

## **NEW YORK STATE DANCE CHALLENGE & FLORIDA STATE DANCE CHALLENGE 2024-2025 AWARDS**

**At N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C., we feel that EVERYONE should be recognized for their achievement in performing on stage!!**

♡ N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. WILL RECOGNIZE THE HIGHEST SCORE FOR THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD POSITIONS IN ALL FOUR COMPETITION LEVELS, AGE AND SIZE DIVISION (RISING CHALLENGER, CHALLENGER, HIGH & TOP CHALLENGER CLASSIFICATIONS)

♡ FOR SOLOS (FIGURED BY JUST THE SOLO ENTRIES), DUOS/TRIOS (THE HIGHEST SCORE IS FIGURED OUT BETWEEN THE DUOS & TRIOS), SMALL GROUPS, LARGE GROUPS, LINE/PRODUCTION GROUPS & GRAND LINE/PRODUCTION GROUPS.

♡ ALL FIRST PLACE HIGH SCORE ENTRIES WILL BE COMMEMORATED WITH A HIGH SCORE PLAQUE OR TROPHY ALONG WITH A \$50.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO BE USED FOR REGIONAL FEES IN THE 2026 SEASON. THERE MUST BE A MINIMUM OF (6) ENTRIES IN EACH AGE DIVISION AND CLASSIFICATION TO RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE. IF THERE ARE LESS THAN (6) ROUTINES, A \$25.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE WILL BE ISSUED FOR 2026'S DANCE CHALLENGE TO THE FIRST PLACEMENT OF THE HIGHEST SCORING ENTRY IN EACH AGE DIVISION IN ALL FOUR CLASSIFICATIONS. FOR SECOND AND THIRD PLACEMENT, A GIFT CERTIFICATE WILL BE ISSUED FOR 2026'S DANCE CHALLENGE IF THERE ARE (6) OR MORE ENTRIES IN EACH AGE DIVISION AND CLASSIFICATION. N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. WILL RECOGNIZE UP TO THE TOP 10 HIGHEST SCORING ENTRIES IN EACH CLASSIFICATION AND AGE DIVISION.

♡ COMPETITORS MUST COMPETE ON THE DAY AND TIME ASSIGNED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR OVERALL AWARDS. Awards ceremonies will be held for Judges Awards, Choreography/Entertainment Awards, Exclusive NYSDC/FSDC Awards, Titles & Overalls.

♡ All solos, duos, trios and groups will be judged on a point system. Based upon the total score of three judges, each entry will receive a high-silver, gold, high-gold, platinum ranking or empire platinum ranking.

♡ In a routine that has dancers from different classification levels, more than 50% of the dancers must be from the classification level that they are competing in. Group routines placed in the Rising Challenger Classification must consist of all Rising Challenger Dancers. Group routines placed in the Challenger/Recreational Classification must consist of all Challenger/Recreational Dancers.

**MINI STAR DIVISION: 3-4 YRS.**

**PETITE STAR DIVISION: 5-6 YRS.**

**RISING STAR DIVISION: 7-8 YRS.**

**NEW FOR 2025! PRE-JUNIOR STAR DIVISION: 9-10 YRS.**

**JUNIOR STAR DIVISION: 11-12 YRS.**

**TEEN STAR DIVISION: 13-15 YRS.**

**SENIOR STAR DIVISION: 16-19 YRS.**

**PARENT DIVISION: A ROUTINE THAT HAS PARENTS ONLY. (THESE ROUTINES ARE ADJUDICATED ONLY AND COMPETE FOR THE TOP PARENT AWARD) ADULT DIVISION: 20 YRS. & OLDER—WHICH MAY INCLUDE ANY STUDIO DIRECTOR, FULL TIME INSTRUCTOR, STUDENT INSTRUCTOR, CHOREOGRAPHER AND/OR WORKING PERFORMER WHO IS 20 YRS. AND OLDER. (THESE ROUTINES ARE ADJUDICATED ONLY AND COMPETE FOR THE TOP ADULT AWARD) \*THERE ARE NO CASH AWARDS PRESENTED FOR THE PARENT OR ADULT DIVISION.**

