

National Honor Society for Dance Arts (NHSDA)
Junior Program (6th-8th grade)
2020-2021

- I. **What is the NHSDA? It is a program of the National Dance Education Organization, whose mission it is to:**
 - a. promote a desire for life-long learning in dance,
 - b. encourage an understanding of, and appreciation for, dance as an art form, and
 - c. develop knowledgeable dance audiences for tomorrow.
 - d. The MCA Chapter will be a “NHSDA Honor Only Model”, which means that it is managed by the Chapter Sponsor and exists primarily to induct students who have met the criteria for induction. Any chapter activities are run by the Sponsor as part of the curriculum and program, but the focus is on “earning the honor” and the induction ceremony.

- II. **How do students get inducted?**
 - a. Induction is earned through accumulation of **15 points** awarded for meritorious work in dance that meet standardized guidelines (see National Induction Point System).
 - b. Students must meet a minimum cumulative GPA requirement of a 3.0 for their academic studies.
 - c. Students must demonstrate strong character, manifested through collaborative teamwork, motivation, and leadership in many aspects of dance that may include choreography, performance, teaching and production.

- III. **What does it cost?**
 - a. There is a one-time induction fee of \$8 per student (studio prints your certificate on copy paper), **or \$12, (if you would like NDEO to print and emboss your certificate)**. This fee is paid directly to the Chapter Sponsor, who will then send in one payment for all inductees. This fee covers the cost of the formal certificate received at the induction, and processing fees.
 - b. There is an optional gold honor pin (\$8.50)

- IV. **How long does it take a student to earn the appropriate number of points for induction?**
 - a. On average, it takes about one full year to earn the 15 points for induction at the junior program level, for a serious, dedicated dance student.
 - b. Due to the COVID-19 quarantine of the country in March-May of 2020, students can start counting points accrued beginning the summer of 2019 and will add those points retroactively.
 - c. Those students that will be 8th graders this fall, can retroactively count points for activities going back as far as January of 2019.
 - d. Students are personally responsible for documenting their own points. They can do this using the Points Tracking Form available at www.nhsda-ndeo.org, or by creating their own spreadsheet. This documentation will then be submitted to the Chapter Sponsor by the requested deadline. The student will then apply for induction at www.nhsda-ndeo.org. They will create a username and password of their own for the site. Sponsor will verify points and fill out an Induction Rubric for each applicant.

V. When are inductions held?

- a. Generally chapters induct students two times per year. Due to COVID, there will not be a fall/winter induction in 2020.
- b. MCA's next induction will take place in late-April of 2021. At this time, we are not sure if it will be virtual or in-person, but the hope is to celebrate together with social distancing, possibly outside.
- c. Students will need to have all proof of points earned and turned in and their free account at www.nhsda-ndeo.org created well before the induction date. This ensures that induction certificates are printed and delivered before the ceremony. **The point submission deadline for spring induction is Friday, March 1, 2021.**

VI. What is the criteria for induction?

- a. Earned participation points: points earned for meritorious participation in a wide variety of dance activities. Sponsor uses their discretion in awarding points (from zero to maximum) according to the quality of the work performed in a given activity.
- b. Demonstration of character: reflects the student's demonstration of collaborative teamwork, motivation and leadership. Sponsor evaluates this through the observation of classes, rehearsals and other dance program activities. Community services may include teaching or assisting dance classes, as well as participation in sponsored fundraisers. A minimum of "Above Average" rating in this category is required for induction.
- c. Grade point average: Students must earn a GPA of at least a 3.0 for NHSDA induction. Students applying for induction will turn in a copy of their report card to the Chapter Sponsor showing their cumulative GPA.

VII. Important Dates

- a. Points and Grade Submission Due for NHSDA Induction - Friday, March 1, 2021
- b. NHSDA Induction - Late April/Early May 2021

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