



As many of you may know, SAB's Summer Course can be an entry point to the School's year-round training program. Below we are answering common questions about how the Summer Course relates to SAB's Winter Term.

**Please note that some of the details and processes described in this FAQ are subject to change depending upon adjustments to the program that may occur as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.**

### **What is the relationship between the Summer Course and Winter Term?**

While the five-week Summer Course is designed to be an enriching, short-term training experience for all students who attend, it is also a very important component of the School's mission to enroll and train promising young dancers for professional careers in ballet. As soon as Summer Course classes commence, SAB's faculty begin to closely assess summer students' potential for year-round training at SAB. Historically, a large percentage of the School's intermediate and advanced Winter Term students have been recruited through the Summer Course. Most students who enroll in the Winter Term after attending the Summer Course remain at SAB for the duration of their pre-professional training. The Winter Term begins in early September and ends in mid-June.

### **Who is invited to Winter Term?**

In general, the faculty consider all students who are a minimum of 14 years old and entering the 9th grade as candidates for SAB's Winter Term residential program. Twelve and thirteen-year-old summer students may also be considered for the Winter Term if they are from the local area and able to continue living at home while training at SAB. There is no standard amount of "Summer Course experience" that qualifies a student for Winter Term eligibility. All students who meet the age/grade criteria are considered for the Winter Term, whether they are attending their first SAB Summer Course or perhaps have been to several Summer Courses. In any given year, 10 to 15 percent of enrolled summer students may be invited to join SAB as Winter Term students. The number invited year-to-year varies as a result of annual variations in the number of open spaces in SAB's Residence Hall.

### **Do parents/students need to notify SAB that they would like to be considered for Winter Term?**

As explained above, all students who meet the age/schooling criteria are considered. A formal request or application is not needed.

### **When are students invited to Winter Term?**

The faculty evaluates students for the duration of the Summer Course. While some students will receive an invitation to the Winter Term early in the Summer Course, others might be invited towards the end. Often the decision to invite a student to Winter Term becomes clear only after the faculty have spent many hours in summer classes with that student. In general, Winter Term invitations usually begin during the third week of Summer Course.

### **Where do Winter Term students live?**

SAB operates a fully-supervised on-site Residence Hall for approximately 64 winter students. Summer students who are invited to enroll for Winter Term will be told at the time of the invitation if they are also being offered a space in the Residence Hall.

### **Is financial aid available for Winter Term and how is it determined?**

Yes, assistance is available for families who demonstrate financial need. SAB also may supplement academic scholarships awarded by Professional Children's School (PCS). All parents of students interested in financial aid must submit an application to TADS, an independent financial assessment company that evaluates financial need using detailed information provided by a student's family. A TADS application remains valid for one year and is transferable among other educational institutions that also use the service (e.g. only one TADS application needs to be submitted for use by both SAB and PCS).

### **When should I apply for financial aid for Winter Term?**

While SAB cannot make the determination of who will be invited to the Winter Term until Summer Course has started, anyone considering the prospect of year-round training can take the step of applying for financial aid this spring. Once we have made the final decision regarding

the format of this year's Summer Course, families will be invited to submit a financial aid application through TADS. Doing so in advance of the start of the program, will allow SAB to make a financial aid offer simultaneous with a Winter Term invitation, providing parents with crucial information they may need in order to make a decision about their child's future training plans. Parents who do not submit a TADS application until SAB has extended a Winter Term invitation may wait up to two weeks for the financial assessment to be completed. (A list of documents you can prepare in advance of submitting your financial aid application is included in the final question.)

### **What are the academic options for Winter Term students?**

All students attending SAB must also be pursuing an academic diploma (unless they have already graduated from high school). The School of American Ballet has formal relationships with two local schools: Professional Performing Arts School (PPAS) and Professional Children's School (PCS).

The Professional Performing Arts School (PPAS) is a NYC Public School located on West 48th Street, in the heart of New York City's theater district. It is the mission of the school to develop, refine, and showcase students in dance, drama, and vocal music while also providing them with a rigorous, meaningful academic curriculum. In addition to their partnership with SAB, PPAS works with The Ailey School, Waterwell, Rosie's Theater Kids and The National Chorale. For more information, visit PPAS's website.

Professional Children's School (PCS) is located on West 60th Street, just south of Lincoln Center. PCS is a fully accredited, independent private school enrolling 200 students in grades 6-12. PCS has been providing college preparatory education to young people pursuing challenging career goals since 1914. Today's students include ballet, jazz, and hip hop dancers, musicians, athletes, actors and entrepreneurs. The cost of tuition for 2019-20 was \$46,900. Need-based financial aid is available from both PCS and SAB. For more information about the school, visit the PCS website.

## What are the options for students who are currently home-schooled?

Students who have already been participating in online, virtual or home school programs are generally able to continue their education in this manner upon entering SAB. We ask that families of such students discuss their academic plans with a Student Life staff member upon being invited to the Winter Term. SAB will collect information about the student's current schooling and provide information on the resources SAB makes available to home/virtual/online-schooled students.

## What happens when a student is asked to attend the Winter Term?

Parents of selected students will receive a phone call from SAB. Once parents have indicated interest in further exploring Winter Term training for their child, they will be provided with a billing statement outlining the costs of training, and if they have already completed a TADS application, the financial aid award (if any) will be indicated on the statement. If you have not already applied for aid, you must do so at this time. Note that it can take up to two weeks from the application to determine whether aid will be awarded. If housing in SAB's Residence Hall has been offered to your child, you must contact a Student Life staff member

to discuss any questions or concerns you might have in addition to practical details related to living in the dorm, roommate requests and move-in procedures. You will also discuss your child's academic options and take any immediate steps needed to enroll in a new academic school.

## What steps can I take now to prepare for the possibility of being invited to the Winter Term?

Keeping in mind that an invitation to Winter Term is not guaranteed regardless of any advance plans a student's family might make, those who are strongly interested in the possibility of training at SAB during the Winter Term can take some proactive steps now.

### 1. You can prepare the following materials for a submitting a financial aid application:

- Federal income tax and payroll information (i.e. W2, recent pay stubs, federal tax form 1040, 1099, etc.)
- Utility bills
- Rent or mortgage payment information
- Debt information (e.g. credit card debt, loans, medical bills)

Later this spring, SAB will provide directions for submitting a financial aid application to interested families. Note: if you have already submitted a TADS application for the 2020-21

school year for another educational institution, you do not need to reapply.

**2. To prepare for the possibility of transitioning to a new academic school, families are encouraged to collect high school transcripts and letters of recommendation from their current school, and assemble copies of the student's birth certificate and immunization records.**

**3. Parents escorting their children to New York for the start of the Summer Course should consider attending a special academic orientation meeting at SAB currently scheduled for Monday, June 29, at 10:00 a.m.** This meeting will provide interested families with more detailed information about the academic options available to SAB students. Note that this meeting is optional.

**4. Those interested in submitting applications for Professional Children's School's 2020-21 term (which PCS will accept now from prospective SAB students on a provisional basis) can contact the PCS Director of Admissions at 212-582-3166. Note that PCS will also accept applications later this summer after SAB's Winter Term invitations have been made. Typically, PCS hosts a tour and info session for families during the Summer Course. If it can be arranged, more information about such a tour will be forthcoming.**

