



STUDENT HONORS INTENSIVE PROGRAM 2026

Celebrating 21 Years
Of one of the ***BEST PROGRAMS*** for
Young Dancers in the Country

Dance Masters of America Student Honors
Intensive Program is an **EXCELLENT** program
for the serious, young dancer.

We are thrilled to be back at
Ball State University, 2000 W. University Ave. Muncie, IN 47306

July 20 – July 24, 2026
(Suggested arrival July 19th - Departure July 25th)

Deadline Date for registration is May 1st. Registration forms are available on the DMA website,
on the SHIP tab.

For Further Information/Questions Contact the DMA National Treasurer: Charleen Locascio
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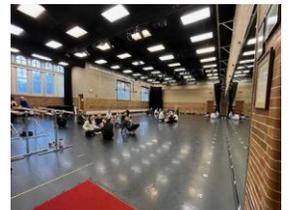
Dance Masters of America saw a need for a special program, for the serious dancers, to extend their dance training and introduce them to the many avenues in dance. With these ideals and goals, the S.H.I.P. program was developed and has grown tremendously.

S.H.I.P. is

- An educational journey for young emerging dancers ages 13-18.
- A voyage through the classroom challenges the dancers technical and artistic expression.
- The pathway to the stage and nurtures the development of resourceful artists of the future.
- Consists of daily Master Classes in many genres of dance.
- During the week students will learn short pieces of choreography showcasing them in several dance forms. This opportunity gives the students a further chance to observe choreographers' work in different forms, which will produce a showcase at the end of the week.

Mission Statement

To provide a comprehensive curriculum, an outstanding faculty, unique focus on technique and nurturing of camaraderie among serious students.



Special Note to All Attendees

Age Requirement – For ages 13-18 years of age. Student must be 13 years of age as of the first day of the program to participate in the S.H.I.P. program.

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory for all classes. Attendees will receive a certificate for completing the program at the end of the week.

Classes

Classes will be held on the Ball State campus.

Classroom decorum

Proper classroom decorum must be shown at all times. Example: Excessive talking, gum chewing, disrespect towards faculty, poor attitude, use of foul language are not acceptable. If found in violation you will be asked to leave the class resulting in an absence, and possible expulsion from the program with no refund or credit.

Dress Code

All participants must be attired under the following guidelines:

Dancewear: should be modest and in good taste. Cover-ups should be worn outside the classroom.

Hair must be secured neatly.

Appropriate shoes for each class (no socks in place of shoes).

For the S.H.I.P. performance

*All Female students must bring your basic black leotard

*All Male students must bring basic black t-shirt

*All students must bring your black leggings or basic black jazz pants and street wear (for hip hop).

Housing

Staying on campus in a residence hall is required for all attendees. Name and location of residence halls will be on the DMA website in late Spring. Please keep checking the website.

- Check-in for the dorm is between 1:30PM and 7:00PM.
- Provided in the dorm room: Pillow, pillowcase, 2 flat sheets, light weight blanket, 1 face towel, 1 bath towel, cup, soap. There is no sheet or towel exchange.
There are no refrigerators available for rent.
- You are responsible for cleaning out your room, including all garbage before leaving.
- Keys will be turned into dorm staff as follows:
 - If checking out after the Showcase on July 24 it must be done by 9:00PM.
 - If checking out on July 25 it must be done by 9:00AM.
 - Charge for lost keys: \$55.00.
- Laundry – there are washers and dryers in the dorm. They require quarters or you can download the app found in the laundry room and pay thru there.

Meals

Chaperones will escort attendees to one of the designated dining halls.

- All attendees are required to be on the University meal plan.

Debit Plan:

Provides a total declining (debit) account from which meal and snack purchases may be made throughout the time of the conference. S.H.I.P. attendees will pay \$160.00 which includes taxes and swipe fee. The total amount that will be loaded onto the card for attendees to spend is \$140.00.

