



California Star Ball

65th CALIFORNIA STAR BALL

Nov 27th – Nov 29th, 2026

HOTEL DEADLINE Nov 6th, 2026

ENTRY DEADLINES: Early Bird Oct 23rd, 2026, Regular Nov 12th, 2026

Top Awards & Prize Money

California Star Ball Top Teacher, Top Students and Top Studio awards are based on both entries and placements. Teachers and students must dance the events to earn points.

- Teachers that dance Pro/Am and also have student couples dancing in separate single dance adult student/student single dance events will be awarded "coaching" points and will accumulate 1/2 points per couple. Coach MUST be identified at the time of registration.
- There will be no points awarded for any scratched or missed entries for any reason.
- Each entry, whether for single dance, multi-dance challenge or scholarship event will receive a single entry point.
- Placement points will be awarded according to the following schedule:

Proficiency

1 pt per entry, no extra points for placements

1-2 Dance events

1st= 8pts 2nd=7pts 3rd=6pts 4th=5pts 5th=4pts 6th=3pts
7th=2pts 8th=1pt plus 4pts/recall

3-5 Dance events

1st=20pts 2nd=15pts 3rd=10pts 4th=8pts 5th=6pts
6th=4pts 7th=2pts 8th=2pts plus 5pts/recall

Youth Events will accumulate points at ½ the above rate.

The 2026 California Star Ball Top Student

- Top Newcomer Lady/Gent
- Top Bronze Lady/Gent
- Top Silver Lady/Gent
- Top Gold & Above Lady/Gent
- Top Amateur Couple
- Top Solo Grand Prix Winner
- WDSS Top 20 Overall Students
- Top Overall Lady/Gentlemen

The 2026 California Star Ball will award the following Pro/Am Scholarship Prize Money

Adult Closed Pro/Am Scholarships

Cash (1-3) 1st \$200 2nd \$100 3rd \$50
4th – 6th \$40 Voucher

Adult Open Pro/Am Scholarships

Cash (1-3) 1st \$300 2nd \$200 3rd \$100
4th – 6th : \$50 Voucher

Youth Scholarships

Cash (1-3) 1st \$100 2nd \$75 3rd \$50
4th – 6th : \$25 Voucher

2026 Top Teacher Awards

- 1st Place (minimum 300 pro/am entries): \$7,000*
- 2nd Place (minimum 250 pro/am entries): \$5,000*
- 3rd Place (minimum 200 pro/am entries): \$3,000*
- 4th Place (minimum 150 pro/am entries): \$1,500
- 5th Place (minimum 100 pro/am entries): \$1,000
- 6th Place (minimum 50 pro/am entries): \$500
- 7th Place (minimum 50 pro/am entries): \$500
- 8th Place (minimum 50 pro/am entries): \$500
- 9th Place (minimum 50 pro/am entries): \$500
- 10th Place (minimum 50 pro/am entries): \$500

All prizes will be awarded as long as minimum entries are met; however only the amount of money qualified for will be given out. For example, if the 1st place Top Teacher has only 275 pro/am entries, he or she will receive \$5,000, not \$7,000. In the same scenario, if the 2nd place Top Teacher also has 275 pro/am entries, he or she will also earn \$5,000. If there are not 10 qualified Top Teacher candidates, then fewer places will be awarded.

***Teachers AND Students must be on a Package (A, B, C or D) to qualify for the award money for the top 3 Top Teacher.**

The 2026 California Star Ball will award the following Professional Prize Money

Rising Star Divisions

1st \$750 2nd \$500 3rd \$400 4th \$300
5th \$200 6th \$100

Open Professional Championship Divisions

1st \$1,500 2nd \$1,000 3rd \$700 4th \$600
5th \$500 6th \$400

Professional Cabaret

1st \$1,000 2nd \$800 3rd \$600 4th \$400
5th \$200 6th \$100

The 2026 California Star Ball Top Studio

- Top Large Studio (7+students)
- Top Medium Studio (3-6 students)
- Top Small Studio (1-2 students)

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Total Prize \$90,000+