



2026 Travel Assistance Fund

Please contact the DanceRites Producer via email dancerites@sydneyoperahouse.com or phone 0473 866 647 to confirm eligibility before filling out this form.

What is the DanceRites Travel Assistance Fund?

DanceRites is Australia's national First Nations dance competition, and is scheduled to be held at the Sydney Opera House Forecourt on 24 and 25 October 2026.

The Sydney Opera House Trust has established the DanceRites Travel Assistance Fund to provide an avenue for financial support for DanceRites dance groups from regional or remote areas of Australia. This Fund offers to complement eligible amounts you have raised to cover your travel costs, up to a maximum \$8,000 ex GST.

Terms and conditions apply.

Eligible groups

Dance groups must:

- Be from a regional or remote area, or the following metropolitan capitals - Perth, Adelaide, Darwin or Hobart. Dance groups from Melbourne, Sydney or the ACT are ineligible for funding.
- Be represented by someone aged 18 years or over; and
- Have an ABN and be prepared to receive project funds.

Employees of the Sydney Opera House and their immediate families are not eligible for this funding.

Evidence of funding

You must provide written evidence of all funds raised to cover your travel costs. You may include funding that you have already raised, and which is to be raised up until 16 September 2026. If you secure further funding after submitting your application, this can be notified to us and included in your application. We will not complement funds raised after 16 September 2026.

Application Details

Important Dates:

Applications open on Wednesday 15th July 2026

Applications close Wednesday 19 August 2026

Applicants notified of outcome: Within 1 week of Sydney Opera House receiving your completed application form and any required documentation.

In the application you will need to provide:

- A statement explaining why you need this funding
- A timetable for your travel arrangements (e.g. when your travel payments are due)
- A budget which outlines travel costs involved with bringing your group to Sydney and participating in DanceRites
- Evidence of funds raised. This can be in the form of a letter of commitment from the donor, financial statements, or other forms agreed by us. You may apply before you have received funding from these other sources
- An outline of how you intend to finance the rest of your travel costs

Applications will be assessed based on the needs of each applicant, including:

- The distance of travel to and from Sydney to attend DanceRites
- The modes and expense of transport needed
- Geographical location (priority is given to remote groups)
- If accommodation is required during the journey to and from Sydney to attend DanceRites
- How you have raised your share of the funds
- Your ability to finance your share of your travel budget; and
- Your capacity to organise the logistics for your dance group

Assistance – Contact us

The DanceRites team are here to help. We encourage you to call if you have any questions.

Contact:

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What happens if my group is successful?

Each travel fund application will be assessed on its individual merits by the DanceRites team at Sydney Opera House. Successful applicants will be chosen by the Sydney Opera House Trust, our decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. If you are successful you will be notified within 1 week of Sydney Opera House receiving your completed application form and any required documentation.

Successful applicants will need to enter into an agreement with the Sydney Opera House Trust and provide the DanceRites team with a valid Tax Invoice to receive the funds, as well as providing evidence of the funding raised by you to cover the rest of your travel costs to Sydney.

Funding will be paid to you before you attend DanceRites.

Following the DanceRites competition, funding recipients must submit an expenditure report by Monday 18 January 2027. We will provide you with a template to complete this. The report must include all financial funding you received as well as your travel costs. If for any reason you did not spend the funding received from the Sydney Opera House Trust, your group withdraws from or does not attend DanceRites, or have not applied it to your eligible travel costs, we reserve the right to request that funding be repaid.

Other Terms

If for any reason this funding process or the DanceRites competition is cancelled or is not capable of running as planned Sydney Opera House Trust may in its absolute discretion cancel this funding program without liability. Sydney Opera House Trust assumes no responsibility, and you release us from responsibility, for any failure to receive an application or for inaccurate information or for any loss, claim, damage or injury to person or property as a result of your application. The personal information you provide in submitting this application will be used by the Sydney Opera House Trust to assess your group's application. By applying, you consent to the storage of your group member's personal information on the Sydney Opera House Trust database.