**2024-2025 NYSDC/FSDC SCORING SYSTEM**

**RISING CHALLENGER DIVISION**

HIGH GOLD 265-275

GOLD 250-264.9

HIGH SILVER 240-249.9

**CHALLENGER DIVISION**

PLATINUM 290-300

HIGH GOLD 275-290

GOLD 265-274.9

HIGH SILVER 250-264.9

**HIGH CHALLENGER DIVISION**

EMPIRE ELITE PLATINUM 293-300

PLATINUM 285-292.9

HIGH GOLD 275-284.9

GOLD 263-274.9

HIGH SILVER 255-262.9

**TOP CHALLENGER DIVISION**

EMPIRE ELITE PLATINUM 295-300

PLATINUM 290-294.9

HIGH GOLD 278-289.9

GOLD 263-279.9

HIGH SILVER 258-262.9

**N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. SPECIAL AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT EVERY AWARDS CEREMONY  
THROUGHOUT EACH REGIONAL!! ADJUDICATED AWARDS**

♡ Each Solo will receive a Sash Pin along with an exclusive lapel pin for each routine entered at the N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C.

♡ Each Duo/Trio will receive a trophy or plaque and each Duo/Trio competitor will receive a N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. exclusive lapel pin for participating.

♡ Studios/Dancers will receive a trophy or plaque to commemorate each of its group routines. All group dancers will receive a N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. exclusive lapel pin for each of their entries.

♡ Vocal High Score Awards will be presented in three separate divisions: Solos, Duos/Trios and Groups.

♡ Student Choreography Awards (Minimum of 3 Student Choreographed routines required)

♡ Judges awards are not based on adjudicated scores. Entries of all ages, levels and divisions are eligible to be nominated for judges award by our judges.

♡ Awards are available for purchase at the conclusion of each Regional and National Competition. Please note however, that they are on a first come first served basis.

**2024-2025 AWARDS**

**HIGH SCORE AWARD INFORMATION**

**SOLOS, DUOS/TRIOS** ALL FIRST PLACE HIGH SCORE ENTRIES WILL BE COMMEMORATED WITH A HIGH SCORE PLAQUE OR TROPHY ALONG WITH A \$50.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO BE USED FOR REGIONAL FEES IN THE 2026 SEASON. THERE MUST BE A MINIMUM OF (6) ENTRIES IN EACH AGE DIVISION AND CLASSIFICATION TO RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE. IF THERE ARE LESS THAN (6) ROUTINES, A \$25.00 GIFT

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**SMALL AND LARGE GROUPS** ALL FIRST PLACE HIGH SCORE ENTRIES WILL BE COMMEMORATED WITH A HIGH SCORE PLAQUE OR TROPHY ALONG WITH A \$50.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO BE USED FOR REGIONAL FEES IN THE 2026 SEASON. THERE MUST BE A MINIMUM OF (6) ENTRIES IN EACH AGE DIVISION AND CLASSIFICATION TO RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE. IF THERE ARE LESS THAN (6) ROUTINES, A \$25.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE WILL BE ISSUED FOR 2026'S DANCE CHALLENGE TO THE FIRST PLACEMENT OF THE HIGHEST SCORING ENTRY IN EACH AGE DIVISION IN ALL FOUR CLASSIFICATIONS. FOR SECOND AND THIRD PLACEMENT, A GIFT CERTIFICATE WILL BE ISSUED FOR 2026'S DANCE CHALLENGE IF THERE ARE (6) OR MORE ENTRIES IN EACH AGE DIVISION AND CLASSIFICATION. N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. WILL RECOGNIZE UP TO THE TOP 10 HIGHEST SCORING ENTRIES IN EACH CLASSIFICATION AND AGE DIVISION.

**LINE/PRODUCTION GROUPS (20-39 PERFORMERS)** ALL FIRST PLACE HIGH SCORE ENTRIES WILL BE COMMEMORATED WITH A HIGH SCORE PLAQUE OR TROPHY ALONG WITH A \$75.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO BE USED FOR REGIONAL FEES IN THE 2026 SEASON. THERE MUST BE A MINIMUM OF (6) ENTRIES IN EACH AGE DIVISION AND CLASSIFICATION TO RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE. IF THERE ARE LESS THAN (6) ROUTINES, A \$50.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE WILL BE ISSUED FOR 2026'S DANCE CHALLENGE TO THE FIRST PLACEMENT OF THE HIGHEST SCORING ENTRY IN EACH AGE DIVISION IN ALL FOUR CLASSIFICATIONS. FOR SECOND AND THIRD PLACEMENT, A GIFT CERTIFICATE WILL BE ISSUED FOR 2026'S DANCE CHALLENGE IF THERE ARE (6) OR MORE ENTRIES IN EACH AGE DIVISION AND CLASSIFICATION. N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. WILL RECOGNIZE UP TO THE TOP 10 HIGHEST SCORING ENTRIES IN EACH CLASSIFICATION AND AGE DIVISION.

