

Congratulations!

On behalf of American Dance Awards, we offer our congratulations on being chosen to compete in our prestigious international title competition,

America's Dancer of the Year!

We are excited to see you at our 2024 National Championship in Providence, RI. We know you will enjoy your experience learning an Opening Number from a respected and sought-after industry choreographer, participating in audition classes in all genres, performing on stage for friends, family, and our esteemed panel of judges, and making friendships to last a lifetime. Over the past 30 years, the most well-rounded dancers have been crowned with the highest honor at American Dance Awards. We look forward to your participation!

Please see below for an overview of Dancer of the Year (DOTY) commitments and registration procedures. You can also visit our website for more information on America's Dancer of the Year and our 2024 National Championship. **All further scheduling and contestant information will be communicated directly to studio owners.**

See you in Providence!

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America's Dancer of the Year

2024 CONTESTANT INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

All registration and payment will be completed **BY YOUR STUDIO OWNER** in our Online Registration System. The former DOTY Fact Sheet will no longer be necessary - all information will be entered directly by your studio owner when registering. **Registration is now open - you can be registered for DOTY at any time after your Regional event. The final deadline for all DOTY registrations will be June 1st, 2024.**

All contestants are required to provide a vertical, **COLOR headshot** with a white background (minimum 5x7", 1500x2100px, 300ppi). Your studio owner will upload this in their Media Manager when they complete your registration. Please clearly label the photo file (Dancer's Name - Age Division - Studio). These pictures are used in our National Championship program and will also be displayed in the lobby.

AUDITION CLASSES & COMMITMENTS

In addition to competing their solo at their respective Title Competition, Title contestants in the Junior, Teen, and Senior age divisions participate in an orientation, a contestant introduction, four mandatory audition classes (Ballet, Tap, Jazz, and Contemporary/Lyrical), a video introduction recording session, and rehearsals for their Opening Number.

Title Contestants in the Young age division participate only in an Orientation and their Solo Competition.

FEEES

DOTY fees must be paid in full by June 1st by your registered dance studio. ADA will not accept personal checks or payments from parents.

YOUNG: \$200
JUNIOR, TEEN, SENIOR: \$275

SCHEDULE

All DOTY Audition Classes and Opening Number choreography rehearsals will be completed on **June 29th and 30th**, prior to the National Championship competition starting on July 1st.

DOTY contestants may have additional Opening Number brush-up and staging rehearsals during the week, prior to their Title Competition evening. These dates and times are released with the National Championship schedule.

The Opening Numbers will be performed at their Title Competitions, and again to open the 12 & Under Gala on July 5th (for Junior DOTY) or 13 & Over Gala on July 7th (for Teen & Senior DOTY).

YOUNG DOTY CONTESTANTS

Orientation: afternoon of July 2nd
Title Competition: evening of July 2nd

JUNIOR DOTY CONTESTANTS

Orientation/Rehearsals/Classes: June 29th and 30th
Title Competition: evening of July 3rd.

TEEN DOTY CONTESTANTS

Orientation/Rehearsals/Classes: June 29th and 30th
Title Competition: evening of July 4th

SENIOR DOTY CONTESTANTS

Orientation/Rehearsals/Classes: June 29th and 30th
Title Competition: evening of July 6th.

CONTESTANTS MUST BE PRESENT AT THEIR RESPECTIVE ORIENTATIONS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN DOTY, NO EXCEPTIONS. PLEASE PLAN YOUR TRAVEL ACCORDINGLY.