

## **About the OhioDance Champion Awards**

The OhioDance Champion Awards recognize outstanding contributions to the field of dance in Ohio.

Established in 1976 OhioDance is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2026 - these awards celebrate individuals and organizations whose dedication has advanced and enriched Ohio's dance community.

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## **Award Categories**

Nominations are accepted in the following two categories:

### **Individual Award**

Outstanding Contributions to the Advancement of the Dance Artform and or Dance Education— Recognizes choreographers and dance artists dedicated to creating new work and preserving dance history for future generations. And or dance educators dedicated to teaching dance history and dance techniques.

### **Organization Award**

Recognizes an organization that has made outstanding contributions to the field of dance in Ohio.

## **Eligibility & Submission Guidelines**

- Nominations may be submitted by current OhioDance members only.
- Nominees must be based in Ohio.
- You may nominate someone for one or both individual award categories, and/or the organization award.
- Special consideration will be given to nominees who are long-standing members of OhioDance.

- **Each nomination must include:** (1) a bio or resumé of the nominee, and (2) a paragraph explaining the importance of recognizing this person or organization.

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**Submission Deadline: June 15, 2026 - All Nominations must be received by this date.**

**Part 1: Nominator Information**

Full Name (First and Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

OhioDance Member? (Yes or No) \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 2: Nominee Information**

*Complete this section for each individual or organization you are nominating.*

**Type of Award – check below**

\_\_\_\_ Individual Award

\_\_\_\_ Organization Award

Full Name (First and Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Website \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Social Media \_\_\_\_\_

Years Active in OhioDance \_\_\_\_\_

OhioDance Member? (Yes or No) \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 3: Supporting Materials**

**Nominee Bio or Resumé**

*Please attach a current bio or resumé for the nominee below. If submitting by email, you may attach a separate document and email to [jane@ohiodance.org](mailto:jane@ohiodance.org).*

**Statement of Nomination**

*In the space below, please write a paragraph explaining why this individual or organization deserves recognition and the impact of their contributions to dance in Ohio.*

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**How to Submit** Complete this form and submit it along with the nominee’s bio or resumé and your statement of nomination by June 15, 2026. Attendance at the OhioDance 50th Anniversary event, Thursday, October 8, 2026 from 6-9pm at the Lincoln Theatre Ballroom, Columbus OH, will be required to receive the award. The award will be announced at the event. For questions about the nomination process, please contact OhioDance directly. [jane@ohiodance.org](mailto:jane@ohiodance.org)