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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 September 15.

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 October 13 (grades: 6-12). All points must be completed by September 30.

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. Points are allotted from September 1 of the previous year to September 30 of the current 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)