**GRAND LINE/PRODUCTION GROUPS (40+ PERFORMERS)** ALL FIRST PLACE HIGH SCORE ENTRIES WILL BE COMMEMORATED WITH A HIGH SCORE PLAQUE OR TROPHY ALONG WITH A \$100.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO BE USED FOR REGIONAL FEES IN THE 2026 SEASON. THERE MUST BE A MINIMUM OF (6) ENTRIES IN EACH AGE DIVISION AND CLASSIFICATION TO RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE. IF THERE ARE LESS THAN (6) ROUTINES, A \$75.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE WILL BE ISSUED FOR 2026'S DANCE CHALLENGE TO THE FIRST PLACEMENT OF THE HIGHEST SCORING ENTRY IN EACH AGE DIVISION IN ALL FOUR CLASSIFICATIONS. FOR SECOND AND THIRD PLACEMENT, A GIFT CERTIFICATE WILL BE ISSUED FOR 2026'S DANCE CHALLENGE IF THERE ARE (6) OR MORE ENTRIES IN EACH AGE DIVISION AND CLASSIFICATION. N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. WILL RECOGNIZE UP TO THE TOP 10 HIGHEST SCORING ENTRIES IN EACH CLASSIFICATION AND AGE DIVISION.

**TOP STUDIO AWARD:** A TROPHY OR PLAQUE AND A \$75.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO BE USED TOWARDS 2026 N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. REGIONALS. THE TOP STUDIO AWARD WILL BE AWARDED TO THE STUDIO EARNING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PLATINUM AWARDS OR HIGHEST SCORING CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF THE TOP 10 SCORES/ROUTINES OF A STUDIO.

**TOP COSTUME AWARD:** A TROPHY OR PLAQUE AND A \$75.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO BE USED TOWARDS 2026 N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. REGIONALS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNING STUDIO. (THERE IS A \$40.00 FEE PER ROUTINE FOR THE COSTUME ENTRY TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE TOP COSTUME AWARD) \*THERE MUST BE A MINIMUM OF (10) ENTRIES ENTERED TO RECEIVE THE TOP COSTUME AWARD.

**TOP CHOREOGRAPHY AWARD:** A TROPHY OR PLAQUE AND A \$75.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO BE USED TOWARDS 2026 N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. REGIONALS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNING STUDIO.

**TOP CLASS STUDIO AWARD:** A TROPHY OR PLAQUE AND A \$100.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO BE USED TOWARDS 2026 N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. REGIONALS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNING STUDIO THAT DISPLAYS POSITIVE ATTITUDES, A WILLINGNESS TO HELP OTHERS, AGE-APPROPRIATE COSTUMING AND CHOREOGRAPHY THROUGHOUT THE COMPETITION.

**WELL-ROUNDED STUDIO AWARD:** A TROPHY OR PLAQUE AND A \$75.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO BE USED TOWARDS 2026 N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. REGIONALS. TRAVELING WITH OUR REGIONALS IN NEW YORK STATE, WE HAVE OBSERVED THAT MANY STUDIOS ONLY FOCUS ON A SELECT FEW DANCE STYLES. TO ENCOURAGE DANCERS TO BE MORE DIVERSE IN VARIOUS DANCE STYLES, ONE STUDIO IN EACH CITY WILL BE AWARDED THE WELL ROUNDED STUDIO AWARD.

