



THE NEXT WAVE INITIATIVE

The Alvin Ailey Dance Scholarship Application

This scholarship is granted to a promising Black artist pursuing a collegiate education in dance. The winner will be awarded a scholarship payment of \$1,958, honoring 1958, the year Ailey founded his Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

Name/Pronouns: _____

Hometown: _____ Ethnicity: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

High-School & Graduation Year :

College & Expected Graduation Year:

Please attach the following materials:

- An electronic copy of your college acceptance letter and/or proof of your college semester class schedule.
- A one-page mission statement explaining why you are a Next Wave Initiative Scholar. What are your short and long term goals as a dancer? What do you want from the business and how will your dance create change? What is your style and voice? What does dancing mean to you?
- Your dance resume thus far, plus a 2-3 minute dropbox or YouTube video of dance archival footage. It can be a compilation of old work or a new piece.

In one email, send all of the requested materials above, with your name + "Alvin Ailey Application" in the subject line to nextwave@directorscompany.org. Applications will open Monday April 1st, 2024 and must be submitted by Friday May 17th, 2024 at 11:59pm EST. All Next Wave Initiative Finalists will be announced in Summer 2024. The second round of the selection process will include a Zoom interview with NWI founder Douglas Lyons.