2025-2026



Royal YOUTH Dance Ensemble

Building Character, Confidence, Self-esteem, and Positive Self-image





A letter from the Founder/Director

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Hello and thank you for signing up on the volunteer team for the Royal Youth Dance Ensemble (RYDE)! Yes, team! You are now part of an awesome team of dedicated individuals who pride themselves on serving others.

At RYDE, we strive to create relationships based on mutual trust and kindness. We believe in serving our families through acts of service and genuine care.

Our hope is that you find the duties of your assignment to be fulfilling and that your volunteer experience with RYDE is rewarding and positive. As a volunteer, we also hope that you are passionate, committed, and caring individuals who want to serve our community of dance families with a positive attitude and a heart of compassion.

The following information package includes details about our organization and the roles and responsibilities of our volunteers. So again, thank you and welcome to the Royal Youth Dance Ensemble Volunteer Team.

Sincerely,

Sherra Robinson-Branner, Founder/Director

Royal Youth Dance Ensemble, Inc. (RYDE)





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Who is Royal YOUTh Dance Ensemble?

RYDE provides a creative space for youth through dance, theater, and outreach programs.

our vision

Royal YOUTh Dance Ensemble (RYDE) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization with a mission to provide a safe creative outlet for youth that builds character, raises self-esteem, boosts confidence, and promotes positive interaction through artistic expression.

our values

To inspire youth to use the arts and its disciplines to aid them through life and its experiences.



RYDE Programs

- RYDE Dance Program
 - Weekly class sessions held at RYDE Dance Studio: August - May
 - Winter Performance: December
 - Spring Recital: May
- RYDE OutReach Dance Program
 - 10-week dance classes held at local schools during after-school hours
 - Showcase at the end of session
- RYDE Summer Dance Experience
 - Mini classes and camps held at RYDE Dance studio: June-July
 - Themed camps, classes, workshops, and intensives to introduce, sharpen, and condition skills for a variety of dance styles



Volunteer Roles

how to get involved

RYDE is a 501c3 non-profit organization, which means that volunteers are a critical component to RYDE's success each year.

In this volunteer packet, you will find several ways to get involved in our programs, from building our social media appearance to hands-on support at one of our programs. If you have any questions, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact Royal Youth Dance Ensemble. *note all volunteers must be over the age of 14.*

Volunteer Roles

- Special Events Committee
 - Fundraisers
 - Winter & Spring Performance
 - Community Outreach Event Volunteer
 - Annual Fall Festival and Spring Carnival
- Social Media Content Creation
- Photographer/Videographer
- Studio Mentor/Assistant

How it works

1. Select your role
2. Email selection to royaldance129@gmail.com
3. Complete a brief virtual orientation
4. Complete background check and drug screening
5. Accept volunteer opportunity placement



Special Events

Overview

Our Special Event volunteers help organize and coordinate RYDE special events, including, but not limited to: fundraising, winter performance, spring recital, and end-of-year carnival.



Volunteer

- Plans and Coordinates Fundraisers
- Helps Solicit Donations and/or sponsorships
- Helps organize, and take inventory, for ballet bin
- Advocate for program and students
- Serves for during special events



Social Media Content

Overview

Social Media Content Volunteers help promote RYDE to families, and businesses, within our area to ensure the growth of our image and organization.

Volunteer

- Advocates for RYDE and students through social media platforms
- Helps with social media announcements and newsletter content
- Helps with curation of social media image to meet RYDE's values and vision



Photography Volunteer

Overview



Photography Volunteer is an excellent volunteer opportunity for up and coming photographers looking to build their portfolio, tell a story through your work, support a worthy cause, and create content for a worthy cause.

Volunteer

- Photograph special events, such as: winter performance, spring recital, and end-of-year carnival
- Be available to photograph classes and outreach programs to share in newsletters, on social media and with RYDE families



Class Mentor/Assistant

Overview

One of our most important roles is that of our class mentors! This special volunteer works alongside teachers to create a safe and uplifting environment during one, or more, of our classes.

Volunteer

- Liaison between staff and parents
- Helps/Monitors bathroom breaks
- Assists with costume selection and fitting
- Assists studio manager with tasks that they may need before, during, and/or after class, special events, performances



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Contact Us

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in any of RYDE's Volunteer Opportunities, please use one of the contacts below to get in touch with us regarding the next steps.

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