



TTApp Mission Statement

Foreseeing the need to cultivate dynamic, aspiring tap dancers (ages 15-20) who show interest in preserving and promoting tap dance in our local and regional communities, Tap Ties created our Apprentice Company – TTApp.

The TTApp Company will have the opportunity to study with the Tap Ties Company and other Tap Masters to gain practical experience in all areas of tap dance. This is an exciting program offering tap dancers the chance to develop their performance skills and gain a deeper understanding of tap dance as an art form. We welcome the serious tap dancer to audition to become part of this exciting new Tap Ties venture!

Requirements:

- Attend the audition on Thursday, July 31st, from 7:00-9:00pm @Cedar Crest College
- **Attend Weekly Tap Technique** classes at your home studio or with Tap Ties at one of our weekly Community Classes held at DeSales University on Tuesday evenings, and/or at Cedar Crest College on Wednesday evenings. Accommodations can be discussed if you are attending college outside the Lehigh Valley area – please contact us.
- **Pay the required non-refundable TTApp participation fee of \$450 (contracted period: September 1, 2025-June 1, 2026).** Payment is due at the first rehearsal on September 6th. This fee also allows you to take as many Tap Ties Community Tap Classes as you'd like on Tuesday and/or Wednesday throughout the contracted period.
- Attend Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon rehearsals at either Cedar Crest College or DeSales University, approximately 2 to 4 times per month from September to December and 1-2 times per month from January to June. Exact dates and times TBD
- Perform in a minimum of 3 performances with Tap Ties per year. Commit and notify Jill of your intention to perform, minimum 2 months before the performance date
- Cannot miss more than 1 rehearsal within 6 weeks of the performance date
- Volunteer at Tap Ties events – especially during our National Tap Dance Day Celebration
- Attend Tap Ties workshops and master classes when possible. **MUST take a minimum of 4 Master Classes per year**, either at a Tap Ties event or another tap festival.
- Help to promote Tap Ties events by encouraging friends and fellow dancers to participate in NTDD, workshops, and master classes, including distributing flyers/postcards and sharing social media posts

As a Tap Ties Apprentice Co. Member, you will receive the following benefits:

- Classes/rehearsals with Jill Fitzgerald and Justin Ballasy in tap technique, musicality, improvisation, traditional choreography, and the opportunity to perform throughout the Lehigh Valley, Philadelphia, and the tri-state region. Occasionally work and perform with live musicians.
- Free Master Classes and Workshops at Tap Ties National Tap Dance Day Celebration in May 2026, including a free t-shirt and performance fee.
- 50% off all Master Classes and Workshops at any other Tap Ties event.
- Costume pieces will be provided by Tap Ties – you will be responsible for providing your own good quality flat black tap shoes, black pants, jeans, and white button-down blouse.



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