

## MDA Policy and Procedures

**The Maryland Dance Alliance (MDA)** takes place annually and is sponsored by the Maryland Dance Education Association. MDA is a day of masterclasses with application to perform in an adjudicated evening concert.

**Mission:** MDA's mission is to cultivate student leadership through the participation of schools with NHSDA chapters and make connections between high school age dance programs from across Maryland.

**Participants:** All **high school age** dance programs in MD (public/private/parochial/independent schools in MD with curricular dance programs, Rec and Parks, Community Dance Organizations, and private studios) are invited to participate in MDA. All high school age dance programs must also meet the eligibility requirements as outlined below. All work submitted will be adjudicated for evening concert selection.

### Eligibility:

2018 – All MDA school's sponsors/teachers must be NDEO/MDEA professional members or NDEO/MDEA institutional members by the video submission deadline. An institutional membership is also needed to apply for an NHSDA chapter. <http://nhsda.clubexpress.com/>

2019 – All MDA schools must be institutional members of NDEO and must have applied for NHSDA chapter status by the video submission deadline.

2020 and beyond – All MDA schools must have and maintain active NHSDA chapters by the video submission deadline.

See membership information and registration below and at [www.ndeo.org](http://www.ndeo.org)

**Special circumstances** for NDEO institutional membership may exist in new programs or for teachers new to program. **Becoming an institutional member or starting a new chapter may not be possible under these circumstances.** In this case, MDEA will support the involvement of the program with the stipulation that the following academic school or studio year, the program will have an active NHSDA chapter and be an institutional member of the NDEO (conduct a student induction during the school/studio year). For new programs and teachers, application for an NHSDA chapter and NDEO membership must occur prior to the MDA event.

### Guidance and Ideas for MDA Schools:

- It is recommended that an NDEO institutional membership be secured using school or studio funds, not personal funds.
- NHSDA dancers at each school/program/studio are invited to contribute to the MDA event utilizing their leadership and organizational skills. Chapters are encouraged to come up with creative ways to become involved in the event beyond the performance and master classes. (Examples - NHSDA can help to promote the event, be involved in the choreographic process, create the adjudication video, provide production support.)
- Performers do not all have to be NHSDA members, but will be exposed to the benefits of NHSDA membership and encouraged to join and/or aspire to join the NHSDA as the day unfolds.

**Current NDEO Individual and Institutional Membership Information can be found at**  
[www.ndeo.org](http://www.ndeo.org)

# Institutional Memberships

[http://ndeo.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=893257&module\\_id=171791#InstitutionalMemberships](http://ndeo.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=893257&module_id=171791#InstitutionalMemberships)

All NDEO Institutional Memberships provide an institution with the following benefits:

- Eligibility to start a chapter of the National Honor Society for Dance Arts (NHSDA) for the benefit of the institution's students
- **Ability to offer a 30% discount on Individual Professional Memberships to faculty members (limits apply; see types below).** Available to teachers, faculty, or administrators at the institution. To request discount codes, main contact must email [membership@ndeo.org](mailto:membership@ndeo.org).
- Dual [State Affiliate](#) Membership (where available)

Benefits for the Main Contact on the Membership:

- Eligibility to attend NDEO conferences (separate registration fees apply)
- Discounted Conference Proposal Submission Fee
- Eligibility to take OPDI courses (application fee waived; separate course tuition fees apply). To take advantage of this, please contact the NDEO office to set up an individual login for your OPDI academic records.
- Subscription to the *Journal of Dance Education* and *Dance Education in Practice*
- Full access to NDEO's [Dance Education Literature and Research descriptive index \(DELRdi\)](#)
- Networking via the [NDEO Online Forums](#), [Special Interest Groups](#), and [Membership Directory](#)
- Access to resources, documents, professional development, and the most up to date information concerning [Standards](#) for Dance Education

