



ALOFT PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM YEAR ONE INFO

Applications are now open for Year 1 of Aloft Circus Arts Professional Training Program 2026-2027! We are accepting 8-12 students who want to find their artistic voice and dive into 9 months of intensive circus study, skill acquisition and creative exploration.

Applications for auditions are now open and are due on March 1st, 2026. Our live audition is March 19th and 20th, 2026. If spots remain open after our audition, we will accept applications on a rolling basis.

Year 1 of our Professional Training Program is focused on skill building. With a wide introduction to varied topics in the circus arts in the first and second trimesters, we aim to expose our students to many circus disciplines. You'll start each day with a focus of the week - bringing in a new teacher to introduce you to a new topic. Focus weeks have included tightwire, flying pole, unicycle, stilt walking, sling, vertical theory, puppetry, clown, foot juggling, diabolo, spanish web and much more. Orientation weeks are your first two weeks of the program and give you the education to help you succeed in circus school such as nutrition, goal setting, injury prevention, etc. Classes to help you become a well-rounded and competitive circus artist such as dance, theater, acro, juggling, conditioning, flexibility, trapeze, lyra, rope, silks, production and more are included in your weekly classes with your cohort throughout the entire program. In Trimester 1 you have pro program classes from 9-230 and can take up to 5 classes from our advanced recreational program in the evening.

In the second trimester, you choose your major discipline and your major coach and have one hour private lessons per week in skill acquisition and act development. Your daily classes continue and your schedule increases from 9-4 with open training now available. You are able take 2 recreational classes in the evening.

In the final trimester, your pro program schedule is now 8-430, with additional open training available. As this is where the program gets more demanding, your recreational classes in the evening end. Act creation class appears to help you hone in on the development of your final act presentation. Although your pro program hours get longer, there is some room for flexibility with early release (de-loaded) Wednesdays to help your body rest and more flexible open training hours in the morning. Your Year 1 culminates in performing in Aloft's award-winning professional cabaret "Sanctuary" in June where you will present your solo act as well as performing in ensemble pieces such as dance, juggling, acro and theater.

Unique to Aloft's program - in addition to learning how to be a performer, we will teach you how to run a show! You will leave Year 1 a more marketable and empowered circus artist with more skills than just performing. Included in Year 1 is Production Class - where you will learn how to stage manage, run lighting and sound boards, artistically direct, rig, promote and more in the production of a bi-monthly open-stage style cabaret show "Communion". ALL ticket proceeds from that show will go directly back to your cohort and into a tuition pool to reduce the cost of your tuition. Students have received an average of \$500-\$1500 in tuition reduction. You will learn employable skills and earn money at the same time!

IMPORTANT DATES

Program Start:
September 8th, 2026
Thanksgiving Break:
November 23rd-27th
Winter Break:
December 21st-
January 8th
Spring Break: March
8th-12th (subject to
change prior to start
of program)
Final Show: June 5th,
2027

PROGRAM COST:

Tuition for 24-25 and
25-26 was \$11,000.
Tuition will be
announced by
January 2026 for the
26-27 year.
Earn money off your
tuition through
production class

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