**TOP ADULT AWARD:** A TROPHY OR PLAQUE AND A \$25.00 Gift Certificate to be used towards 2026 N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. Regionals

**OUR EXCLUSIVE NYSDC AND FSDC PREMIERE STAR AWARD!:** This is a hand-picked award given to one student from every studio participating at each Regional. This award goes to the student that demonstrates a positive attitude, is hardworking and strives to become better not only as a dancer but as a person. A TROPHY OR PLAQUE AND A \$25.00 RETAIL CERTIFICATE

**OVERALL STUDENT CHOREOGRAPHY AWARD:** THIS AWARD GOES TO THE STUDENT CHOREOGRAPHY ROUTINE WITH THE HIGHEST SCORE. NOTE: IN ORDER FOR A ROUTINE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR OVERALL STUDENT CHOREOGRAPHY, WHEN REGISTERING THE ROUTINE, YOU MUST SELECT "STUDENT CHOREOGRAPHY" FOR THE CATEGORY INSTEAD OF THE STYLE OF DANCE (JAZZ, LYRICAL, BALLET ETC.)

**2024 EXCLUSIVE JUDGES AWARDS:** N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. SPECIAL AWARDS ARE GIVEN BY JUDGES FOR UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP!!! PLEASE NOTE, JUDGES AWARDS ARE NOT BASED ON ADJUDICATED AWARDS.

**Solo, Duo and Trio Stand-Out Awards!**

**Group Stand-Out Awards!**

**OVERALL "FANTASTIC FOOTWORK" AWARD:** A TROPHY OR PLAQUE AND A \$75.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO BE USED TOWARDS 2026 N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. REGIONALS AWARDED TO THE STUDIO THAT DISPLAYS HIGHLY PROFICIENT TAP TECHNIQUE. THE WINNING ENTRY MUST HAVE REGISTERED UNDER THE TAP CATEGORY TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD.

**I LOVE NY AWARD!** AWARDS FOR ROUTINES THAT ARE ESPECIALLY ENTERTAINING AND DESERVING OF ADDITIONAL RECOGNITION. N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C.

**“TOTAL TECHNIQUE” AWARD:** A TROPHY OR PLAQUE AND A \$75.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO BE USED TOWARDS 2026 N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. REGIONALS AWARDED TO THE STUDIO THAT DISPLAYS SOLID, STRONG AND WELL-EXECUTED TECHNIQUE THROUGHOUT THEIR ENTRIES.

**THE VISIONARY AWARD:** PRESENTED TO THE STUDIO DIRECTOR THAT WE FEEL BRINGS THE MOST DIVERSITY INTO THEIR STUDIO’S COMP CHOREOGRAPHY AND ROUTINE PERFORMANCES.

**THE TOTAL COMMITMENT AWARD:** JUDGES WILL SELECT A ROUTINE AT EVERY REGIONAL THAT THEY HAVE SEEN TOTAL COMMITMENT FROM THE CREATIVITY, COSTUMING, EXECUTION AND STAGE PERFORMANCE.

**THE ARTIST & ATHLETE AWARD:** THIS AWARD WILL BE GIVEN IN EVERY REGIONAL CITY TO THE ROUTINE THAT DISPLAYS NOT ONLY STRONG CHOREOGRAPHY BUT AN ENTRY THAT REQUIRES SIGNIFICANT ENDURANCE.

**NYSDC/FSDC SPIRIT AWARD GIVEN IN EVERY REGIONAL CITY!**

**IMPROVISATION DANCE OFF!** THIS CONTEST IS OPEN TO FOUR DIFFERENT AGE BRACKETS: 4-7 Yrs., 8-10 Yrs., 11-13 Yrs., and 14 Yrs. and Up. The Cost to enter this Contest is \$20.00 Per Dancer and all registrations can be done at each Regional City for both NYSDC and FSDC. The Winner and RunnerUp will be awarded a trophy and a gift certificate.

**THE EVER UPWARD AWARD:** Is awarded to the highest scoring routine of the entire competition. Award winners will be invited to dance in our opening number at Nationals.

**N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. OVERALL “MOST ENTERTAINING” AWARD FOR SOLOS, DUOS OR TRIOS:** A TROPHY OR PLAQUE AND A \$75.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO BE USED TOWARDS 2026 N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. REGIONALS AWARDED TO THE ENTRY (SOLO, DUO OR TRIO) WHICH DISPLAYS A HIGH QUALITY OF ENTERTAINMENT WHILE PERFORMING THEIR ENTRIES.

