

ELITE TEAM

TCFA's competitive dance team for advanced dancers ages 12+.

Prior dance experience is required. Permission is required.

There are many additional requirements, tuitions and fees that apply in order to participate on the Team, please be made aware:

REQUIRED CLASSES:

- Must have completed one (1) week of the Junior/Elite Competition Team Intensive over the Summer 2025 (...didn't attend? Please inquire with Ms. Sam about a make-up session)
- **Must be currently enrolled (2025-2026) in three (3) weekly TCFA dance classes, specifically:** Ballet IV, Jazz IV, and Elite Team Choreography.
 - Teen Contemporary and Teen Hip Hop will also prepare additional small group dances for competitions for those interested, and so, are additional recommended classes. Other recommended, optional, classes: Acro IV, Teen Tap, Musical Theatre, Junior Irish II.
 - ATTENDANCE POLICY: Attending required weekly classes (above) is mandatory as it is crucial to both individual and Team growth and success. Team students are expected to aim for "Perfect Attendance" (no more than 2 absences, both of which must be made up... awards will be given at the Award Ceremony 2026). More than four (4) unexcused absences will result in a discussion with the student and their family, possibly less competition stage time, and further absences would result in removal from routines.

REQUIRED DRESS CODE: Leotard or dance top and dance shorts/pants, tights. Ballet shoes and Jazz shoes. Hair must be pulled back off the face. Please be ready before the start of each class.

→ All Team dancers will also need a TCFA Warm-Up Jacket, more information TBA.

REQUIRED FUNDRAISING: Dancers will be expected to participate in fundraising activities that will benefit the Teams' competition entry fees, more information TBA.

REQUIRED CONVENTION:

Celebration Talent Convention November 8th, 2025 7am-5:30pm Holiday Inn Binghamton Convention Center 2-8 Hawley St. Binghamton, NY 13901	Tuition: \$185 per student + Observers require a wristband, which can be purchased in advance for a discounted price (\$24) here: https://my-site-100003.square.site/ REGISTRATION CUT-OFF: Sept 29, 2025
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- 7am- 5:30pm: Included: Check-in, Warm-up, 7 classes (ballet, hip hop, lyrical, contemporary, jazz, tap, musical theatre), Faculty Meet & Greet, and final performance: "The Wrap Up" (Convention closing show with faculty and student performances of material learned during classes and scholarship winner announcements. All are welcome, no observer band required.)
- It is recommended (but not required) to stay at the host hotel the night before/during the convention. It is nice (in my opinion) to wake up in the host hotel room on the morning of the event and go right into the convention in the same building. Lunch can also be taken there, family members can hang there, and if something is "forgotten" (a shoe, a jacket, water bottle...) it's just "upstairs"!

- Discounted Hotel Rate: \$139.00 per night. Group Code: CTC
 - Reservation Deadline: 10/8/25
 - Call 607-722-1212, or go to: <https://celebrationalent.com/conventions#locations>
- A variety of scholarships, award certificates and prizes will be awarded to selected dancers chosen by the faculty during the entire convention. Scholarships received may only be used for a future event through a Studio account. Scholarships are non-transferable and may only be used by the recipient.

REQUIRED FACULTY CHOREOGRAPHED ROUTINES (fees listed by competition, below): Dancers will be required to prepare three (3) TCFA faculty choreographed Group/Line routines. One routine will be a Group/Line with all TCFA Team dancers (Musical Theatre). The second and third routines will be small Groups with only Elite dancers (Jazz & Contemporary). Only the two (2) small groups and solos/duos/trios will enter the first competition. All routines will enter the second competition.

