

National Honor Society for Dance Arts Pledge Options

Chapter Focused Pledge

I promise to uphold the aims and ideals of the National Honor Society for Dance Arts.

I am a student of dance and excellence in art, service, and academics is my ideal.

I promise to perform as well as I can;

to accept praise and criticism with grace;

to cooperate with my fellow Honor Society members and work for the good of the Chapter;

and to share my love for dance.

-Courtesy of the Florida Dance Education Organization

Self-Focused Pledge

I pledge to never compromise my creative ability,

to be original and true to my body's natural movement.

I will always be willing to improve my technique and stay open

to new genres and ideas.

I will never fail to help fellow dancers to let their talents shine

and to be an advocate for prospective dancers everywhere.

I will bring my personality and spirit to every dance that I am

called to perform.

-Deloris Gayle Griffin

This NHSDA pledge was written in Spring 2006 by Deloris Gayle Griffin, Senior at Ridge View High School in Columbia, South Carolina, and President, NHSDA Chapter SC 002. Gayle Griffin also is a 2006 recipient of the national NDEO: *Artistic Merit, Leadership, and Academic Achievement* award. Inductees at Ridge View High School traditionally perform dance movements that correspond to the text while reciting the pledge.

*Please note that chapters can create their own pledge or use one of these examples