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Executive Summary for Leadership Opportunities for Dancers

The Studio has proudly provided community leadership and service opportunities to our dancers for several years. We have organized these opportunities into two groups for our dancers grades 6 - 12—National Honor Society for the Dance Arts (NHSDA) and Raising the Barre (RTB)

Similarly:

- Both groups require role-modeling character from our dancers
- Both groups require service from our dancers
- Both groups require above and beyond participation in Studio sponsored activities
- Both groups require a high GPA

Differently:

- NHSDA GPA - 3.5, RTB - 3.0
- NHSDA requires at least five hours of dance class weekly, RTB requires regular attendance of one dance class a week
- Once a member, NHSDA requires a minimum of 6 service hours for the Middle School Chapter and 16 for the High School Chapter, RTB requires 16
- RTB requires regular meetings, NHSDA does not
- NHSDA is an honor society and recognizes dancers for character, grades, and dance achievement
- RTB, also an honor, gives our dancers real-world skills with which they generate scholarship money, which they in turn receive



NHSDA - National Honor Society for the Dance Arts - is a great opportunity for our dancers. It is meant to be the Middle or High School 'Letter,' so to speak, for kids for whom dance is their primary extra-curricular activity. Members awarded this honor receive a certificate and a pin. Those who maintain membership through their senior year receive cords for graduation.

Requirements for induction include:

- 5 hours of dance a week - the national standard
- 3.5 GPA
- 15 points at the Middle School level (grades 6 - 8)
- 30 points at the High School level

You will want to have your dancer begin keeping track of her / his points starting in sixth grade. Our dancers usually have enough for induction in two years.

The categories are as follow below and a copy of the rubric is available for details.

- Participation in Chapter Dance Program
- Participation in Off-Site Dance Programs Note: Student must submit appropriate documentation.
- Participation in Other Dance Activities
- Participation in Other Duties Related to Dance Production

Once inducted, The Studio's chapter requires that each NHSDA member participate in three service events per year, for a minimum of six hours. To maintain membership, dancers must maintain their five hours of dance, their GPA, and participate in a minimum of three service events per year. Prior to the induction ceremony, which includes inductees and current members, forms will be completed documenting the needed requirements.



Mission Statement:

Raising the Barre is a youth service organization that uses the joy of dance to enhance its community while providing members with the skills and opportunities to make them compassionate, responsible, confident, and strong leaders.

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- **Who:** Dancers ages 11-19 years of age – 6th Grade and up
- **Why:** Provide candidates with the skills and opportunities to make them compassionate, responsible, confident, and strong leaders.
- **What:** Raising the Barre students shall complete service and session hours as assigned by a Faculty Mentor who will help them schedule their commitments and guide them through their projects.

Required Pillars of Character and Service

Leadership:

- Dance Class Teaching Assistant – 1 Class per week from September through May totaling approximately 40 Hours per year (80 hours for promotion)
- Classes that are the dancers' age group and level and below
- Must Attend Mandatory Class Assistant Training – August Meeting

Responsibility:

- Performance and Studio Volunteer – 2 Performances/Events per year (4 for promotion)

- Backstage, Ushering, etc., at any Performance/Event such as June Recitals, Holiday Performances, Community Performances, Ballet Performances, Hosted Parties, etc.

Compassion:

- Community Service – 2 Community Service Events per year to be arranged by the RTB Faculty. 16 hours per year (32 hours for promotion)
- Examples: Retirement Home Visits, Offering Free Dance Workshops to Underprivileged Youth and Children with Special Needs, Costume and Dance wear Drives, Flash Dance Mobs coupled with Goods Drive, Military Group Performances, Parents' Night Out, etc.

Confidence:

- 1 each semester Fall/Spring (4 for promotion)
- Etiquette Classes – Fee Based Course
- Public Speaking – Fee Based Course

Additional Commitments:

- Attend Weekly Meetings – These may not be needed every week but they will be needed as we get started. For the remainder of this dance year they will be held on Thursdays from 3:45 - 4:30pm. Regular attendance is expected.
- Attend Quarterly Meetings – January, March, July/August, October. At these quarterly meetings dancers who have met their goals for that quarter/year will be recognized. Also, Confidence sessions will be held in conjunction with the quarterly meetings.
- Annual “Raising the Barre” Fundraising/Promotion Event – Spring 2019 – TBA. All fees for event will be covered by RTB participant family.
- Multimedia Promotion Project – Every 2 years the participants will be asked to show what they have learned with a presentation at the Annual Promotion event. This will allow the student to promote to the next level of service. These projects will occur toward the end of the 7th, 9th and 11th grades.

Eligibility Requirements:

- GPA – 3.0 or above
- Regular Dance Class Attendance
- Positive attitude in class and out of class, including compliance with dress code

Parent Volunteers/Involvement:

- Business Sponsorships
- Volunteering at Community Service Events

Calendar:

- Fall Quarterly Meeting – September
- Winter Quarterly Meeting – January
- Spring Quarterly Meeting – March
- Annual Raising the Barre Fundraising Event – May

Annual Gala:

- All RTB *Participants* organize, advertise and market, decorate, and serve
- Silent auction
- Community service presentations
- Pin ceremony
- Scholarship presentations

Scholarship Fund:

RTB studio dancer members who raise and contribute funds may apply for scholarship funds upon completion of their Junior year in High School with recommendation from the chapter studio director/owner.

All RTB Chapter members may raise tax exempt funds for National Scholarship Fund and other charitable organizations through good standing RTB membership.