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*The National Honor Society for Dance Arts (NHSDA) is a program of the National Dance Education Organization (NDEO)*

## **National Honor Society for Dance Arts Collegiate Program Sample Constitution**

The primary mission of the National Honor Society for Dance Arts (NHSDA) Collegiate Program is to recognize outstanding artistic merit, leadership and academic achievement in students studying dance in colleges/universities. Further, the NHSDA hopes to foster an appreciation for dance as a true art form and one worthy of recognition and prestige. The NHSDA is a national program of the National Dance Education Organization.

Specific goals of the NHSDA are to:

- 1) To encourage exploration of dance education pedagogy, choreography, performance, research, community outreach, and advocacy in the context of a broad dance program;
- 2) To stimulate dialogue and networking between students, faculty and experts in the field;
- 3) To promote the use of standards in dance education curriculum and teaching methods;
- 4) To develop future leaders in the field of dance arts education and performance.

The NHSDA Chapter at \_\_\_\_\_ intends to support and guide students as they meet the criteria for Student Induction and Graduation with Honors. The work of this NHSDA chapter will be guided by a Chapter Sponsor (faculty advisor.)

### **ARTICLE I - Eligibility**

Student induction into the NHSDA is awarded on the basis of 45 points earned for meritorious work in dance that meet the honor society's Collegiate National Point System guidelines and by achieving an above average character reference rating and a 3.5 overall grade point average. The student also maintains a student membership with the National Dance Education Organization ([www.ndeo.org](http://www.ndeo.org).)

The Chapter Sponsor (faculty advisor) of the NHSDA is responsible for determining when each student has met the criteria for becoming an official member of the local NHSDA chapter. These criteria may be determined by the needs of each individual situation as they relate to the NHSDA Student Induction Rubric.

Students may achieve the Graduation with NHSDA Honors designation by continuing to earn points after induction. To qualify, the student will earn 15 additional points their graduation year, achieve an above average character reference rating , maintain their 3.5 GPA and submit a 500-1,000 word essay detailing their future career plans and how their education, the NHSDA honor and NDEO has impacted their life choices and overall success. The student also maintains a student membership with the National Dance Education Organization ([www.ndeo.org](http://www.ndeo.org).)

NHSDA Induction and Honors will be granted to all students who have met the eligibility requirements. No student will be elected into the honor society, and no student who has met the eligibility requirements will be denied membership in the local NHSDA chapter.

#### ARTICLE II - Membership Qualifications

NHSDA Induction and Graduation with Honors will be granted to all students who have met the eligibility requirements. No student will be elected into the honor society, and no student who has met the requirements will be denied membership in the local NHSDA chapter. Once the student earns induction or graduation honors these designations stay with the young professional in perpetuity. They may remain members of their local NHSDA chapter while they are still in school and can serve in an advisory role after graduation.

#### ARTICLE III - Officer Eligibility and Responsibilities

The offices of Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer will be elected from the membership in the fall of each school year for the purposes of administering the NHSDA and all of its activities including tracking and verification of points, application processes, induction ceremonies and the recording of the honors in transcripts. The 4 officers in conjunction with the Chapter Sponsor will serve as the final decision-making body of the local NHSDA Chapter. Candidates for office must be in good standing, currently enrolled in a chapter-site dance program and already inducted into the NHSDA. For inaugural chapters, the Chapter Sponsor may select up to 4 students to serve as officers to help administer the NHSDA program.