

National Dance Education Organization



Pledge Packet

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What is the National Honor society for dance arts?

The National Honor Society for Dance Arts™ (NHSDA) is a program of the National Dance Education Organization. It is one of the most exciting benefits NDEO offers its Institutional Members. The Secondary Program (grades 9-12) was implemented in 2005. The Collegiate Program was implemented in 2012, and a Junior Program (grades 6-8) was separated out from the Secondary Program and officially launched in 2016. To date, there are close to 400 chapters in the US and almost 3,000 students have been inducted since 2013.

The National Honor Society for Dance Arts is run on an institutional basis. Chapters at the Junior, Secondary, and Collegiate level are set up at individual schools, and only students who are enrolled at that school may apply for induction. Individual students, not enrolled at a school that hosts a current NHSDA Chapter, are not eligible for induction.

Mission

1. To recognize outstanding artistic merit, leadership, and academic achievement in students studying dance in public and private schools in K-12 education, dance studios, cultural/community centers, performing arts organizations, and post-secondary education.
2. To foster an appreciation for dance as a true art form and one worthy of recognition and prestige. Participating in the NHSDA chapter in your school is one very important way you can help advance the field of dance education. Your honor society celebrates the artistic merit, leadership, and academic achievements of exceptional dance students (like you!) and helps to create honor and prestige within and without the dance community at large.

Student Benefits

1. Recognition of artistic merit, academic achievement, and leadership throughout your educational experience. (Junior High – Collegiate)
2. Certificates at each level of induction, from the gold Honor Pin to the blue and white Graduation Honor Cord.
3. Mentorship from Chapter Sponsor and peer networking.
4. Leadership and development opportunities within NHSDA Chapter = assist Chapter Sponsor with Chapter administration, record keeping, fundraising, and event planning.

Your local Chapter Contact Info:

Chapter Sponsor: The Dance Corner

Chapter Director and Advisor: Carrie Smith, misscarrie@thedancecorner.com

Chapter Mailing Address: The Dance Corner, 206 Route 80, Killingworth, CT 06419

NHSDA National induction Point System 2017-2018

Membership in NHSDA is based on a designated point system. **Secondary Members** (grades 9-12) must achieve 30 points to maintain eligibility, 20 of which must be earned through participation in chapter site program activities. Members earning 45 points and above receive distinction. Point trackers are submitted for administrative review upon the dancer's completed actions.

In all cases, prospective/active member's consistent demonstration of teamwork, motivation and commitment to the art of dance is always an important factor in determining/maintaining eligibility for membership. Administrator(s) will rely on confidential anecdotal records and familiarity with the students in determining whether or not membership requirements have been met. Administrators will use their discretion in awarding points – from zero to the maximum- according to the quality of the work performed in a given activity.

All prospective members who have met the eligibility criteria must pay the one time membership fee established by NHSDA prior to induction.

Category	Description	Possible Points
Dance		
	Enrolled in and maintain good attendance (less than 5 absences per class per season) in at least 2 hours weekly of dance class at TDC through the school year	1.5
	Each additional weekly hour of dance enrolled in throughout the school year	.5
	Attend TDC Summer Dance (5-7 hours minimum)	2
	Dance Company or school dance team participation	2
	Solo or Duet	1
	Master classes/ workshops (minimum of 3 hours, can combine multiple)	1
	Participate in non-competitive dance performance (i.e. Winter Follies, Dancing from the Heart, Recital)	1
	Participate in a Dance Competition	.5
Community		
	Student led project using dance or studio as platform to benefit the community	4
	Volunteer for or actively participate in an NHSDA event	2
	Volunteer and actively participate in an non-NHSDA community service event	1
	Advocate for dance in the community	1
	NHSDA Student Leadership committee (President, VP, etc)	2
Academic		
	Read Biography of a dancer and present a book review (min 300 words)	2
	Receive a performing arts related participation award at your school	2
	Receive an academic award at your school	2
	Achieve honor roll/ dean's list at your school	2
	Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher	2
Teacher Training		
	Participate as a teaching assistant through the studio's STEP program	3
	Mentoring- Assisting younger dancers at competitions, rehearsals, performances, etc	1 per 8 hrs

Class of 2018 and 2019 students may submit requests for points for activities performed during the 2016-2017 dance and academic year.

Questions? Contact your Chapter Advisor: Carrie Smith, misscarrie@thedancecorner.com

National Honor Society for Dance arts pledge form

Please return your Pledge form by September 18, 2017. The \$25 Membership fee will be charged to your family account with The Dance Corner.

Membership fee includes Honor Society Dues (\$15), NHSDA certificate and pin and Chapter Dues (\$10)

PLEDGE

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____

Is this a parent email or pledge email? _____

Best Phone: _____

Is this a parent phone or pledge phone? _____

ACADEMIC

School: _____

Entering Grade (2017-2018): _____

Most recent GPA: _____

DANCE

Are you in the Dance Company? Yes No

List any dance performances (other than recital or competition) or dance activities (STEP team, master classes) you have participated in or plan on participating in during this membership year:

COMMUNITY SERVICE

List any service projects or organizations in which you are involved:

ESSAY

Please write a short essay explaining why you want to be a member of NHSDA and how you think this membership will benefit you (you may attach a separate sheet of paper or use the back of this form).