

# **NZAMD SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

**Friday October 30 & Saturday 31, 2026**

**Lower Hutt Events Centre, Town Hall, Laings Rd, Hutt Central**

## **What are the NZAMD National Scholarship Awards?**

The NZ Association of Modern Dance was founded by Gladys Tonkins, whose aim was to provide students with the opportunity to enjoy and develop their dance experience. The inaugural National Scholarship event was held in the late 1970's, and the now annual event gives NZAMD examination candidates the opportunity to attend Master classes conducted by well respected and world class teachers and adjudicators and, in doing so, compete for monetary awards.

## **Nominee Selection**

NZAMD Examiners will select high performing candidates during the course of examination sessions.

Should a student choose to sit two examinations of the same genre in the same year, receiving a nomination in each exam, this will be considered a single nomination.

At the conclusion of the examination session, the examiner will include any Scholarship Nominations with the examination results.

It is then the teacher's responsibility to check eligibility of each nominated student and advise the student and NZAMD, in writing within 7 days, if they do not meet the criteria. Eligible nominee names will be entered on the NZAMD Scholarship database. It is the nominee's responsibility to advise the NZAMD Office by email if they do not wish to attend the 2026 Scholarship class.

## **Deadlines**

Nominations received after 16th October 2026 will be carried over to the following year, but 4th term nominees must notify the NZAMD office whether they intend to participate the following year.

## **National Scholarship Eligibility**

Nominees must be in their second year at least of NZAMD examinations, be 13 years and under 21 years of age at 31st December in the year of their nomination and, where applicable have sat previous major exam/s in the same discipline. A previous winner may not be nominated in that same discipline.

## **Post Nomination Procedure**

Upon receipt of the nomination from the examiner, the NZAMD Office will send to the teacher:

A Scholarship Nomination certificate and a Scholarship Information brochure for each of their nominees.

## **Format of Scholarship Event**

Master classes are conducted by an adjudicator in each discipline, where a routine is taught to all nominees.

Finalists will be chosen, and will be announced within 30 minutes after the class. Finalists are required to perform the learned routine as a solo, on stage at the evening performance.

## **Clothing for Masterclasses**

All Nominees must wear dark coloured PLAIN dancewear appropriate to the discipline - (no logo'd studio wear please).

All Finalists may wear dancewear of their own choice on the Saturday evening.

## **Masterclass Format**

All nominees must report to the Registration area on arrival, AT LEAST 30 MINUTES prior to the class start time, to allow for warming up. At registration, details are confirmed, and each dancer is assigned a number which must be worn throughout the class.

The adjudicator will teach their routine, during which dancers will work initially en masse, and then in smaller groups in order to be fairly assessed. Parents and teachers are welcome to view the class.

# Finals Event

Finalists will perform one by one, the routine taught in the Masterclass. The order of appearance in each discipline is determined in a draw prior to the final section in that discipline.

Should a Finalist not complete their routine, they will not be allowed to return to the stage.

## Photography / videography

Please be aware that NO photography or videography will be allowed by any persons except NZAMD personnel, or anyone engaged by NZAMD in a professional capacity to record the event. NZAMD reserves the right to use any such records, and participation in any classes or performances means that dancers agree to NZAMD using any such recordings. Finalists may wear dancewear of their own choice on the Saturday evening.

## Prizes

These may vary from year to year at the discretion of the Association. The prizes are monetary, and are awarded to the winners and placegetters at the end of the evening. Along with a sash and certificate. Award winners also receive a trophy, and ALL finalists are presented with a certificate.

## Masterclass Entry Fee

NZAMD is committed to keeping the costs for nominees realistic, in consideration of the fact that most nominees and support persons will have had to travel to this event.

- Each nominee will pay \$20 entry fee per class
- This entry fee is to be paid at Registration on the day
- Cash or Eftpos only

## Questions?

Please email the Coordinator - Trudy Fargher [fargher.dance@xtra.co.nz](mailto:fargher.dance@xtra.co.nz)

## 2026 Scholarship Timetable

### Friday Oct 30th

4pm - 5.20pm Ballet  
5.40 - 7.10pm Jazz Senior (Elem & Inter Nominees)  
7.30 - 8.50pm Tap

### Saturday Oct 31st

9am - 10.20am Hip Hop  
10.45 - 12.20pm Contemporary  
12.40 - 2.25pm Jazz Advanced (Adv & Solo)

*Please note that the Jazz class is split to give a more positive experience for Nominees. With separate dances and prize winners in each group.*

## Practice Times for Finalists

This will be held in the Town Hall between 3pm and 4.15pm.

ALL Finalists in ALL disciplines are recommended to be in attendance, as there will be an opportunity to practise with the music, and also on the stage.

NZAMD personnel will be on hand to assist, but parents and teachers are not permitted to attend at this time.

## Finals - 7pm Saturday

Doors open at 6:30pm, and Finalists for the first discipline to perform must be available for the draw at this time.

**Admission to Finals:** Adults - \$15 Students - \$10 There is no charge for Nominees

**DISCLAIMER:** NZAMD will not be liable for any loss, damage or injury suffered by anyone participating in any way during the NZAMD Scholarship Awards event.