

National Honor Society for Dance Arts
Induction Ceremony

- A. Begin the ceremony by introducing any guests and then introducing the installing officer.
- B. Suggested text for the installing officer:
“ _____ School (or arts program name) has petitioned the National Honor Society for Dance Arts for the privilege of chartering an Honor Society Chapter. The dance program of _____ School (or arts program name) has been determined to meet the standards required by the governing board of the Honor Society, and the application has been accepted. Membership in this national organization is not only a reward for the fine work of this program, but further evidence of this chapter’s desire to continue to inspire others through dance. As a chapter, the work produced will better dance in the community and throughout the country.”
“It is my pleasure that I welcome you here to share in the induction of new members into _____ School’s (or arts program name) Chapter No. _____ of the National Honor Society for Dance Arts. Through their work in dance, academic achievement and service to others; the candidates have earned the right to become members of the National Honor Society for Dance Arts.”
- C. From a table pre-set with a lit candle, explain the following:
“As each student becomes a member of the Honor Society they will light a candle to symbolize their ability to illuminate our world through dance.”
- D. Read the accomplishments of each student and hand each student the membership card, a certificate, and if desired a National Dance Education Organization pin (pins do not come through membership, but may be purchased from the Florida Dance Education Organization.) As their accomplishments are read, have students light a candle from the central candle.
- E. Have the new members stand and say the pledge.
“I now ask the new members of National Honor Society for Dance Arts, Chapter No. _____ to stand and say the pledge with me (or repeat after me).”
“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.”
“Congratulations and welcome to the Society, and remember in the words of dancer Murray Louis, “Dancers work and live from the inside. They drive themselves constantly, producing a glow that lights not only themselves, but audience after audience. They personify life itself.”