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**National Honor Society
for Dance Arts (NHSDA)**

Secondary Program
(Grades 9-12 or Local High School Equivalent)

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INTRODUCTION

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 that NDEO offers its Institutional Members. This Secondary Program (grades 9-12) was implemented in 2005. The Collegiate Program was implemented in 2012, and a formal Junior Program (grades 6-8) was separated out from the Secondary Program and officially implemented in 2016. To date, there are close to 400 chapters in the US and almost 3,000 students inducted over the past 3 years. NHSDA is based on the Thespians honor society, and NDEO acknowledges their generosity in allowing dance to follow the lead of theatre arts education through this program.

NHSDA VISION, MISSION, AND GOALS

Vision:

We envision a nation in which all students have equal opportunity and access to quality dance arts education and are recognized for their outstanding artistic merit, leadership and academic achievement in the field of dance.

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 colleges /universities.
2. To foster an appreciation for dance as a true art form and one worthy of recognition and prestige.

NHSDA Secondary Program Goals:

1. To identify honor students (grades 11 & 12) for nomination to the NDEO Artistic Merit, Leadership and Academic Achievement Award, one of the highest honor programs for dance in the United States.
2. To promote a desire for life-long learning in the field of dance.
3. To encourage an understanding of, and an appreciation for, dance as an art form and develop knowledgeable audiences for tomorrow.

Eligibility:

Induction into NHSDA Secondary Program is earned through the accumulation of 30 points awarded for meritorious work in dance that meets the honor society's general guidelines (see National Induction Point System).

Grade Point Average (GPA): Students must earn a GPA of at least 3.0 for NHSDA Induction.

Demonstration of Character: This category reflects the student's demonstration of collaborative teamwork, motivation, and leadership.

Induction:

Student must apply at www.nhsda-ndeo.org by November 10.

YOU MUST SPELL YOUR NAME CORRECTLY and exactly as how you would like it to be printed on their induction certificate – it will cost you another \$8 if you need to reorder the certificate to fix a misspelled name!

Fees: Grades 9-11: \$15 (includes \$8 one-time induction fee and \$7 for the pin.

Seniors: \$30 (includes \$8 one-time induction fee, \$7 for the pin and \$15 honors chord)

Ceremony: The induction ceremony will be in January March-April (grades: 6th-11th). All points must be completed by the designated time to prior to the induction ceremony. Dates will be announced. Seniors will be inducted in January.

After a student has been inducted into the NHSDA, s/he may continue to accumulate points for continued meritorious work in dance.

No points may be carried over from the Secondary Program into the Collegiate Program as the National Point System for college students has different requirements.

Students who are in 11th or 12th grade and who have been inducted into their school's NHSDA chapter can apply for the annual NDEO Artistic Merit, Leadership and Academic Achievement Award, the highest student dance award in the nation.

Chapter has the right to accept/reject qualification of points. Junior program can retroactive points from August 8-16. Juniors and Seniors can retroactive points from their Sophomore year.

Custom Chapter Points:

Must obtain at least 5 points from the following:

- Attend one Dance Department field trip (1 point)
- Attend one Dance Department Master Class (1 point)
- Attend one Community Performance. Provide ticket stub or program. (1 point)
- Complete 8 hours of community service and provide documentation (1 point)

