

Jacksonville J'ette Dance Team
DTU (Dance Team Union) or NDA Nationals (Florida) -
February 12-16, 2026

All of this information is based on prices from the 2025 National Competition. They have not posted the 2026 prices.

Approximate cost per girl is \$1,100-\$1,350 - this includes transportation. (Based on a "value" package and quad rooms)

Package cost includes:

- 3 day competition: Prelims Friday, Semis Saturday, and Finals Sunday
- Your hotel (quad)
- Meal vouchers (additional vouchers are around \$17 per girl if needed)
- Transportation to and from competition venue
- 2-day park pass to Universal Theme Parks
- Practice time on the marley floor (which is a special floor for dance (we see this at IHSA State))
- Transportation from the airport to hotel

Airfare:

- They give a discount code to about 4-5 different companies. This is not posted yet.
- We travel as a team, but families have package options as well

Why go to Nationals?

The J'ettes have qualified for Nationals every single year we have attended camp.

- I'm 26 years into my coaching career and I'm always looking for ways to improve this program. The National level is the most logical next step in my mind.

- I plan to walk away inspired and motivated for the team's next competition or season
- For the girls, it will expose them to dancers and programs from around the country that they don't normally compete against in a normal season. It also brings together several teams from Illinois including Joliet Catholic and Stevenson.
- In turn, by exposing the team to other state's teams, we hope to come back home with fresh ideas to excel even more within the Illinois State Circuit (IDTA, IHSA)
- It would be an experience they will never forget.

Fundraising/Cost burden

This was not a decision we made lightly to take on this opportunity. We know the financial obligation. We have considered many different types of fundraisers so that we are not asking the same community businesses over and over. We have also discussed the cost with our families to get their feedback.

We welcome any feedback or questions you may have on this matter. We appreciate your consideration as well. We know we are only one organization amongst so many and we will do our best to not be a financial burden on our community.

J'ETTE FUNDRAISING 2025-2026

General fundraising is required of all. This will fund the team's basic needs. The National Fundraising list will require minimum amounts of work. However, you can choose to monetarily give what is being asked of you if you don't want to solicit donations. Again, the minimum amount requested would go into a team balance. Our goal is to take care of 50% of each girl's national bill. If you want to do more fundraising, we want to make that available to you.

General Fundraising - This will go towards our competition fees, camp, costumes, choreography fees etc. The costs we have every single year.

- **Summer Kiddie Camp - \$2,500**

- Radio Day normal ads (extra sponsorship can go towards National personal balance) - \$3,000-5,000
- Fall Camp & Revue - \$3,500

National Fundraising - This will go towards our National balance. The minimum amount will go towards the team National balance. If you go above the minimum amount, that profit will be deducted from your personal balance. The team goal is \$10,000. The remaining balance will be earned by you simply paying your balance or by fundraising above the minimum requested.

- Donuts - minimum 10 cards - \$2,000 - \$2,500
- Car Wash - minimum presale 10 tickets - \$1,000
- Papa Murphy Pizza sell - minimum presale of 10 tickets - \$2,000 - \$2,500
- Trivia Night - minimum one table of 10 - \$2,000 - \$2,500
- OR - Calendar Fundraiser - sell the days of a 31 day calendar. Profit of one month is $\frac{1}{2}$ the price of one girl. If they sold 2 calendars they would have their trip basically paid for

Other ideas - These have been suggested but logistically I haven't thought through. This would be on an as needed basis. Above is not quite \$10,000 that is my goal, so we will need to raise a bit more. However, girls can CHOOSE to go above the "minimum" requirement and that will go towards the personal balance.

- Danceathon - minimum amount to be set going into the team balance
- Babysitting nights - 100% towards the girl babysitting
- Cow Plop - a lot of work; would need a cow
- Football Squares - buy squares for something