

Dance Masters of Mid-America

Junior Membership

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Membership Requirements

1. Applicant must reach the age of 13 by December 31st of current year or not exceed the age of 20 by December 31st of the current year.
2. Applicant must be a student of a DMMA member in good standing.
3. Applicant must be nominated by a DMMA member in good standing.
4. Applicant must have completed at least one year of dance training with the nominating DMMA member and must have at least five years of dance training or the written recommendation of the DMMA member.
5. Applicant must submit:
 - a. Completed application form
 - b. A brief resume and wallet size picture
 - c. An essay explaining why he/she would like to become a junior member and what he/she would like to gain from the membership
 - d. Annual dues of \$30.00 for new members to cover Dec. 1-Nov. 30 (checks accepted from member teachers only payable to DMMA)

Membership Benefits

1. A Junior DMMA Membership Certificate.
2. A junior member will receive a \$10.00 discount at the convention.
3. Junior members will be acknowledged at each convention with a name badge.
4. Junior members will have a meeting run by their elected President and Coordinator to discuss goals, fundraisers, and topics of interest for the year.
5. Junior members will have special workshops at each convention. Workshops will include specific areas of dance, nutrition, choreography, auditioning, and other related topics.
6. Junior members will have a point system to reward them for their participation in the organization.
7. Junior members may receive a group performance opportunity at the January Performing Arts Competition if there is interest and they attend rehearsals.
8. Junior members may apply for a summer dance scholarship which will be chosen at the March Junior Members' Meeting by a drawing from a hat of the interested members.
9. Junior members may purchase Dance Masters of America Syllabi to prepare them for the future membership of Dance Masters of Mid-America.

Membership Responsibilities

Members shall aid at the annual DMMA functions as needed. Duties may include but are not limited to:

1. To remain in good standing, members must attend one DMMA Junior Members' Meeting/Workshop each year and volunteer at the convention. Meetings shall be held three times annually.
2. Attend syllabus classes to further dance education
3. Introduction of Faculty and assistance with music and demonstrations at conventions and auditions.
4. Assisting as ushers/usherettes or backstage when needed at any convention or competition.
5. Distribution of trophies at Performing Arts Competitions.
6. Assist the Performing Arts Competition Staff.
7. Assist with fund-raising projects for the junior members.
8. Pay your annual dues by November 30 of current year.

***The DMMA membership advisors will be active DMMA members in Good Standing.**

***The number of junior members accepted each year will be determined by the DMMA Executive Board.**

***The application must be submitted to the committee chairperson and voted on by the DMMA Board after the application has been read and approved by the chairperson.
DMMA Junior Members' Committee Chair: Ami Yaro: ayaro@iowaballetacademy.com**