



2016 Summer Intensive Housing Guide

Supervised housing is offered to out-of-town students aged 14 through 18 on a first-come, first-served basis. The housing fee includes studio transportation, meals, and weekend activities.

Location:

Secure resident housing is located on the campus of Aquinas College near the MBA studio and is staffed by an onsite chaperone. Aquinas is located in a quiet residential area with easy access to downtown activities and restaurants. We are the only group occupying the residence. Students will be assigned to double or triple rooms. Students should bring extra money for laundry, additional optional activities, and incidentals.

Grand Rapids is located near beautiful Lake Michigan and is listed in *Forbes Magazine* as one of the top 25 places to live. Students will have an opportunity to visit Lake Michigan beaches, the Frederick Meijer Botanical Garden, Nature Trails, and other chaperoned events.

Cost:

Room and Board is \$3,600 for 6-weeks or \$1,800 for 3-weeks; this includes a non-refundable \$250.00 deposit due by April 30, 5 pm Eastern Standard Time. The remaining balance is due May 20. Room and Board includes:

- Secure building with 24-hour campus security
- Experienced on-site MBA Chaperone
- Wireless internet Access, air conditioning, and full kitchen
- Double or triple (2- or 3-person) rooms
- Twin or bunk beds – one set of linens, pillow, blanket and towel included
- Pre-paid card operated laundry machines
- Meals: On class days, breakfast and dinner will be provided at the residence and students can select and pack their own lunches and snacks. On weekends, three meals will be provided. Students should bring extra money for snacks and incidentals during weekend activities.
- Variety of free activities

Supervision

The residence is staffed by an experienced chaperone. Residents are expected to participate in group activities. Students must check in and out at all times; curfews and residence rules are strictly enforced.

Transportation:

Transportation between the residence and the MBA studio will be provided. Transportation will also be provided for group extracurricular activities.

Transportation to and from the airport can be arranged with the MBA Administrator.

Registration and Payment

Housing must be arranged separately from class registration. Space will be reserved when the deposit is received and on a first come, first serve basis. To reserve a place at the residence, a non-refundable advanced deposit for \$250 is required. The deposit is due by April 18 at 5:00 pm EST and the balance is due by May 20.

Further Information

If you have any questions, please contact the MBA administration office at 616-710-1666 or administrator@michiganballet.org.

Personal Property: The Michigan Ballet Academy and Aquinas College assume no responsibility for personal property (see Liability Waiver). Please leave valuable items at home. It is not recommended to bring more than a small amount of personal expense money. An ATM is located on the Aquinas College campus.

Items to Bring: Linens will be provided. Students are responsible for bringing their own toiletries. Other recommended items include an alarm clock, a fan, sun block, a bathing suit and beach towel. Students may bring bottled water or other beverages to keep in their room.

Mail: Students may receive mail care of the Michigan Ballet Academy, 1595 Galbraith Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

2016 MBA Summer Intensive Housing Policies

For the health and well-being of all students, Summer Intensive residents will be expected at all times to conduct themselves in a manner that shows respect for students and staff, the residence in which they are housed and the property of others.

1. MBA employs live-in Chaperones to supervise all students.
2. The check-out and curfew policy is based on the student's age. All students staying in MBA housing are required to sign out EVERY time they leave the residence without the Chaperone and are required to sign in upon return.
 - Ages 14-15 may leave the residence only in groups of three or more and are confined to the Aquinas College campus. Students must remain together. Curfew time is 9:00 pm, Sunday-Thursday and 10:00 pm, Friday-Saturday.
 - Ages 16-17 may leave the residence only in groups of two or more and are confined to the Aquinas College campus. Students must remain together. Curfew time is 9:00 pm, Sunday-Thursday and 10:00 pm, Friday-Saturday.
 - Out of consideration for the Chaperone and other students in the residence, students 18 and older are required to return to the residence no later than 10:00 pm, Sunday-Thursday and 11:00 pm, Friday-Saturday.
3. Students under 18 must have a permission form signed by his/her parents in order to leave the MBA residence without the Chaperone or in groups of students as outlined above. Students may plan to spend overnight or a weekend with relatives but we ask that the permission form be submitted to MBA at least two days in advance of the student's departure. An MBA staff member will call parents to verify the information on the form. The student must introduce the person who will be accompanying him/her to the Chaperone before being allowed to leave.
4. Male and female students are not allowed to visit one another in either student's bedroom. There are common areas within the residence where they may visit together. If deemed necessary, the Chaperone may impose a stricter policy regarding socializing.
5. If a student has a concern resulting from his/her stay in residence housing, it is expected that he/she will first discuss it with MBA Chaperone. If the problem is not resolved, the student should bring the concern to the School Administrator and/or Assistant Artistic Director. Students are encouraged to contact the office anytime with a question or problem concerning the classes, residence, injury or illness.
6. Meals: On class days, breakfast and dinner will be provided at the residence and students can select and pack their own lunches and snacks. On weekends, three meals will be provided. Students should bring extra money for snacks and incidentals during weekend activities. Students with food allergies must report all allergies on the housing form and to the Chaperone. While MBA and its Chaperones will do whatever is possible to avoid any situation that would put a student at risk, the ultimate responsibility regarding food allergies lies with the student.

7. Transportation to/from the MBA studios and MBA coordinated activities will be provided by MBA Chaperones. Students are expected to be ready to leave the residence or studio as directed by the Chaperone.
8. Students are expected to attend all classes and rehearsals unless illness or severe injury prevents them from doing so. When possible, injured students are expected to attend classes to learn through observation.
9. The MBA program involves up to six hours of dancing each day, Monday through Friday. To prevent injury, we discourage students from taking too much time off before arriving at the program.
 - Should an injury or illness occur that requires immediate medical attention, 911 will be called and then the parent of the student.
 - If the student suffers from an injury or illness that does not require immediate care, an MBA staff member will take the student to Urgent Care. If the student is under 18 years of age, parents will be contacted in advance.
 - If medical treatment is sought for a student, the student's medical insurance will be used. Parents are responsible for all medical costs incurred in the course of their child's treatment.
 - Students who become too injured or ill to complete the program will be sent home with a prorated refund (see Refund Policy).
10. The Chaperones will escort students on week-end activities that may include visits to Lake Michigan beaches, the Frederick Meijer Botanical Gardens, White Caps baseball games, cultural events in Grand Rapids, shopping and movies, depending on the interests of the students in residence. Students will be responsible for the cost of these activities.
11. At no time will students use tobacco products, consume alcohol, or use drugs. Use of any of these substances will result in immediate dismissal from the program.
12. Students who violate the residence rules may be confined to the residence after class for a period determined by the Chaperone. If the Chaperone feels further discipline is required, the Chaperone will consult with the MBA Administrative Staff.

Inappropriate actions or language will not be tolerated. Violation of MBA rules, the rules of the Aquinas College campus housing or any rules of the state of Michigan may result in immediate dismissal from the program with no tuition or housing refund.



Liability Waiver & Acceptance of Housing Policies

Name of Summer Intensive Student (Resident): _____

The Summer Intensive Resident and his/her parents do hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue the Michigan Ballet Academy, its agents, directors, employees, volunteers and all other associates from any and all liability or claims resulting in personal injury, accidents or illnesses (including death), and property loss arising from Resident's stay in the student residence or host family's home under this Agreement. The Resident and his/her parents have read and agree to abide by the rules and expectations as provided by MBA.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Student Resident Signature: _____

Date: _____

