



Pledge Packet

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Platte City, MO

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 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: Elements Dance Academy

Chapter Director and Advisor: Megan Adams elementsdanceacademy@gmail.com

NHSDA National induction Point System 2022-2023

Membership in NHSDA is based on a designated point system. Secondary Members (grades 9-12) must achieve 100 points to maintain eligibility, 80 of which must be earned through participation in chapter site program activities. 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.

****Candidates may submit activities from April 1st through present date for consideration.**

****Secondary: At least 100 points required for induction, 80 of which must be earned through participation in chapter site program activities.**

Induction Pin



NHSDA Cords



Graduation with Honors Medallion



NHSDA Application fee: \$8.00

Induction Pin: \$8.50

NHSDA Cords: \$17.50

Graduation with Honors Medallion with certificate: \$22.50

Visit the link below for more information on program costs. [Click HERE.](#)

NHSDA Induction Point System

Name: _____

Date: _____

Anticipated Induction Date: _____

EDA Induction Requirements	
Requirement	Check off once completed
Accumulated 100 points or more By March of your senior year.	
G.P.A of 3.0 or higher by March of your senior year	
Participated in EDA Company Class for 4 or more years consecutive years	
All documentation is included in your portfolio.	

Dance			
Category/Description	Possible Points	Date	Total Amount of Points
Enrolled in and maintained good attendance in EDA's Company class. (less than 5 absences per season)	2		
Each additional weekly hour of dance enrolled in throughout the school year	.5		
Attend EDA summer dance classes (5-7 hours minimum)	1		

Attend EDA summer camps, intensives, or classes.	2		
Master classes/workshops (minimum of 3 hours, can combine multiple)	1 point per 3 hours		
Participate in dance performance	1		
Participation in other duties related to dance production	.5-2		
Total Amount of Points for DANCE			

Community

Category/Description	Possible Points	Date	Total Amount of Points
Student led projects using dance or studio as a platform to benefit the community.	4		
Volunteer for or actively participate in a community event.	1.5		
Volunteer and actively participate in a non-NHSDA community service event.	1		
Advocate for dance in the community	.5		

(Wearing EDA marketing apparel, posting on social media, hanging up posters for EDA, promotes EDA in a positive light to family, friends, and neighbors, etc)			
Student Leadership committee (Student Director-2, Mentor-1, Assistant-.5)	.5-2		
Total Amount of Points for COMMUNITY			
Academic			
Receive any award from school (Attach all copies of awards to packet)	2		
Maintained excellence attendance during the school year (missing 3 or less) (Attach documentation)	2		
Perfect Attendance throughout the school year (Attach a copy of documentation)	4		
Achieve honor roll/dean's list at your school (Attach a copy of documentation)	2		
Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher (requirement for NHSDA)	2		
Total Amount of Points for Academic			
Teacher Training			
Assisting younger dancers at rehearsals, performances, in class at EDA, etc.	.5 per class		
Total Amount of Points for Teacher Training			
GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF POINTS _____			

Turn portfolios into Mrs. Megan or email portfolio to elementsdanceacademy@gmail.com

National Honor Society for Dance Arts Pledge Form

Please submit this form **before** points are submitted to your chapter sponsor. Points will be counted towards the next year if it is after the date (around March 31st)

PLEDGE

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____

Best Phone: _____

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School: _____

What are your plans for after college? If you plan on attending college, which college do you plan on attending? If not, briefly explain your plans for after college.

ESSAY

Please type a 1,000 word essay explaining how being a part of dance inside and outside of the studio has helped you become a better person.