

2026 Sugarplums

a presentation program for second grade girls

COLORADO BALLET AUXILIARY
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Let visions of your daughter as a Sugarplum dance in your head!

For more than 30 years the Colorado Ballet Auxiliary Sugarplum program has been delighting 2nd and 3rd grade girls and their families through this special holiday tradition. Sugarplums enjoy months of festivities and friendships culminating with their on-stage presentation at opening night of Colorado Ballet's The Nutcracker. In their second year, as Sugarplum Alums, the young ladies have their moment to shine as they perform in the opening party scene of the ballet. If that isn't sweet enough, the proceeds of the Sugarplum program help Colorado Ballet bring world-class dance to Denver. Only girls who will be in 2nd grade in the fall of 2026 are eligible to apply, so don't let your little sugarplum miss this exclusive opportunity.

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Enclosed please find the application for the Sugarplum Class of 2026. Only girls who will be in second grade in the fall of 2026 are eligible to apply. In order for a child's application to be considered, a parent must be a current member of the Colorado Ballet Auxiliary and must remain a member in good standing throughout the program. For more information about membership levels, to join or renew online, please visit our website at www.coloradoballetaux.org. Sugarplum applications should be mailed to the Sugarplum Selection Committee at the address on the bottom of the application and must be received by January 31, 2026.

The Sugarplum Program is a two year commitment: the first year as a Sugarplum and the second year as a Sugarplum Alum. The fee for participation in the Sugarplum Program is \$3,000* each year which includes a charitable contribution of \$1,500 to Colorado Ballet. Fees must be paid in full by mid-April each year. No payments are to be mailed with the Sugarplum application; payment is not requested until acceptance invitations are mailed in March.

The Sugarplum Program is secular and inclusive of all faiths and beliefs. While we would love to include every family wishing to participate, space is limited. Applications are considered in the order in which they are received with consideration given to Colorado Ballet Auxiliary volunteer and community service. In order to protect feelings, please do not promise participation to your little girl.

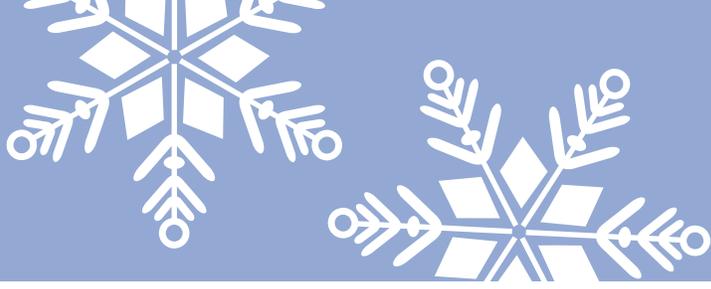
The Sugarplum Program includes activities such as:

- Sugarplum Dress Fitting Party in May or June
- Parent's Informational Coffee in late August or September
- Sugarplum Tea or Alum Etiquette Luncheon in September
- Fall Party for Sugarplums and Alums in October
- Holiday Party for Sugarplums and Alums in November
- Tickets for two adults and one Sugarplum or Alum to the Sugarplum Ball on Friday, November 27, 2026 (additional tickets may be purchased) NOTE: This is the day after Thanksgiving.
- A ticket for the Sugarplum in special seating for the on-stage presentation of the Sugarplums at opening night of Colorado Ballet's "The Nutcracker" on Saturday, November 28, 2026 (parent tickets and any additional tickets for siblings and guests will be purchased separately) NOTE: This is the Saturday after Thanksgiving.
- Special program attire including a dress, tights, ballet slippers and a hair bow for the Sugarplums and Alums
- A commemorative, heirloom nutcracker for Sugarplums and a special gift for Alums
- Professional photography and videography package, including photo with the Sugarplum Fairy
- Photo and name in "The Nutcracker" program

Other obligations and expectations:

- Mandatory Sugarplum and Alum attendance at the "stage" dress rehearsal for the Sugarplum Ball and presentation.
- Prompt arrival and appropriate behavior at all events.
- Absolutely no makeup on the girls, except as directed by the program chairs for the Alum stage performances.
- Sugarplums will be paired with different girls at events to encourage new friendships.
- Participants' parents are required to volunteer and assist with program events. Be sure to note on the application your area of interest.
- Sugarplum parent (s), sibling and guest Nutcracker ticketing will be purchased separately from the program.
- Alum parent (s), alum participant, sibling and guest Nutcracker ticketing will be purchased separately from the program.
- The Sugarplum Program is a two year social and financial commitment. The fee is \$3,000* each year which includes a charitable, tax-deductible donation of up to \$1,000 to Colorado Ballet.