**Member rates pertinent to MDA/MDEA:**

- **Institutional Member - Dance Studio: \$185 a year** Dance studios and academies that teach dance primarily to students ages birth to 18, as well as adults. **Eligible for up to 2 faculty discounts on Professional Memberships.** For full member benefits, please see above.
- **Institutional Member – K-12 Schools: \$185 a year** Public and private schools with grades Pre-K to 12th that offer dance classes to their students. **Eligible for up to 2 faculty discounts on Professional Memberships.** For full member benefits, please see above.
- **Institutional Member – Performing Arts Organization: \$185 a year** Dance education departments of performing arts organizations (e.g. San Francisco Ballet, New York City Ballet, Alvin Ailey), community center organizations that offer dance programs (e.g. YMCA), and dance service organizations (e.g. DanceUSA, Dance Heritage Coalition). **Eligible for up to 2 faculty discounts on Professional Memberships.** For full member benefits, please see above.

# National Honor Society for Dance Arts (NHSDA)

<http://nhsda.clubexpress.com/>

Each chapter is set up at the institutional level, and only students who are enrolled in that school or studio can apply for induction. A faculty member will need to serve as the Chapter sponsor. The school or studio must have an Institutional Membership with the **National Dance Education Organization (NDEO)** in order to apply for a chapter. The Institutional Membership must be renewed annually in order to maintain the chapter. To learn more about membership and join NDEO, [click here](#).

Once you have taken out a NDEO Institutional Membership and paid the dues, you can apply for an NHSDA Chapter at the link below. You will need:

- **The Institutional Membership's 4 or 5 digit NDEO Member ID number** (This can be found under the Contact Information page of your NDEO Member Profile.)
- The contact information for the chapter sponsor
- The chapter's GPA requirement (for more information, click on the program description links above)
- A description of your school's dance program
- Contact information for additional parties you would like to have contacted when your chapter is approved and when students are inducted (For example, deans, principals, or program directors)
- Once your chapter application is approved, you will receive an email notification and can begin the process of inducting students. Students must apply for induction by filling out the application on this website in order to be inducted by the chapter sponsor. A New Chapter Certificate will be mailed within a few weeks of your approval.

A Secondary Chapter of the National Honor Society for Dance Arts may be set up in any private or public middle or high school, dance studio/academy, performing arts center, or community center with an active dance program serving students grades 9-12. The institution is required to maintain an **NDEO Institutional Membership** (\$185/year) for as long as the institution conducts an NHSDA Secondary Program. Schools that serve students in both 6-8 and 9-12 grades may have both a Junior and Secondary Chapter, although only one NDEO Institutional Membership is required. The dues may be paid by school administration, a boosters association, or through student fundraising. A faculty member must be willing to serve as the Chapter Sponsor, but students can take leadership roles in creating and maintaining the chapter. The chapter can be set up as a one-time honor, or as a student organization with officers, regular meetings, and planned activities. There are no NDEO membership requirements for students. There is a one-time \$8 per student induction fee. Separate fees apply for the optional NHSDA Pins and Honor Cords. Please consult the NHSDA Secondary Program Chapter Sponsor Handbook for complete information on starting and maintaining a chapter at your institution.

## NHSDA Secondary Program (grades 9 - 12) Goals

- To promote a desire for life-long learning in the field of dance.
- To encourage an understanding of, and an appreciation for, dance as an art form and develop knowledgeable audiences for tomorrow.

- To identify honor students (grades 11 & 12) for nomination to the NDEO Artistic Merit, Leadership and Academic Achievement Award, one of the highest honor programs for dance in the United States.

## NHSDA Secondary Chapter Sponsor Handbook

The [NHSDA Secondary Chapter Sponsor Handbook](#) is a must-read for all new chapter sponsors and student officers in charge of NHSDA administration. Download and print it out to help guide you through the process. It reviews in-depth procedures for establishing and managing a chapter, tracking and awarding points and conducting recognition ceremonies as well as all pertinent forms.