



SECTION 9: AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

At our National Championship in Las Vegas, your dancers don't just compete... they get the chance to be recognized in big ways! Dance Team World Education Foundation awards team routines and top soloists based on final division placement. And we also present monetary scholarships for standout performers who bring more than just great technique to the floor. Below you'll find everything you need to know about how awards and scholarships work while your dancers are on our national stage.

Finals & Awards

1. Solo & Duet-Trio Awards

School solo awards are presented by grade level, dance category, and also by experience level. All-Star/Studio solos and duet-trio awards are presented by age division, dance category, and also by experience level. This creates multiple opportunities for your dancers to receive national recognition for their talents.

2. Advancing to Team Finals (School Teams)

High scoring routines in the preliminary round may advance to a Final Round *or* judges choice exhibition performance during our Closing Show. In school divisions separated into multiple groups due to a large number of entries, the highest scoring routine in that group will automatically advance to finals. Additional teams will advance to finals based on score (this means some groups may send more teams to finals than other groups, based on score). Finals announcements will be made during the event when applicable, and also posted at danceteamnationals.com

3. Finals Performance Order

The lowest scoring routine from preliminaries will perform first (In the event of a "tie" between two or more teams in the preliminary round, the tie breaker will be the technique score when determining who will perform first). The remaining team performance order shall be randomized for all other finalist teams in that division.

4. Closing Show

There will be separate Closing Show formats for School Teams and All-Star/Studio Teams. Additional details provided to registered teams, but this part of the event is not to be missed!



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5. Awards for Finalists & National Champions

Every Nationals finalist team receives a trophy (Additional trophies may be presented in divisions with a large number of competing teams). All **National Champions** are awarded a banner and trophy at a designated awards ceremony.

6. World Championship Awards (School Teams)

In school divisions with participating international teams, World Championship awards are offered in select Varsity styles (only when sufficient international participation exists). We reserve the right to determine whether a style will advance to a separate World Championship awards ceremony based on the size and composition of the field. In the event that an International championship opportunity is deemed viable, only the Top 3 teams in the division will receive Medals. The gold medal team is named **World Champions** and awarded a separate banner & trophy.

7. Worlds Bids (All Star/Studio Teams)

In All Star/Studio divisions, **unpaid at-large bids** may be awarded to qualifying group dances to attend the [All Star World Championship](#) (produced by the Open Championship Series). Only group dances competing in the **Elite** experience level will be eligible for Worlds bids. Dance Team World's application as an officially sanctioned bid-event is currently *pending approval*. This rules packet will be updated as soon as we are granted event approval.

8. Specialty Awards

A variety of special awards will be presented at various moments during our awards ceremony program (i.e. Score-based Awards, Judges Choice, Producer's Awards).

Scholarship Awards for College, Trade School & Beyond...

This event is unlike most other National Championship dance competitions, because making a profit is not our primary goal. Every dollar we receive goes back into scholarships, production quality, and meaningful opportunities for the dance team community. We're not here to profit off your dancers and their families... We're here to reinvest in them by growing a community that puts students and educators first.

The **Dance Team World Education Foundation** believes excellence extends beyond the performance floor. Through our non-profit organization, dancers become eligible for a variety of exclusive scholarships awarded during our National Championship weekend.



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These honors recognize more than just technical skill... They celebrate leadership, creativity, and the spirit of the dance team community. But most importantly, they help us build camaraderie and goodwill within the *dance team world*.

From standout soloists to emerging dance team leaders, we're proud to support the next generation of dance talent with meaningful opportunities that make a difference.

 **Learn more about available scholarships and how your dancers can qualify at:**

www.danceteamworld.com/scholarships