

2026 Viva Aztlan Festival Guidelines & Rules - Folklorico March 13 & 14, 2026

ENTRY FEES: Register by FEBRUARY 20, 2026 FOR COMPLETE ACCESS OF FESTIVAL (Adult & Children Workshops, All competition segments, Friday & Saturday Showcases) for Participants and Directors ONLY - ONLY two (2) DIRECTORS & two (2) CHAPARONES PER GROUP.

- Group Registration Fee - \$275 per Folklorico Company
- Individual Workshop Fee - \$100 per person
- Solo Competition Fee - \$15 per entry (Max 6 per group)
- Duet Competition Fee - \$20 per entry (Max 6 per group)
- Group Competition Fee - \$75 per entry (Max 4 per group)

WORKSHOPS: Six (6) Master Folklorico Workshops - three (3) adult and Three (3) children workshops will be offered for all registered Folklorico Companies. Workshops will be held on Friday morning & afternoon. There will be two (2) workshops being conducted simultaneously. No regions have been set as of this date. Folklorico Competition Judges will be conducting Folklorico workshops. All those participating in workshops will need to have the basic skills of folklorico dancing. Children workshops will be the level of children and vice versa for adult. It is up to Directors and dancers to decide the appropriate level for their own group and dancers.

HOTEL: The host hotel is the MCM Elegante -801 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79401, Phone: 806-763-1200 - The rate is \$109 per room per night, double beds. Complimentary breakfast. You will need to call Hotel directly to reserve rooms by the deadline of February 16, 2026. There is no guarantee that special room rate will be honored after reservation deadline. Please make your reservation early because room blocks fill up quickly. When you call ask for the "Viva Aztlan Room Block". Also, if you have proper documentation - nonprofit exemption - you will only need to pay city tax which is 13%.

T-SHIRTS: Deadline for group ordering for 2026 Festival T-Shirts will be February 25, 2026. Price is \$17 per Adult (Small - XXL) & Children (Small - Large). \$19 per Adult T-Shirts 3XL & 4XL. All orders must be placed using the "Presale Group Ordering Form". A invoice will be generated after order is placed. All group orders must be paid in advance, unless otherwise arranged with Festival Directors. Pre-sale price is only good through February 25, 2026. Price will increase the day of the festival to \$20 for a limited supply of Adult and Children shirt. All group pre-ordered shirts will be ready for pick up at day of Festival at the registration table.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES: *All decisions are based solely on the Judge's discretion; the Viva Aztlan Board of Directors, Sponsors, and Volunteers are not involved in the Judging decision process. Judges scores are based on their knowledge of Traditional folklorico dance from Mexico.*

- Rosters of ALL Performers and Directors should be submitted via the "Group Participant Form"
- No group will be allowed to use self-standing stage props, the only props that are acceptable are hand or head props specific to the state or region. IF PROPS ARE NEEDED FOR THE REGION, TIME FOR SET UP OF PROPS MUST BE INCLUDED IN YOUR PROGRAM.
- Stage lighting and open curtains will stay the same for ALL groups.
- NO FIRE OR LIT CANDLES are allowed for any dance. This is a venue stipulation and the potential fire hazard. We recommend battery operated candles.
- At the end of overall performance ALL groups must line up in front of the stage. Directors WILL announce each member's name clearly as the dancer steps forward. This will aid the Judges in making their selections for individual awards.

SOLO & DUETS: All Solo & Duets pieces is allotted a minimum of 1 minute to a maximum of 3 minutes. Performers will be judged 1-10 points on Technique & Form, Choreography, Costume and Authenticity

CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

Children's Competition is for participants 14 years and younger. Exceptions can be made by documented accommodations by group Director.

Competition is allotted a minimum of 5 minutes to a maximum of 10 minutes from start to finish.

Children's groups will be placed in divisions based on performance. Judges will make that determination.

ADULT COMPETITION

Adult competition is for participants 15 years and older. Exceptions can be made by documented accommodations by group Director.

Competition is allotted a minimum of 5 minutes to a maximum of 15 minutes from start to finish.

Adult groups will be placed in their division based on their performance. Judges will make that determination

JUDGING CRITERIA & AWARDS: Other awards for superior dance to individuals or companies may be awarded by the Judges. Judges will rate each award below for each of the following Awards. Awards are 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place for each group awards based in respective divisions.

Best Choreography - based on synchronization of lines, circles, etc. and stage presentation including entrances & exits.

Best Technique & Form - based on synchronization of steps, skirt, hat, all props necessary for the region and the character used for the region.

Best Costume - based on how the costume is presented including hats and hairpieces and authenticity of region presented.

Best Traditional - based on authentic dress, steps, and choreography in their presentation and in accordance with traditional dances.

Best Children's Overall - based off of group performance in the respective divisions.

Best Adult Overall - based off of group performance in the respective divisions.

Estrellas de Folklorico - One (1) Male & One (1) Female dancer from each Folklorico Company, regardless of age.

Best of Festival - One (1) group will be selected Best of Festival from either the Children's Competition or Adult Competition. The winner of Best of Festival will be invited to come back the following year to perform a special presentation. Stipend will be given.

