National Honor Society for Dance Arts

Parent & Student Information Packet

The Dance Centre | 2026-2027 season

Your dedication to dance deserves recognition. TDC welcomes eligible recreational and competition dancers to work toward national recognition for artistic achievement, academics and leadership.

Who can participate? Current TDC students in grades 9-12 can express interest and begin discussing their path with Miss Laura. Students may start the conversation before completing their points.

30	20	3.0
approved points	at or through TDC	minimum cumulative GPA

Induction also requires the chapter sponsor's review of character, teamwork, motivation and leadership. Earning points is one part of the process.

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Ask Miss Laura, Chapter Advisor

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NHSDA is a program of the National Dance Education Organization (NDEO).

Your path to induction

Expressing interest is the first step. Formal induction follows a review of your complete record.

1. Connect with Miss Laura

Confirm your grade, current TDC enrollment and goals. If you have earlier activity records or were inducted through another chapter, bring that information for review.

2. Track activities and keep proof

Use the worksheet on page 10. Record dates, your role and proposed credit, then keep programs, attendance records, award notices or other evidence.

3. Check your totals and academics

Work toward 30 approved points, with at least 20 at or through TDC. Submit documentation of a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.

4. Complete the chapter review

Miss Laura verifies points and evaluates character, teamwork, motivation and leadership. National induction requires an Above Average or better character rating.

5. Complete the student application

When directed, use the national application link on page 9. Create the free account, select TDC's chapter, and check the spelling of your certificate name and graduation year. Document uploads are optional unless requested by the advisor.

6. Receive confirmation

The sponsor completes approval and payment processing. A completed tracker or an expression of interest does not by itself complete national induction.

Dates and recognition

Interest Response 11/23/27;
Midyear progress check 1/15/27;
Application for 2027 Induction due 3/15/27;
Induction Ceremony 6/5/27

For families: Help students organize their records while letting them describe their own contribution. If your school uses a different grading system or homeschooling documentation, ask Miss Laura which academic records to provide.

The TDC point system

Use these published TDC values. The advisor verifies each entry and confirms eligibility for credit.

Activity	Points	Useful documentation
DANCE		
TDC dance classes	1 per 45 hours	Class dates and actual hours
School dance team or performance outside TDC	2	Playbill or participation record
Noncompetitive TDC performance (for example, Nutcracker or a community performance)	1 per event	Program or TDC event record
Dance competition participation	2	Participation record
Attend a live dance performance outside TDC	1	Ticket, program or attendance evidence
TDC summer intensive program	1 day: 0.5 2 days: 1 3 days: 2 4 days: 3	Dates and days attended
COMMUNITY		
Seasonal TDC teaching assistant, (with studio director approval)	3	Approval and season participation
Volunteer at a TDC event	1 per event	Event, role and staff verification
Organize and produce a community event at TDC or elsewhere	3	Planning and completion documentation
ACADEMIC / WRITING		
School art or positive-community award	2	Award notice or certificate
School academic award	2	Award notice or certificate
School honor roll or dean's list	2	School record
Maintain a GPA above 3.5	2	Academic record
Approved papers, essays or articles about dance	0.5-3	Writing plus required word count and references

Make your tracking easy to review

Keep one clear record and label the evidence that supports it.

Use the original worksheet on page 10

Write the activity category, a specific description, the activity date and the points proposed. Add **TDC** or **Outside** in the description so the advisor can review the 20-point TDC minimum. Note your actual role and an evidence reference, such as "Program A" or "Attendance log B."

The worksheet's note says it is not sent to the NDEO home office. **You will submit your record and evidence to Miss Laura.** Use the companion summary on page 8 to show the separate totals.

Class hours and service credit

Classes: Record time actually attended. A 45-minute class is 0.75 hour; 60 attended 45-minute classes total 45 hours, which is the published rate for 1 point.

Service: Keep your time and role for documentation, but use the approved activity category to determine points. TDC event volunteering is 1 point per event; organizing and producing a qualifying community event is a different 3-point category.

Example: one student's progress log

Illustration only; every entry remains subject to advisor approval.

Activity recorded	Proposed points	TDC subtotal
45 documented hours of TDC classes	1	1
Volunteer at two separate TDC events	2	2
Attend all four days of the TDC intensive	3	3
Attend one outside live dance performance	1	0
Example total	**7**	**6**

Ask Miss Laura which earlier activities may be submitted, how to handle overlapping categories, and whether a repeated achievement can earn new credit. Do not duplicate the same work on separate log entries without review.

Awards, scholarships and recognition

A lasting honor, with additional opportunities for students who qualify.

A competitive national scholarship opportunity

NHSDA Artistic Merit, Leadership and Academic Achievement Award
The latest posted eligibility covers already-inducted Secondary juniors and seniors (ages 16-18), with cumulative GPA of at least 3.0, through an active U.S. institutional chapter. Scholarship selection is separate from induction.

Most recently published 2026 awards	Amount
National winner	Up to $1,000
Three national finalists	$250 each

Prepare for a future cycle: The latest application calls for a student-choreographed and performed solo video (maximum 3 minutes, one unedited take), two essays (250 and 500 words maximum), a one-page resume, transcript, headshot, dance photo, leadership/choreography information and sponsor recommendation responses. Applications use Acceptd.

Check the new cycle before applying

As of November 2, 2026, the official page still showed the **2026 cycle closed**. A dated 2027 schedule was not confirmed. Review the current rules, fees and deadlines with Miss Laura before preparing a submission. Induction does not guarantee a scholarship.

