



# What You Need To Know About NHSDA

# What Is NHSDA?

- NHSDA is the National Honor Society for Dance Arts
- Our Mission is to:
  - 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.
  - To foster an appreciation for dance as a true art form and one worthy of recognition and prestige.
- Establishing an NHSDA chapter in your school is one very important way that you can help advance the field of dance education. Celebrating the artistic merit, leadership, and academic achievements of exceptional dance students helps to create honor and prestige within our field and improve our image to those outside the field, and offers benefits for students, institutions, and the field at large

# Three Types of Chapters

## Junior

- Available for students in 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Available to K-12 schools, studios, and performing arts organizations
- If a school has students between 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade they can have both a Junior and a Secondary chapter
- Must maintain active institutional membership with NDEO to have a chapter

## Secondary

- Available for students in 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Available to K-12 schools, studios, and performing arts organizations
- If a school has students between 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade they can have both a Junior and a Secondary chapter
- Must maintain active institutional membership with NDEO to have a chapter

## Collegiate

- Available to undergraduate or graduate students studying dance in a dance major, minor, or elective program at a postsecondary institution
- Must maintain active Higher Education institutional membership with NDEO to have a chapter
- Students must have undergraduate or graduate membership with NDEO to be inducted

Chapter Sponsor Handbooks can be found here: [Junior/Secondary Chapters](#) and [Collegiate Chapters](#)

# Chapters Statistics

- Right now there are 1390 Active NHSDA chapters
- Of those 311 are Junior chapters, 1007 are Secondary chapters, and 72 are Collegiate chapters
- Most of our chapters are located in the US but we do have a few international chapters
- Last school year (8/1 to 6/30) 5,347 students were inducted and 1,011 students received Graduation with Honors

# Cost Of Being A Chapter Of NHSDA

- NDEO Institutional memberships for K-12 schools, dance studio, and performing arts orgs are \$185 a year and need to be maintained to have a active chapter
- NDEO Institutional memberships for Higher Education are \$250 a year
  - Plus the students will need their own memberships (undergraduate = \$50 and graduate = \$75)
- Induction Fees = \$8/per student (if the sponsor prints the certificates)/\$12/per student (if NDEO prints and mails the certificates)
- Optional additional Fees include graduation cords (\$17.50), gold dancer pin (\$8.50), and Graduation with Honors which is a secondary induction and includes a medallion (\$22.50)

# Starting A Chapter

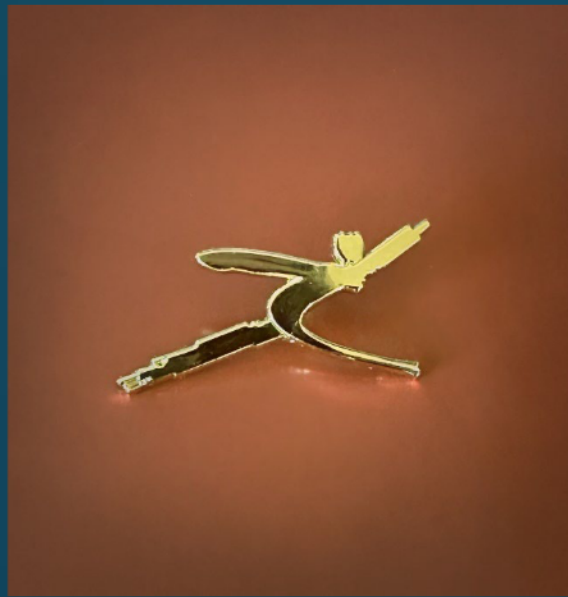
- An institution can have one chapter of each program, provided it serves students at that grade level. For example, a dance studio can have both a Junior Program Chapter and a Secondary Program chapter.
- Once you have taken out a NDEO Institutional Membership and paid the dues, you can apply for an NHSDA Chapter
- The main contact for Institutional Membership needs to log into their NDEO account and fill out the chapter application
- The chapter's GPA requirement
- A description of your school/studio's dance program
- Once your chapter application is approved, you will receive an email notification and can begin the process of inducting students.

# Induction

- To be eligible for induction students must earn a set number of points
  - 15 points for Junior chapters
  - 30 points for Secondary chapters
  - 45 points for Collegiate chapters
- We have an induction point system that you use to calculate the points and then the students track their points – there is a section called Custom School Points that allows you to give points for an activity that is not previously listed
- Students are only inducted once into each program
- You can set additional requirements for the students to stay active members of the chapter
- Student Induction is a lifetime recognition, and the NHSDA designation remains with the student's record. However, 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.
- Inductions are held on a rolling basis and can be done at any time during the year
- Students must be enrolled at your school/studio to be inducted

# Graduation with Honors

- To be eligible for Graduation with Honors students must earn an additional set number of points
  - 10 additional points for Junior chapters (total points earned including induction 25)
  - 15 additional points for Secondary chapters (total points earned including induction 45)
  - 15 additional points for Collegiate chapters (total points earned including induction 60)
- It comes with a medallion and a sponsor printed certificate
- Students only receive Graduation with Honors their senior/last year



