



Dance Masters of America, Inc.

National Junior Open Scholarship Audition Class Rules 2021-2022

Junior Open Scholarship Rules

(ages 10-12)

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 ten (10) years of age and not more than twelve (12) years of age as of the day the NATIONAL OPENSCHOLARSHIP 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/Acrobatics:** one-piece solid black leotard. No embellishments, logos and no undergarments showing. Pink or Suntan/Carmel tights, (footed, stirrup, footless or convertible). Females not wearing tights for the Acrobatics class must wear boy cut dance shorts over their leotard.
 - C. Appropriate dance shoes for all classes. There are no shoe requirements for the Acrobatic class.
 - D. No jewelry, shirts or pants, etc.
 - 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, below or above the knee 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 the Acrobatic class.

- E. No jewelry, shorts, hats, etc.
- 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 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. The following Scholarship awards will be given
 - A. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each subject. 1st Place Award and will receive a monetary award, 2nd and 3rd place will receive certificate.
 - B. The minimum number of participants in each of the auditions are:
 - 10-14 participants shall be required for a 1st Place Monetary Award.
 - 15-19 participants shall be required for a 2nd Place Certificate.
 - 20 or more participants shall be required for a 3rd Place Certificate.
 - C. The National Open Scholarship Subject Awards in each discipline shall be presented (using the same scale as above) in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, and Acrobatics. Each winner shall receive only one award with the highest award that they have qualified for in accordance with their scores.
- 11. National Open Scholarship Subject Awards will be presented at a time and place to be announced.

Section 4 – GENERAL INFORMATION

- 12. 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
- 13. Auditions will be closed to everyone except those persons specified by the Scholarship Director and approved by the National Advisory Committee.
- 14. 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 link can be found on the National website