

Thunder Bay Society of Ballet and Dance

2026 DANCE AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

AGE DIVISIONS are JUNIOR = Age categories: 8 & under, 10 & under, and 12 & under and
SENIOR = Age Categories: 14 & under, 16 & under, and 18 & under

AWARDS: **Total Value of Nearly \$700**

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR SMALL GROUP AWARD & OUTSTANDING SENIOR SMALL GROUP AWARD
OUTSTANDING JUNIOR LARGE GROUP AWARD & OUTSTANDING SENIOR LARGE GROUP AWARD
OUTSTANDING JUNIOR LINE AWARD & OUTSTANDING SENIOR LINE AWARD
OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION AWARD

ALL-AROUND JUNIOR DANCER AWARD & ALL-AROUND SENIOR DANCER AWARD:

The All-Around Dancer Awards are presented to one competitor from each Division who received the highest combined total of 3 marks for approved dance forms. Candidates must submit a completed "All-Around Dancer Award Application" for consideration. Both Awards can ONLY be won ONCE by an individual while competing in either Divisions. Further details can be found on Info Sheet attached to the Application.

TOP SCORE AWARDS

These awards will be presented to a solo, duet/trio or group with the top score in the following categories:
Jr. Ballet, Jr. Tap, Jr. Jazz, Jr. Acro, Jr. Open, Jr. Lyrical, Jr. Contemporary, Jr. Hip Hop, Jr. Musical Theatre, Jr. Character, Sr. Ballet, Sr. Pointe, Sr. Tap, Sr. Jazz, Sr. Acro, Sr. Open, Sr. Lyrical, Sr. Contemporary, Sr. Musical Theatre, Sr. Character, Sr. Hip Hop, Jr/Sr. National,
Best Overall Performance – Non Competitive
(Junior Categories = 8, 10 & 12 & Under *** Senior Categories = 14, 16 & 18 & Under) These awards will be presented during the last adjudication session of the weekend.

SCHOLARSHIPS: **Total Cash Exceeding \$8,000**

6 & UNDER SOLO SCHOLARSHIP ~ 1ST PLACE = \$100 each & 2ND PLACE = \$50 each
19 & OVER SOLO SCHOLARSHIP ~ 1ST PLACE = \$200 each & 2ND PLACE = \$100 each

JUNIOR SOLO SCHOLARSHIPS ~ 1ST PLACE = \$100 each & 2ND PLACE = \$50 each
A combined total of \$1,600 in 1st Place Junior Solo scholarships; and, \$800 in 2nd Place Junior Solo scholarships.

SENIOR SOLO SCHOLARSHIPS ~ 1ST PLACE = \$200 each & 2ND PLACE = \$100 each
A combined total of \$3,200 in 1st Place Senior Solo scholarships; and,
\$1,600 in 2nd Place Senior Solo scholarships.

Solo Scholarships will be presented to eligible Junior & Senior competitors who have excelled in each of the following disciplines:

Ballet Pointe; Ballet Demi-Pointe; Jazz; Tap; Character; Lyrical Jazz; Contemporary; Acro; Hip Hop; Open; Musical Theatre; and National/Ethnic

JUNIOR DUET/TRIO SCHOLARSHIP ~ 1ST PLACE = \$150 & 2ND PLACE = \$75

SENIOR DUET/TRIO SCHOLARSHIP ~ 1ST PLACE = \$300 & 2ND PLACE = \$150

The total amount allocated for Duet/Trio scholarships will be divided equally between the participants of the winning entry.

IMPORTANT CRITERIA & LIMITS for SOCIETY SPONSORED AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS:

To receive a Society sponsored Solo scholarship, and/or any part of a Duet/Trio Scholarship, and/or an All-Around Dancer Award, the applicant must be attending regular dance classes in the Thunder Bay District for a period of no less than one dance season prior to competition; and must not be enrolled at an out of town educational facility or have been regularly attending dance classes out of the Thunder Bay District. In any given year, each participant is limited to winning a total of 2 cash scholarships sponsored by the Society.

Scholarships sponsored by other individuals or organizations are not considered part of this limit; and, awards such as plaques, bowls, plates, trays or cups are not considered a monetary award. Dance forms or disciplines not listed above are not considered when selecting winners of Society awards.

NOTE ~ Each scholarship winner is deemed a deserving competitor who has demonstrated exceptional talent and achieved a high level of excellence in his/her performance but he/she may not necessarily have been the one to receive the highest mark in his/her age category or Division.....

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The Emily Parkkari Memorial High School Scholarship

Sponsored by the Thunder Bay Society of Ballet and Dance

Emily Parkkari, along with a group of dedicated women, was a founding member of the Thunder Bay Society of Ballet and Dance. For over 50 years, Emily served as our Treasurer devoting countless volunteer hours raising money to support our dance scholarships at the Lakehead Festival each year. Emily passed away on January 14th, 2017 and as our way of thanking her, the Ballet Society has renamed our High School scholarship to honor her for all she has done for the dance community in Thunder Bay.

The Thunder Bay Society of Ballet and Dance is offering this \$500.00 scholarship to a deserving student who will be pursuing a post-secondary education in the field of dance.

Application forms are available from any member of the Society, online at the Lakehead Music Festival site or any Society Directors.