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL ROUTINES: Solo, Duet/Trio, or other Group routines (additional costume, entry fees and tuition apply), if desired, will be expected to be created either outside of Choreography class time either by yourself (student choreography), in mentioned optional additional classes, or by arranging additional Private Lessons with Ms. Sam;

- ➔ PRIVATE LESSON FEES: \$30 per thirty minutes, \$40 per forty-five minutes, \$50 per hour
- ➔ Please inquire directly with “Ms. Sam” for scheduling (first-come-first-served) when purchasing Private Lessons to ensure availability, as time is limited. Weekly lessons are recommended, and a minimum of five (5) hours is usually required to merely create a routine. Additional hours are recommended for cleaning and critiques.
- ➔ Must be purchased forty-eight (48) hours in advance. If cancellation is needed, twenty-four (24) hour notice is required, or may result in loss of class time/tuition.

REQUIRED COMPETITIONS: The listed East Coast Elite Dance Challenge AND StarQuest regional dance competitions will BOTH be required for the Elite Team. See details regarding dates, locations, and fees:

<p>East Coast Elite Dance Challenge</p> <p>March 27-29, 2026</p> <p>Elmira High School 777 S Main St, Elmira, NY 14904</p> <p>https://east-coast-elite-dance-challenge.ueniweb.com/</p>	<p><u>ENTRY FEES (Per Routine, Per Dancer):</u> Group/Line: \$70 ...(2X mandatory routines = \$140 total)</p> <p><u>Optional/Additional:</u> Duet/Trio: \$115 Solo: \$155 Title Fee: \$75</p> <p>REGISTRATION CUT-OFF: Feb 2, 2026</p>
<p>StarQuest</p> <p>May 29-31, 2026</p> <p>The Oncenter Crouse Hinds Theater 421 Montgomery Street Syracuse, NY 13202</p>	<p><u>ENTRY FEES (Per Routine, Per Dancer):</u> Group/Line/Mega Line: \$100 ...(3X mandatory routines = \$300 total)</p> <p><u>Optional/Additional:</u> Duet/Trio: \$125 per dancer Solo: \$200</p>

https://www.starquestdance.com/	<p>Title: \$65 Photogenic: \$45 first photo entry, \$25 each add'l Overtime: \$5 per dancer per 30 seconds All-Inclusive Digital Media Package: \$40</p> <p>REGISTRATION CUT-OFF: April 6, 2026</p>
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REQUIRED COSTUMES: Four (4) costumes will be required, and fees will be due at the same time as Spring Recital 2026 costume fees will be due. All group costumes will cost \$75 per costume. Stage hair and make up will also be required (purchase separately).

ANNUAL SPRING RECITAL: Dancers will also have the opportunity to perform all Team dances at our annual TCFA Dance Recital 2026.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Competition event schedules do not post until 10-14 days prior to the event and will be forwarded via email to families ASAP. The schedule is subject to change right up until the day of the event.

Competitions can run early or late, and can get back on schedule before you know it! Dancers are expected to be dressed and ready to perform at competitions one (1) hour before scheduled stage time, and so, they should expect to do hair and makeup on their own prior-to, or arrive at the event extra early to have additional time to prepare. Warm-ups will be provided when possible, but not always, so please expect to warm-up on your own also. Parents/Guardians are allowed in dressing rooms (gender appropriate).Write your name on everything! (shoes, costumes, bags, etc.)

Please expect to dance on multiple days per competition, since we are each involved in multiple routines/dances. If you have a schedule conflict please make it aware ASAP! Not all conflicts can be accommodated, but it's helpful to try early on. When a conflict can't be accommodated, usually we can still perform and be scored, we just won't be able to be up for an overall award. Competition fee refunds are not possible.

Parents/guardians are responsible for students' additional expenses for travel and stay. Discounted hotel information will be provided via email as soon as it is available, and it is recommended to reserve early.

Judges' scores and video critiques will be made available ASAP and will be emailed to families. Scores and critiques will also be discussed during class time. If you would like additional time to go over critiques please set up a Private Lesson (additional fee), or email "Ms. Sam" with your questions.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS: All listed tuitions, costume fees and entry fees can be made by single or monthly installments. Registration for each needs to be completed by the dates listed above. Click here: <https://classbug.com/businesses/2343/offerings>



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