Once the guest has exhausted the account, he/she must pay cash and/or credit for any further purchases. Unused debit account balances are not refundable and must be spent by the end of the final contract meal period of the conference. Meal cards will be honored only for each individual guest presenting his/her card for a meal.

Please note there are no meals provided on July 19 or July 25.

Medical Attention

Be sure to have all necessary information before leaving home. All attendees must include with their registration a doctor's letter stating the attendee is fit to participate in the S.H.I.P. program.

Other information required:

- See below under registration for information on prescriptions.

Orientation Meeting

There is a mandatory orientation meeting for attendees only on July 19th at 8:00PM in the residence hall.

Parking Fee

If driving on campus you will be required to purchase a parking pass for \$20.00. Parking is in designated areas only. Parking passes are not available on site, they are pre-order by May 1st only.

Performance

On the last day, at the close of classes, there will be a performance of the S.H.I.P. attendees.

Performance audience is limited to 100. If attending please check off and the number attending in the JotForm registration.

Pricing Before May 1st

Room Pricing: Single \$280.00
 Double \$220.00

Tuition Price Member rate \$760.00
 Non-member rate \$785.00

Meal Plan for those housing in the dorm is REQUIRED \$160.00

Bus Transportation \$90.00 roundtrip (see travel for more information).

NOTE: THERE ARE NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 10th EVEN WITH A WRITTEN EXCUSE FOR INJURY.

Registration

Is through the Dance Masters of America National Website <https://www.dmanational.org/> please click on the SHIP tab. **Parents MUST complete the S.H.I.P. REGISTRATION FORM AS WELL AS THE PARENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FORM.**

Registration is due

- by May 1st and is limited to 50 participants.
- late registration after May 1st please call Charleen Locascio, DMA National Treasurer 504-454-1376 for availability.
- No registration accepted as of June 15th.
- The following are REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WITH REGISTRATION:
 - A doctor's note stating the attendee is fit to actively participate in the program.
 - A copy of attendees insurance card.
 - List all attendee's prescriptions, non-prescription medication, over the counter medications, patches, pain relief pills, sprays, creams and roll-ons – with the dosage and instructions.
 - ALL prescriptions, non-prescription medication, over the counter medications, patches, pain relief pills, sprays, creams and roll-ons will be turned over in their original container at registration. There are NO EXCEPTIONS. Failure to comply will result in immediate expulsion from the program.

MANDATORY CHECK-IN July 19th from 5:30-7:00PM in the Residence Hall.

Residence Hall will be assigned to our program in the late Spring.

Student orientation will take place also July 19th at 8:00PM in the Residence Hall.

PICKING UP YOUR DANCER AT THE END OF THE WEEK

- Picking up a dancer at the end of the week: the adult (age 18 +) designated on the form filled out must have photo ID to pick up dancer.
- Dancers may be picked up after the showcase by 9:00PM or be checked out by 9:00AM on 7/25/26.

Schedule of classes

Please check the DMA National website for updated information and schedules.

S.H.I.P T-shirt / DMA Clothing

Purchase a SHIP shirt or DMA clothing at <https://stores.inksoft.com/dancemasters/shop/home>

Smoking / Drugs on campus

Ball State is a smoke free (including electronic devices) and drug free campus. If found in violation you will be immediately expelled from the campus and S.H.I.P. Program.

Travel

Airport: You should fly into the Indianapolis International Airport, which is approximately 1-1.5 hours from Ball State University. Bus transportation is provided for \$90.00 roundtrip as follows:

7/19/26 Depart from airport 12:00PM and 4:00PM. The bus will pick up near the rideshare area.

7/25/26 Depart from Ball State 6:00AM and 10:00AM

Pre-registration by May 1st is required for transportation.

The Indianapolis airport has a large food court area where travelers can wait for transportation.

Water: You are welcome to bring a water bottle into the classroom. WATER ONLY. There are water filling stations in the dance department as well as on campus.

**** Please check back regularly for any updates. Updates will be highlighted in **Yellow**.**