Graduation with Honors: a separate next step

After induction, students may work toward **15 additional points for 45 total**. This designation also requires the chapter GPA minimum at graduation, continued character and leadership, and a **250-500-word essay** about dance's impact and future influence. The sponsor verifies and confers this recognition.

Lifetime induction and graduation items

Induction is a lifetime recognition. Students may list the earned honor on appropriate applications and resumes. Active chapter participation and cord eligibility are reviewed by the sponsor. Optional graduation cords and the separate Graduation with Honors medallion have fees; your high school must approve wearing externally earned regalia.

Use the award and Graduation with Honors links on page 9 for the full criteria.

Share your voice. Explore your future.

Creative and educational opportunities for inducted students and students working toward induction.

Dance Arts Now! newsletter

NHSDA's Junior and Secondary newsletter welcomes student writing, poetry, artwork, photos and chapter news. Candidates may contribute before induction. Submissions are accepted year-round; publication is subject to editorial review.

How to submit: Send literary work as a **Word document, not a PDF**. Articles and stories may be up to **900 words**. Include the author's name and age, advisor name and school/studio. Give photographer credits and identify people pictured in photos.

The current submission contacts are colleendean12@gmail.com and nhsda@ndeo.org. Review the current guidelines and your proposed TDC credit with Miss Laura before sending.

Ideas!

Describe what you learned while helping younger dancers; write about your choreographic inspiration; create a dance poem or illustration; or report on a small studio service project. Choose a topic you can speak about from experience. Need help? Miss Laura can assist with some inspiration ideas!

NHSDA Voices and college exploration

NHSDA Voices offers recorded conversations with artists, choreographers, educators and chapter members. The **Exploring College Dance Pathways** series includes five panels with college dancers, including Rutgers students, discussing their programs, schedules and preparation. The **NDEO College Dance Directory** can help families begin exploring programs.

The video library states that an active Vimeo account is required. If seeking viewing credit, national guidance calls for watching the full recording and answering the three closing questions for the sponsor.

Contribute, connect and plan ahead

Small, approved projects can bring recreational and competition dancers together.

Inducted students and candidates can pair up for a manageable role connected to an existing studio activity. Planning, writing, preparation and event help all offer ways to contribute. The examples below are **ideas subject to studio approval and availability**.

Possible project	A manageable shared role
Nutcracker cast celebration	Plan a short activity, prepare thank-you decorations, or assist with setup and cleanup.
Boo Bash arts and crafts	Test a craft, prepare materials and help younger dancers during an agreed station shift.
Recital welcome project	Create a staff-approved packing reminder or encouragement cards for first-time performers.
Open house welcome team	Prepare a simple activity and greet families alongside TDC staff.

Ask what role is needed, when to help and how the work will be verified. These examples establish no required meetings or service-hour minimum. Attending a celebration alone does not establish service credit; the advisor reviews the actual contribution and applicable category.

National fees and optional recognition items

NDEO currently lists the following charges. TDC will confirm any applicable charges and optional items before payment is collected.

Item	National listed amount
Induction and sponsor-printed certificate	$8
Optional induction pin	$8.50
Optional graduation cords	$17.50
Graduation with Honors: certificate and medallion	$22.50

Shipping may apply to physical items. Orders and induction payments go through the chapter sponsor. A separate student NDEO membership is not required. Check current prices and school permission for graduation regalia before ordering.

Student progress summary

Complete this companion page with the original tracking worksheet and supporting evidence.

Student name _____

Academic school _____

Current grade _____ Expected graduation year _____

Student / family email _____

Points proposed for induction review

At or through TDC	Outside credit	Total for this review
_____	_____	_____
Minimum 20 approved	Up to 10 toward induction	Minimum 30 approved

Cumulative GPA _____ Date of GPA record _____

Records to gather

- ☐ Completed point tracking sheet, with TDC / Outside labels
- ☐ Evidence matched to the listed activities and dates
- ☐ Cumulative-GPA documentation for advisor review
- ☐ Correct certificate name and graduation year for the national application

My next step _____

Target review date with Miss Laura _____

Advisor review

Advisor _____ Review date _____

Next steps / missing items _____

This is a planning and review form. Miss Laura confirms points, academics and character/leadership eligibility; the national student application and sponsor processing are separate steps.

Resources and source guide

The numbered sources used throughout this packet are linked below. Click a title to open the official page.

[1] TDC eligibility and point system

[2] NHSDA Secondary program overview

[3] Induction criteria and sponsor review

[4] Student application for induction

[5] National program fees and optional items

[6] Artistic Merit, Leadership and Academic Achievement Award

[7] Graduation with Honors requirements

[8] Dance Arts Now! newsletter and submissions

[9] NHSDA Voices and viewing-credit guidance

[10] Video library and access information

[11] Exploring College Dance Pathways

[12] NDEO College Dance Directory

[13] Original TDC-linked point tracking worksheet

[14] National steps for induction

For printed copies, scan a code to reach TDC's program page or the national NHSDA website, then use the site menu for the topic you need.

TDC program
thedancecentrenj.com

National NHSDA
ndeo.org/nhsda

Questions? Ask Miss Laura: LauraManresaTDC@gmail.com

National Honor Society for Dance Arts - Student Point Tracking Worksheet

Student Name:

School:

Participation Category	Brief Description of Event or Activity	Date of Activity	Points Earned
TOTAL POINTS			

Note:

This does not have to be turned into the NDEO home office.