**The Sugarplum Program fee is confirmed for the 2026 program year but may be raised for subsequent years.*



Attach photo here

Candidate's Full Name: _____
(last) (first) (middle)

Nickname: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade (fall 2026): _____
(Girls must be in 2nd grade fall 2026 to be considered)

School: _____ Girl resides with: Both Parents Other _____
(circle one)

Home Address: _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Applicant's CBA Sponsor: _____ Phone: _____
(If you do not have a CBA Sponsor, please contact the Sugarplum Advisor and one can be arranged.
Sponsor, please send additional comments to Sugarplum Advisor at the address or email listed below.)

Previous Sugarplum Family Members

Name: _____ Relation: _____ Year: _____

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Siblings to be considered for future Sugarplum participation in their 2nd grade years

(It is the parent's responsibility to submit an application by January 31st of the sibling's presentation year.)

Sister's Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ SP Year: _____

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Parent information

Parent One Full Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Home Address and Phone: _____
(if different than daughter's)

Business Name, Address & Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Stepparent's Name: _____

Parent Two Full Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Home Address and Phone: _____
(if different than daughter's)

Business Name, Address & Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Stepparent's Name: _____

Parent preference for volunteer participation in Sugarplum Program (circle at least one)

Committee member Party hostess Activity helper Event Chair

Other: _____ Special talent or interest*: _____
(*Examples include computer skills, calligraphy, party planning, scrap booking, etc!)

Colorado Ballet Auxiliary membership: _____
(years and levels of membership)

Volunteer work with Colorado Ballet Auxiliary: _____
(committees and years)

Colorado Ballet season ticket patronage: _____
(years)

Volunteer or financial support of Colorado Ballet: _____
(years and description of support)

Other community volunteer work and/or support: _____
(Please use a separate sheet of paper for full explanation and description of community involvement)

Parent Statement of Intent

1. I understand that in order for my Sugarplum applicant to be considered for the 2026 Sugarplum class, I must be a current member in good standing of the Colorado Ballet Auxiliary. If I am not currently a member, I may join or renew my membership at the time of application by paying dues at Colorado Ballet Auxiliary's website (<http://coloradoballetaux.org/join/>). I understand that this application will not be considered complete until my dues payment is received.
2. I understand that the fiscal year of the Colorado Ballet Auxiliary runs from July 1st - June 30th of any given year, so if I am joining or renewing my membership at the time of application, I will be paying dues in arrears for the 2025-2026 year ending on June 30, 2026 and I will be expected to pay dues again for the 2026-2027 membership year by July 1, 2026.
3. I am fully aware that the Sugarplum program is a two year commitment, the first year as a Sugarplum and the second as a Sugarplum Alum. Further, I am aware of the financial commitment for each of the two years and will ensure that payments are made by the stated dates on the invitation should my child be accepted.
4. I am aware that the culmination of the Sugarplum program occurs at the Sugarplum Ball and on-stage presentation which occur the Friday and Saturday evenings following Thanksgiving. I am committed to participating in these events during this traditional holiday weekend.
5. I understand that family participation in Sugarplum events is vital to the success of the program. In addition to my financial contribution I will volunteer my time and talents to assist with the execution of the program. I understand that in the second year of the program, all families are expected to volunteer in an event or organizational chair role as well as chaperone for various events and that this applies to each successive child accepted into the program.
6. As a participant, I am aware that Colorado Ballet's priority is to keep dancers and audiences safe. In extraordinary circumstances, Colorado Ballet may need to institute policies and procedures that impact portions of the program that involve the presentation or stage performances.

Parent Statement of Intent must be signed by a parent of the applicant.

Parent Signature

Date

Submission Details

1. Applications must be received by January 31, 2026.
2. Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee. Applications are considered in the order in which they are received with preference given to Colorado Ballet Auxiliary volunteer and community service.
3. A sponsor must fill out the sponsor form located on the Colorado Ballet Auxiliary website. Applications without a sponsor will not be considered. If you need assistance with this please contact the Sugarplum Advisor, sugarplumprogram@coloradoballet.org.
3. Parent must be a current member of the Colorado Ballet Auxiliary for application to be considered.
4. Absolutely no payments accepted with the application unless they are for membership dues.
5. A small school-type photo (approx. 2"x3") of the applicant must be submitted with the application.
6. Applications will not be logged as received until all of the criteria have been met – (1) complete application, (2) CBA membership active, (3) sponsor recommendation submitted, (4) photo submitted.
7. Questions can be addressed to: sugarplumprogram@coloradoballet.org.
8. **Mail application to:** Sugarplum Selection Committee, Colorado Ballet, 1075 Santa Fe Dr, Denver, CO 80204