**N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. OVERALL “MOST ENTERTAINING” AWARD FOR SMALL, LARGE OR LINE GROUPS:** A TROPHY OR PLAQUE AND A \$75.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO BE USED TOWARDS 2026 N.Y.S.D.C./F.S.D.C. REGIONALS AWARDED TO THE ENTRY (SMALL, LARGE OR LINE GROUP) WHICH DISPLAYS A HIGH QUALITY OF ENTERTAINMENT WHILE PERFORMING THEIR ENTRIES.

**NATIONAL THE CALL BACK CHALLENGE:** Is a lightning round of encore performances by solos, duos, trios, small and large groups chosen by the judges. Each participant receives an invitation to participate in our Special Performer Program at Nationals.

**STAND-OUT STARS WILL BE HAND PICKED AT EACH REGIONAL LEADING UP TO NATIONALS! THESE ARE DANCERS THAT STAND OUT TO THE JUDGES AND OR THE NYSDC/FSDC CREWS. STAND OUT STARS**

**WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AT NATIONALS! THEY WILL PERFORM A PRODUCTION NUMBER TO KICKOFF OUR NATIONAL EVENT!**

**SPOTLIGHT WINNERS AWARDED IN EVERY REGIONAL CITY!!**

**NATIONAL Best in Entertainment Showdown Runner Up and Winner:** Are routines that have been nominated to re-perform at the end of the competition based on entertainment value. Runner Up and Winner will receive prizes.

**OUR EXCLUSIVE FSDC SUNSHINE AWARD! AWARDS FOR ROUTINES THAT ARE CREATIVE, STAND-OUT, ONE OF A KIND DANCES!**

**NATIONAL Choreography Showdown Runner Up and Winner:** Are routines that have been nominated to re-perform at the end of the competition based on choreography innovation, storytelling and composition. Runner Up and Winner will receive prizes!

**NEW YORK STATE DANCE CHALLENGE & FLORIDA STATE DANCE CHALLENGE PRESENTS THEIR "EXCLUSIVE SPECIAL AWARDS" RECOGNITION OF SENIOR DANCERS AT ALL EVENTS!**

**N.Y.S.D.C. & F.S.D.C. RETAIL COUPONS FOR REMEMBERABLE ENTRIES!**

**AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP ACHIEVEMENTS!**

**SPECIAL NYSDC/FSDC AWARDS HANDPICKED BY THE COMPETITION DIRECTOR AND ITS STAFF!**

**NATIONAL DOLLARS AWARDED IN EVERY REGIONAL CITY!**

**BEST USE OF PROP AWARD GIVEN AT EVERY REGIONAL!**

**EXCLUSIVE AWARDS FOR FIRST TIME COMPETITORS!**

**TOP NEW YORK & FLORIDA STYLE AWARDS!**

**BEST MUSIC SELECTION AWARDS GIVEN AT EVERY REGIONAL!!**

**TOP SOLOIST, DUO, TRIO, SMALL, LARGE AND GRAND LINE PRODUCTION AWARD GIVEN AT NATIONALS!**

**\*Award Donations: Rather than accepting trophies for your 2026 NYSDC/FSDC awards, The New York State Dance Challenge and Florida State Dance Challenge gives each studio the option to donate their awards to charity at \$5.00 per award. Of course, you have the option to keep your awards to, you have every right to this!**

**Participants are in understanding to recognize the risks of physical injury inherent in dance and dance performances and be willing to assume those said risks. It is agreed that participants will not hold New York State Dance Challenge, Inc. and or Florida State Dance Challenge, Inc. or its directors or employees liable for injuries sustained or illnesses contracted by them while in attendance and/or**

**performing in any activity at a New York State Dance Challenge and Florida State Dance Challenge competition. I also grant permission to use photographs, video tape, or recording for any promotional purposes without any obligation, compensation or written consent. Your registration with New York State Dance Challenge and Florida State Dance Challenge demonstrates that you have read and fully accept our RULES, REGULATIONS, TERMS and CONDITIONS. Any violation of the above rules and regulations may result in the act/routine ineligible for the TOP TEN or OVERALL AWARDS.**

**N.Y.S.D.C. & F.S.D.C. awards can be purchased at an event or ordered after an event, please email [newyorkstatedancechallenge@yahoo.com](mailto:newyorkstatedancechallenge@yahoo.com) to place your order. All trophies will be \$25.00 at the event or \$35.00 each after the event which includes the shipping and handling fee.**