# Rubrics for Induction/Graduation with Honors

- Rubrics are available in the Chapter Sponsor Handbooks – the junior/secondary one is combined – these are for the chapter sponsor only, you do not need to submit them to the national office
- Students must meet the minimum point requirement to be inducted
- They must also be of Above Average Character (e.g. not bullying, being helpful during class, participating in chapter activities)
- GPA – they must have minimum of a 3.0 GPA (junior/secondary) or a 3.5 GPA (collegiate). You can set your GPA requirements to be higher but please let your students know that your requirements are higher than the national ones.
- If they don't have a GPA – uses a 100-point system, each "point" of their 100 counts for .04 of the 4.0 GPA. For example, if the student's grade is 80 out of 100 points, their GPA entered on the NHSDA site would be 3.2 If a student is homeschooled and does not participate in a point grading system, a GPA can be established by the parent writing an official letter to the Chapter Sponsor stating that their student has achieved academic excellence.

# NHSDA Artistic Merit, Leadership, & Academic Achievement Award & Scholarship

- This award is available to juniors and seniors in high school who have been inducted into an NHSDA chapter. The chapter must be active when they apply for the award
- This upcoming years award is set to open at the end of October and will close at the end of January
- Last year we had 123 students apply for the award
- There was 1 winner, 3 finalists, and 9 honorable mentions
- Please go to [ndeo.org/nhsda/Scholarship/NHSDA-Award](https://ndeo.org/nhsda/Scholarship/NHSDA-Award) to see the latest awardees and the submission requirements

# NHSDA Artistic Merit, Leadership, and Academic Achievement Award

- The National Winner of this dance scholarship will receive up to a \$1000 monetary award/scholarship and a certificate. The 3 National Finalists will each receive a \$250 monetary award/scholarship and a certificate. Honorable Mention Recipients will receive a certificate.
- The students submit a self-choreographed video and essays.

# Dance Arts Now! Newsletter

- Dance Arts Now! is the official newsletter of the National Honor Society for Dance Arts™ (NHSDA) Junior and Secondary Programs (for Middle & High School Students).
- The publication gives student inductees and their chapter sponsors a chance to be published and recognized. Students and Sponsors are encouraged to submit stories, poems, articles, chapter news, photos and MORE!
- Please go to [ndeo.org/nhsda/Dance-Arts-Now](http://ndeo.org/nhsda/Dance-Arts-Now) to see the latest newsletter and an archive of all of our previous editions.

# Benefits of NHSDA and Induction

- 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)
  - Mentorship from Chapter Sponsor and networking with peers
  - Leadership and development opportunities within their NHSDA Chapter, as they can assist the 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.

# Benefits of NHSDA and Induction

- Institutional Benefits
  - Establishing an NHSDA Chapter allows you to recognize your outstanding students for their artistic merit, leadership, and academic achievement, creating parity with other academic disciplines who sponsor honor societies
  - Your institution will be listed on the NHSDA website, allowing for additional promotion of your program internationally
  - NHSDA can serve as a recruitment tool, attracting students who are familiar with the National Honor Society for Dance Arts from their other schools or dance programs as well as those who wish to become a part of this dynamic national organization
- Benefit for the Field of Dance Education
  - By recognizing outstanding dance students nationwide for their artistic merit, leadership, and academic achievement and providing institutions with a way to promote their dance programs, NHSDA helps to advance the field of dance education centered in the arts.

# Organizing Your Chapter

- NHSDA Honors Only Model
  - The chapter can be managed solely by the Chapter Sponsor and exists primarily to induct students who have met the criteria for induction. In this model, the Chapter Sponsor maintains all records and coordinates the induction of eligible students. Chapter activities, if they exist, are often run by the Chapter Sponsor as part of the curriculum and program but the focus is on “earning the honor” and the induction ceremony.
- NHSDA Club Model
  - The chapter is set up as a student organization with elected student officers with the Chapter Sponsor acting as the faculty advisor. The school may require that the NHSDA chapter submit a constitution or bylaws. To the extent to which the Chapter Sponsor deems appropriate, the student officers have a role in maintaining records and coordinating induction ceremonies. In addition, the chapter may engage in other activities such as performances, fundraising, field trips, service projects and other activities that support the program’s mission and goals and students’ interests. If desired, regularly scheduled chapter meetings can be held, along with any demonstrations or lectures that may be of interest to or enhance the dance knowledge of NHSDA inductees. When applicable, Chapter Sponsors or designated students should prepare and distribute to the inductees a calendar of upcoming dance activities and NHSDA meetings.

# Events

- Love Your Body Week (November 17 -23, 2024)
  - A week dedicated to creating a body-positive dance environment and is always the week before Thanksgiving. .
- Dance a Difference Week (March 2 – 8, 2025)
  - A week of dance based community service spread throughout the nation and is always the first full week in March.
- NHSDA Day of Recognition (June 2025)
  - A day to celebrate all inducted students who are graduating by tagging them and us on social media. We also collect graduating inducted students photographs for our Senior Slideshow.

Any Questions?

# NDEO MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT CODE

For new members signing up for a dance studio institutional membership please use DSOA24 at check out for 10% off of your membership. Valid until 8/18/24