



33rd HAWAII STAR BALL

September 23rd – 26th, 2026

HOTEL DEADLINE August 25th, 2026

Entry Deadline September 11th, 2026

EARLY BIRD ENTRY DEADLINE August 14th, 2026

Top Awards & Prize Money

Hawai'i 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 is considered 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

Uncontested entries will be awarded full points.

Youth Events will accumulate points at ½ the above rate.

The 2026 Hawai'i 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 Hawai'i Star Ball Top Studio Awards

Top Large Studio
Top Medium Studio
Top Small Studio
Top Local Studio

The 2026 Hawai'i Star Ball will award the following Pro/Am Scholarship Prize Money

Closed Pro/Am Scholarships

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

Open Pro/Am Scholarships

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

***Teacher AND Students must be on a package (Big Kahuna, VIP, or A) to qualify for the award money for the top 3 Top Teacher Awards regardless of number of entries.**

The 2026 Hawai'i 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 Divisions

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

Ali'i Pro Showdown

1st \$750 2nd \$600 3rd \$500 4th \$400
5th \$300 6th \$200

**2026 Hawai'i Star Ball total Prize Money
over \$90,000**