

FUELED & AFLAME DANCE MINISTRIES PERFORMING COMPANIES INFORMATION

Fueled & Aflame Dance Ministries (FAADM) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that promotes movement as a means of communication to God, with God, and about God. Our ministries consist of *Fueled & Aflame Dance Studio*, *Fueled & Aflame Dance Company*, and *Illuminate Dance Company*. We provide opportunities for our community as well as communities abroad to experience quality dance training in a variety of dance techniques as well as instruction in all areas of worship dance. Our mission is to educate and impart a lifestyle of worship in students of all ages so that they can learn how to use dance to deepen their relationship with God and impact the lives of the people around them.

Here is an overview of the different companies and programs we offer:

	Illuminate Dance Company	IGNITE Training Program	Fueled Company Apprentice Program	Fueled & Aflame Dance Company
Ages	9-17	14 & Up	16+ by invitation	18 & Up
Annual Fees*	\$350	\$175	\$500	Raise support for costs
Role	Performer	Trainee	Supporting Roles	Performer
Rehearsals	Saturdays 9:00-12:00 2x month	Saturdays 12:00-1:00 2x month***	Fridays** 4:30-6:30 2x month	Fridays** 4:30-6:30 2x month
Technique Requirements	Ballet Min. 1 hour/week	Ballet Min. 1 hour/week	Ballet & Contemporary: Min. 2 hour/week	Ballet & Contemporary: Min. 2 hour/week
Travel Requirements	Light	Light	Moderate	Heavy

**Please see the financial planning worksheet in our audition packet for a comprehensive list of costs associated with our performing companies*

***Additional rehearsals may be added in the four weeks leading up to a performance.*

****During the months of October through January, dancers in the IGNITE Training Program may be invited to Friday Company rehearsals for optional participation in a collaborative Company piece.*

ILLUMINATE DANCE COMPANY

Illuminate Dance Company (IDC) is a performance ministry for our younger dancers (ages 9-17) who have a desire to use dance to draw people closer to God. We work in conjunction with *Fueled & Aflame Dance Studio* to provide dancers with a pre-professional training environment where they will be challenged to learn choreography quickly and perform with excellence at a variety of venues. IDC dancers will have the opportunity to learn two to four different dances throughout the year in varying dance styles. Because of the large age range, dancers may learn several smaller group dances with dancers that are similar in age and/or skill in addition to at least one large group dance each season. IDC dancers will perform at a minimum of three dance concert events per season. Some IDC dancers may also have the opportunity to perform at churches, worship & outreach concerts, schools, hospitals, retirement communities, workshops, and other local venues. We also strongly encourage our IDC dancers to participate in one Project Dance Event per season.

IGNITE TRAINING PROGRAM

The *IGNITE Training Program* gives aspiring dancers an opportunity for more advanced training in modern and jazz dance techniques as well as an opportunity to learn a wide variety Company repertoire, advanced worship dance techniques, discipleship training, and dance outreach training in preparation to audition for the *Fueled & Aflame Dance Company Apprentice Program*. IGNITE trainees will participate in a twice monthly training class on Saturdays and may also have the opportunity to attend select Fueled Company rehearsals from mid-Oct. through January in order to prepare a collaborative piece that they will perform at our annual *Let it Shine* concert.

Dancers ages 14 & up are encouraged to participate in both *Illuminate Dance Company* AND the *IGNITE Training Program* for a well-rounded dance ministry training experience. IGNITE Trainees that do not participate in IDC will have only one performance opportunity per season at our January concert.

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FUELED & AFLAME APPRENTICE PROGRAM

Fueled & Aflame Dance Company's Apprentice Program gives dancers an opportunity to rehearse and train with company artists and includes additional learning opportunities in regards to dance company life. Apprentices have the opportunity to learn and be put to work in the areas of dance production (costuming, lighting, sound), dance marketing (social media, administration, and communications), and dance discipleship (taking a leadership role in cultivating an atmosphere of worship within Illuminate Dance Company and leading dancer devotional times). These are all additional learning opportunities the dancer can volunteer for outside of our normal rehearsal schedule. Apprentices will be expected to be at ALL company rehearsals including our twice monthly Friday gathering and any additional rehearsals schedules which will be posted approximately 4 weeks prior to a performance. Apprentices are also invited to attend the IGNITE Training Class on Saturdays from 12-1pm for extra training at no additional charge.

Some rehearsals/performances could require travel out of town and/or out of state. These activities are optional and dancers may be invited to participate in those opportunities with a project-based commitment. Dancers that choose to participate in out of town rehearsals and/or performances are required to cover all of their own travel costs in addition to the Apprentice Program fees.

Please note: Due to the heavier rehearsal schedules and travel demands of the touring company, dancers accepted to the Apprentice Program will not be able to participate in Illuminate Dance Company. Also, dancers involved in extracurricular activities such sports and band programs will most likely not be able to meet the commitments of this program. If invited to be a part of the Apprentice Program - please spend time praying about which program would be the best fit for you and your family! Illuminate Dance Company may offer the dancer more performance opportunities while the Apprentice Program will offer a more thorough training experience which would be valuable to those dancers interested in pursuing a dance career or auditioning for a college dance program. Dancers must be 16 to audition for the apprentice program.

FUELED & AFLAME DANCE COMPANY

Fueled & Aflame Dance Company is an adult touring ministry made up of dancers who have an extensive technical dance background and also have a passion for dance outreach. The Company offers workshops, master classes, and performance opportunities both locally and nationally. Interested dancers should have advanced-level training in a variety of dance forms including ballet, modern, jazz, and contemporary dance techniques. They should also be committed to learning and retaining choreography by whatever means necessary to perform with excellence at a variety of venues. Dancers do not need to be local as long as they are willing to travel for rehearsals and performances.

The Company is a part of *Fueled & Aflame Dance Ministries (FAADM)*, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. FAADM is not connected with a specific church but rather gathers with the purpose of fostering unity and diversity within the body of Christ. The Company seeks out trained dancers who are also passionate worshippers. Our goal is to support dancers who feel called to pursue performance ministry and be a living, moving witness to their faith - locally, nationally, and abroad.

AUDITION INFORMATION:

Interested dancers should review and complete the FAADM Company Application packet and attend the Annual Company Audition in mid-June. At the audition, each dancers' level of training in classical ballet, jazz, and modern dance technique will be taken into consideration, as well as their life experience and maturity. Upon completion of the audition, dancers will be notified of their possible placement in one of the following positions: Illuminate Dance Company member, Fueled & Aflame Dance Company Apprentice, or Fueled & Aflame Dance Company Artist. Additionally, dancers ages 14 & up may be selected for the IGNITE Training Program.

If selected, dancers will be required to commit to one performance season. Our performance season begins approximately the fourth week of June and runs through the week before Memorial Day. Dancers may also elect to participate in one Project Dance event per season, for which additional costs and rehearsal times will be added. This life-changing event gives dancers the opportunity to share hope and healing to a large city audience through their movement, while at the same time allowing them to be filled, refreshed, and inspired to pursue their chosen path as an artist of faith.

Current Illuminate Dance Company members are required to re-audition each season. Current Fueled & Aflame Dance Company members are not required to attend the annual audition - but must submit the annual commitment form stating their intent to continue during the next performance season at the time of the annual audition.