



Dance Masters of America, Inc.

National Open Scholarship Audition Class Rules 2021-2022

Please Note the rules in red and highlighted in yellow are new or revised for 2022.

Section 1 – ELIGIBILITY

1. Only members in good standing or a student of a member in good standing of Dance Masters of America, Inc. (hereafter listed as DMA) may enter and participate in the NATIONAL OPEN SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS held annually at the National Convention.
2. The Teacher of Record shall be the DMA Member Teacher whose signature appears on the National Scholarship Competition Applications as the Teacher of Record. The Teacher of Record and or DMA Approved Chaperone shall be legally responsible for the entrant.
3. Entrants into the NATIONAL OPEN SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS must be a minimum of thirteen (13) years of age and not more than twenty-three (23) years of age as of the day the NATIONAL OPEN SCHOLARSHIP AUDITION is held.
4. The Entrant and either the Teacher of Record, or the DMA Approved Chaperone must be registered for the DMA National Convention at which the NATIONAL OPEN SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS are held.
5. Registration forms for the NATIONAL OPEN SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS will be accepted on site, for an additional fee, up until 24 hours before the specific discipline audition.

Section 2 – DRESS CODE

6. Female entrants: The required clothing shall be the responsibility of the entrant.
 - A. **Ballet Audition:** one-piece solid black leotard. No embellishments, logos and no undergarments showing. Pink tights (footed or convertible).
 - B. **Tap/Jazz/Modern/Acrobatics:** one-piece solid black leotard. No embellishments, logos and no undergarments showing. Skin-tone tights, (footed, stirrup, footless or convertible). Females not wearing tights for Acrobatics or Modern must wear boy cut dance shorts over their leotard.
 - C. Appropriate dance shoes for all classes. There are no shoe requirements for Acrobatic or Modern class.
 - D. No jewelry, shirts or pants, etc. will be permitted.
 - E. Hair must be secured neatly and off the neckline, no ponytails, no hats or other head ornaments.
7. Male entrants: The required clothing shall be the responsibility of the entrant.
 - A. Black form fitting pants, ankle or capri length, or black tights. Must be able to dance comfortably.
 - B. Dance Belt.

- C. Black form fitting compression shirt or muscle shirt tucked in.
- D. Appropriate dance shoes for all classes. There are no shoe requirements for Acrobatic or Modern class.
- E. No jewelry, shorts, hats, etc. will be permitted.
- F. Hair must be secured neatly off the neckline, no ponytails, no hats or other head ornaments.
- G. No stripes, logos or other designs on pants or shirt.

Section 3 – JUDGING

- 8. There will be an audition in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern and Acrobatics. Entrants may compete in the audition(s) of their choosing.
- 9. The Entrant's score shall be based on their technique, ability to comprehend, projection, musicality, appearance and posture.
- 10. Students are encouraged to compete in all auditions in order to accumulate points for the DMA Award of Excellence and/or Four (4) Phase National Open Scholarship Awards.
- 11. The following Scholarship awards will be given;
 - A. The DMA Award of Excellence shall be presented to the entrant with the highest combined total score in all 5 subjects (Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern and Acrobatics). A minimum of twenty (20) participants in each of the five (5) auditions will be required to present this Award. The winner of the award shall not be eligible for any other National Open Scholarship Awards.
 - B. Four (4) Phase National Open Scholarship Overall Awards shall be presented to the entrants with the highest combined total score in 4 subjects with Ballet, Tap, and Jazz being required and your 4th score coming from either your Modern or Acrobatics audition. The following minimum number of participants in each of the auditions are:
 - 10-14 participants shall be required for a 1st Place Award
 - 15-19 participants shall be required for a 1st and 2nd Place Award
 - 20 or more participants shall be required for a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place AwardThe winners of these awards shall not be eligible for any other National Open Scholarship SUBJECT Awards at this convention.
 - C. The National Open Scholarship Subject Awards in each discipline shall be presented (using the same scale as above) in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern and Acrobatics. Each winner shall receive the highest monetary award that they have qualified for in accordance with their scores.
- 12. The winner of the DMA Award of Excellence must retire from the National Open Scholarship Auditions. The 1st Place winner of the Four (4) Phase National Open Scholarship Overall Award may compete after a lapse of one (1) year.
- 13. National Open Scholarship Subject Awards will be presented at a time and place to be announced.
- 14. The DMA Award of Excellence and the Four (4) Phase National Overall Open Scholarship Awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet.

Section 4 – GENERAL INFORMATION

15. The Entrant agrees to the following;

- A. To be on time, properly dressed and groomed according to the Dress Code provided.
- B. To abide by all the rules of the NATIONAL OPEN SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS stated or announced thereafter. Any violation will result in the following penalty deductions:
 - 1. Missing/late for Roll Call 3 Point Penalty
 - 2. Disobeying Director 3 Point Penalty per infraction
 - 3. Dress Code Violation 3 Point Penalty per infraction
 - 4. Poor Attitude/Uncooperative/
Use of Foul Language 5 Point Penalty
 - 5. Immoral Behavior, use of drugs or alcohol Expelled from audition & convention
 - 6. Late for Audition (after the door is closed) Disqualified from that discipline

16. Auditions will be closed to everyone except those persons specified by the Scholarship Director and approved by the National Advisory Committee.

17. Teachers of Record, DMA Approved Chaperone and Entrants, will comply with the Official Rules of the Open Scholarship Audition Rules now in effect or as announced thereafter.

National Open Scholarship Application form are found on the National website

<https://www.dmanational.org/>