| Category | Activity | Point Range |
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| Participation in Chapter Dance Program | Meritorious completion of hours in chapter site dance program (classes in the dance program) | 1 point per 45 hours |
| | Performance in chapter site dance productions (including rehearsal time) | 1 - 3 points per production |
| | Performance in other chapter site presentations (e.g., pep rallies, assemblies) | .5 – 1 point per presentation/performance |
| | Participation in chapter site extracurricular dance (e.g., dance teams, clubs) | 1 point per 45 hours |
| | Participation in chapter site dance festival or workshop | .5 points per day |
| Participation in Off-Site Dance Programs Note: Student must submit appropriate documentation. | Participation in off-site dance classes | 1 point per 45 hours |
| | Performance in off-site productions (including rehearsal time) | .5 – 1 point per production |
| | Participation in off-site dance festival or workshop, or Summer Intensive or Dance Camp | .5 points per day |
| Participation in Other Dance Activities | Participation in a Formal Adjudication / Judging | 1 – 2 points if choreographer .5 - 1 point if dancer |
| | Choreography – Projects completed inside or outside of chapter site class assignments. | 1 – 2 per project |
| | Scholarship – Written papers, essays, or articles (e.g., essays on dance history, reviews of live dance performances attended, articles for Dance Arts Now! newsletter) | .5 – 2 per essay/article |
| Participation in Other Duties Related to Dance Production | Stage manager or backstage crew | .5 – 1 point per production |
| | Lighting designer or crew | .5 – 1 point per production |
| | Set design or construction | .5 – 1 point per production |
| | Costume design or construction / Wardrobe crew | .5 – 1 point per production |
| | Properties manager or crew | .5 – 1 point per production |
| | Sound technician | .5 – 1 point per production |
| | Make-up design or crew | .5 – 1 point per production |
| | Dance captain/rehearsal direct | .5 – 1 point per production |
| | Business, publicity, box office manager or staff | .5 – 1 point per production |
| | House manager or crew | .5 – 1 point per production |
| Playbill design | .5 – 1 point per production | |
| Photographer /Videographer | .5 – 1 point per production | |
| Leadership | Taking a leadership role within the NHSDA chapter itself at the school such as President, Treasurer, Secretary, Workshop Organizer | 2 – 3 points per role |
| Custom School Points | Activity that is important to school or chapter sponsor such as participation in a volunteer event, student acting as a dance mentor, student taking on an admin role to help out dance teacher, attendance at dance concert or show. | Each worth 1 pt. Must have 5 Attend one Dance field trip Attend one Dance Master Class Attend one Dance Performance Complete 8 service hours |

High School: At least 30 points required for induction, 20 of which must be earned through participation in chapter site program activities. Juniors & Seniors can retroactive points from Sophomore year.

Student's Name _____ **Grade Level / Age** _____

Induction into NHSDA is earned through the accumulation of points awarded for meritorious work in dance that meets the honor society's general guidelines and grade point average (GPA). In addition, the prospective inductee's demonstration of collaborative teamwork, motivation, and leadership in the many aspects of dance (e.g., choreography, performance, teaching, production) is a factor in the determination of eligibility for induction.

| Induction Criteria | Credits Earned toward Induction |
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| <p>Participation Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To qualify for induction at the Secondary Program level, a student must earn 30 points, at least 20 of which should be earned while participating in dance activities within the program of the chapter site. At the sponsor's discretion, a student may earn up to 10 points while participating in community dance activities or other activities in the performing arts outside of the chapter program. | <p>Using the NHSDA Point System Guidelines, enter the number of points the student has been awarded to date.</p> <p># of Points Earned = _____</p> |
| <p>Character Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstration of collaborative teamwork, motivation, and leadership The Chapter Sponsor should evaluate the student's demonstration of the above qualities on the basis of observation during classes, rehearsals and other dance program activities, as well as demonstrated leadership (e.g., serving as a dance team or club officer, participation in dance program service projects) A minimum "Above Average" rating in this category is required for induction | <p>After reviewing the student's performance, rate the student according to the following scale:</p> <p>Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Above Average <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> |
| <p>GPA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chapter Sponsor will determine the minimum GPA for induction but it will not be below a 3.0. Can use either Dance course only GPA or overall cumulative GPA. Optional: choose a GPA that matches or is competitive with other honor societies in your school. NDEO recommends a minimum of 3.2. | <p>GPA = _____</p> |

- Induction Criteria Met**
 Induction Criteria Not Met

Chapter Sponsor's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Chapter sponsor keeps this form for their own files as well as all documentation of points.

NHSDA Community Service Form

Must complete 8 hours by the Induction Ceremony. Seniors must complete at least 4 by January 2017, with the remaining completed by the March/April Induction.

DANCER'S NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

DATE OF SERVICE: _____ TIME: _____ to _____ TOTAL HOURS: _____

TYPE SERVICE / ROLE: _____

NAME OF ORGANIZATION / PERSON ASSISTED: _____

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE: (USE COMPLETE SENTENCES & THE BACK OF THE PAPER)

WHAT DID YOU LEARN / GAIN BY DOING THIS SERVICE?

Supervisor's Name (Print):

Parent / Guardian's Signature:

Supervisor's Phone Number:

Student's Signature:

Supervisor's Email or Website:

NWSA NHSDA Advisor's Approval:

Supervisor's Signature (non-family member):

Comments:
