

Chapter Sponsor of the

# National Honor Society for Dance Arts

Junior Chapter (grades 6-8)



## **About 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 that 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 from the Secondary Program and officially launched in 2016. To date, there are over 1,000 chapters in the US and over 15,000 students have been inducted in the past few years.

#### **NHSDA 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.

#### **NHSDA** 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 Junior Program Goals (grades 6-8)

- To promote a desire for life-long learning in the field of dance.
- To encourage an understanding of, and an appreciation for, dance as an art form and develop knowledgeable audiences for tomorrow.

#### When are Inductions Held?

All for Dance will hold NHSDA inductions once a year at the recital. Student applications must be submitted by April 20 for induction at the recital. Dancers meeting the eligibility criteria that are wishing to be induced in NHSDA must submit a transcript, a point tracking spreadsheet and an induction rubric by April 20 for consideration.

### **Student Benefits**

- Recognition of their artistic merit, academic achievement, and leadership throughout their educational experience (Junior High Collegiate)
- Certificates at each level of induction, opportunity to wear the gold Honor Pin (Inductees) and blue and white Honor Cord (graduating students)
- Mentorships and networking with peers
- Leadership and development opportunities within our NHSDA Chapter, as they can assist our Chapter Sponsor with Chapter administration, record keeping, fundraising, and event planning
- National and State-level scholarship and award opportunities
- All student inductees will receive an official certificate of induction. Inducted students may be eligible to wear the NHSDA honor cord and gold pin during graduation ceremonies; however, separate approval from the Chapter Sponsor, the principal, or other school administrators may be necessary. Students are encouraged to cite their NHSDA induction in scholarship applications and/or resumes for college or dance employment.

## **Eligibility Criteria for Student Induction**

Induction into the All for Dance Junior Chapter of the NHSDA is earned through the accumulation of at least 15 points awarded for dance activities such as rehearsals, performances, research, workshops, or community service activities, alongside a minimum GPA of 3.0. Students should track their points and provide the Chapter Sponsor with a record of points earned through worksheets, portfolios, or other agreed-upon methods. For points earned outside of chapter activities, verification of points earned should be provided to the Chapter Sponsor through playbills, registration forms, photos, or other agreed-upon methods. The Chapter Sponsor will keep a record of points earned on file. In addition, the prospective student's demonstration of collaborative teamwork, motivation, and leadership in the many aspects of dance (e.g., choreography, performance, mentoring, production) are factors in the determination of eligibility for induction.

## **GPA Requirement**

Students must earn a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 for NHSDA Induction. A copy of your transcript must be presented to the All for Dance NHSDA chapter along with your point tracking worksheet for induction consideration.

## **Student Induction Rubric**

- Participation Points:
  - To qualify for induction at the Junior Program level, a student must earn 15 points, at least 10 of which should be earned while participating in dance activities within the program with All for Dance. A student may earn up to 5 points while participating in community dance activities or other activities in the performing arts outside of All for Dance.
  - Please see the NHSDA participation point system guide on the next page for specific details.
- Participation Points (Custom Studio Points):
  - Following are additional points that can be earned and accounted for under custom studio points:
    - Student Assistant (unpaid) 1 point per 10 classes assisted
    - Community Performance 1 point per performance
    - Pre-Season Studio Clean Up .5 points
    - Birthday Party Volunteer Assistant .5 points per party
- Character Points:
  - o Demonstration of collaborative teamwork, motivation, and leadership
  - All for Dance will 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.
  - All for Dance will review and rate a dancer's character points and provide a rating from the following scale:
    - Excellent
    - Above Average
    - Average
    - Fair
    - Poor

## All for Dance NHSDA Partcipation Point System

| Category  | Activity  | Point Range   |
|---|---|---|
| Participation in Chapter<br>Dance Program                           | Meritorious completion of hours in chapter site dance<br>program (classes in the dance program)   | 1 point per 45 hours                                    |
|   | Performance in chapter site dance productions<br>(including rehearsal time)   | 1 - 3 points per production                             |
|   | Performance in other chapter site presentations (e.g.,<br>pep rallies, assemblies)  | .5 – 1 point per<br>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   | Participation in off-site dance classes   | 1 point per 45 hours                                    |
| Dance Programs Note: Student must submit appropriate documentation. | Performance in off-site productions (including rehearsal time)  | .5 – 1 point per production                             |
|   | Participation in off-site dance festival or workshop, or<br>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<br>.5 - 1 point if dancer |
|   | Choreography – Projects completed inside or outside<br>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  | Stage manager or backstage crew   | .5 – 1 point per production                             |
| Duties Related to Dance   | Lighting designer or crew   | .5 - 1 point per production                             |
| 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. | 1 – 3 points per activity/event                         |

Junior: At least 15 points required for induction, 10 of which must be earned through participation in chapter site program activities.

**Secondary:** At least 30 points required for induction, 20 of which must be earned through participation in chapter site program activities.

## All for Dance NHSDA Point Tracking Worksheet

| National Honor Society for Dan | Society for Dance Arts - Student Point Tracking Worksheet | oint Tracking Wor | ksheet        |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------|
| Student Name:                  |   |                   |               |
| School:                        |   |                   |               |
|                                |   |                   |               |
| Participation Category         | Brief Description of Event or Activity                    | Date of Activity  | Points Earned |
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| TOTAL POINTS                   |   |                   |               |
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## All for Dance NHSDA Induction Rubric

#### JUNIOR/SECONDARY NHSDA STUDENT INDUCTION RUBRIC as of 2018

| Student's Name   | Grade Level or Age   |  |  |
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| Induction Criteria   | Credits Earned toward<br>Induction   |  |  |
| Participation Points   |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>To qualify for induction at the <b>Junior</b> Program level, a student must earn 15 points, at least 10 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 5 points while participating in community dance activities or other activities in the performing arts outside of the chapter program.</li> <li>To qualify for induction at the <b>Secondary</b> 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.</li> </ul> | Using the NHSDA Point System Guidelines, enter the number of points the student has been awarded to date.  # of Points Earned =                    |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Character Points</li> <li>Demonstration of collaborative teamwork, motivation, and leadership</li> <li>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)</li> <li>A minimum "Above Average" rating in this category is required for induction</li> </ul>  | After reviewing the student's performance, rate the student according to the following scale:  © Excellent © Above Average © Average © Fair © Poor |  |  |
| <ul> <li>The Chapter Sponsor will determine the minimum GPA for induction but it will not be below a 3.0.</li> <li>Optional: choose a GPA that matches or is competitive with other honor societies in your school. NDEO recommends a minimum of 3.2.</li> </ul>   | GPA =  |  |  |
| □ 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. It does NOT need to be turned in to NDEO.

It is up to the discretion of the Chapter Sponsor to determine what constitutes an active chapter member and if the student is eligible to wear the honor cords at graduation.