



America's Dancer of the Year

2025 CONTESTANT INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

All registration and payment will be completed by your studio in their [Online Registration Portal](#). Registration is now open - you can be registered for DOTY at any time after your qualification at a Regional event. The final deadline for all DOTY registrations will be May 15th.

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, along with your solo music by May 15th. 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. Please note: Contestants' names will be printed according to the spelling/capitalization entered in the online registration.

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 a day-of Orientation and their Solo Competition.

FEES

DOTY fees must be paid in full by May 15th by your registered dance studio. ADA will not accept personal checks or payments from parents.

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

All DOTY participants must also pay the Nationals Registration Fee which includes unlimited access to a week of convention classes, tickets for the dancer & 2 guests to their respective gala, and exciting coupons!

SCHEDULE

DOTY Audition Classes and Opening Number choreography rehearsals will begin on June 30th and July 1st, prior to the National Championship competition starting on July 2nd. Rehearsals and classes may continue 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 8th (for Teen & Senior DOTY).

YOUNG DOTY CONTESTANTS

Orientation: afternoon of July 3rd
Title Competition: evening of July 3rd

JUNIOR DOTY CONTESTANTS

Orientation: June 30th
Title Competition: evening of July 4th

TEEN DOTY CONTESTANTS

Orientation: June 30th
Title Competition: evening of July 6th

SENIOR DOTY CONTESTANTS

Orientation: June 30th
Title Competition: evening of July 7th

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

All schedules are subject to change. All further scheduling & contestant information will be communicated directly to studio owners.