

Honor Dance Award Program

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The Miami Valley Dance Council will hold an Honor Dance each year. The Council Awards Chair is responsible for planning this dance.

This dance recognizes dancers who have earned an Honor Raider Badge during the year as well as club nominees for the Council Honor Dancer Award. A certificate will be prepared for each nominee.

Dancers wearing their Council Honor Raider Badges or Council Honor Dancer Award Badge will be admitted free to this dance. Otherwise, the admittance fee is \$5 per dancer.

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Each year the Miami Valley Dance Council recognizes dancers or leaders who have provided outstanding service or made great contributions to the recreational dance community of the Miami Valley. Each member Club of the Council may nominate dancers (or dancer) for this honor each year.

Clubs must submit their completed Honor Dancer Nomination Forms to the Council Secretary at the November Council Meeting each year. Nominations received after the November Council meeting will **not** be considered for the Honor Dancer Award.

The Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs (State Corp) requires notification of the Council's selection in January each year for consideration for the State wide award.

Honor Dancer Nomination Rules

- Only one (1) Nomination Form will be accepted from each Club in the Council.
- The nominee(s) must be a member of a Club in the Miami Valley Dance Council.
- Dancer(s) may be nominated by a Club multiple times, but may be selected as Council Honor Dancer(s) only ONCE.
- If a Club nominates dancer(s) who have been selected as the Council Honor Dancer(s) with another partner the dancer(s) are excluded from the voting process, but are to be recognized as their Club's nominee(s).
- Clubs may nominate dancer(s) including, but not limited to, dancers, callers, prompters, cuers, leaders, etc.
- All nominations must be received by the Council Secretary at the November Council Meeting for selection the following January.
- State Corp requires notification of our selection in January of each year.

Tips for Improving the Honor Dancer Nomination Form

- Type the Nomination Form and Write-up because the nominations are read to the judges, the reader will do a better job presenting the nominations if the Form can be easily read.
- An original form is necessary, facsimiles will be accepted, as long as all the information from the Nomination Form is included.
- Quantifying your answers as much as possible makes it easier for the judges to compare one nominee to another. For example: "Secretary - 5 years (1975, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1990)" is better than just listing the years, which is better than saying "many years", which is better than just listing "Secretary". Another example for Service at Club Level: "Kitchen - 2 years, Greeters - 1 year, Clean-up - 2 years" is better than "Kitchen, Greeters, Clean-up" is better than "all types of service".
- The Write-up about the nominee is a narrative statement that may include information that did not fit on the form. This item is worth up to 5 points in the scoring. By not including a Write-up, points are being thrown away.
- Keep sentences short and to the point. Avoid run-on sentences.

- Fill in every item on the Nomination Form. Items should not be left blank. Enter “None” or “Not applicable” if no data is available for an item.
- Abbreviations should not be used without first using the full name of the item being abbreviated. The judges may not understand the your abbreviations if no explanation is given.
- Use proper grammar and spelling. When words sound the same, consult a dictionary for correct usage. Nominee(s) should not look bad because the right words are not used or words are misspelled.
- The Nomination Form should not be filled with information not pertinent to the award. The award is about dancers and their service to, and support of, the recreational dance activity. It does not matter how many children they have, what church they attend or that they have been a Mason for years.
- Staple multiple pages together so a page will not be lost.

Selection Criteria (Judging) Rules

- The judges are the members of the Miami Valley Dance Council Executive Board.
- The Judging process will take place after the January Executive Board Meeting.
- The Awards Chair will announce the selection at the Honor Dance in March.
- The nominations are read to the judges by the Awards Chair.
- Any Executive Board member that has been selected by a Council Club as their nominee will be excused from the selection process.
- The Council will provide the judges with the Selection Criteria (Judging) Form.
- Nominees will be evaluated in each column in separate rows.
- All nominees are to be reviewed prior to column totals being recorded.
- When all nominees have been evaluated in each category, the scores will be added and recorded in the Total column.
- The nominee(s) with the highest score from all judges’ scores will be the Council Honor Dancer(s).

Selected Honor Dancer(s) Information

- The Council will pay the registration fees to the Ohio State Convention for the current year for the Honor Dancer(s).
- An information sheet will be prepared, framed, and mounted on the wall at the Michael Solomon Pavilion.
- Copies of the information sheet will be distributed to local Clubs and State Corp.
- Current year Council Honor Dancer(s) from all Councils in Ohio who are wearing their Honor Badges will be admitted free to Club dances for one year.
- The Council will provide MVDC Badge(s) with name(s) and bar stating: “year” Honor Dancer(s). Awards Chair should inquire with recipients about how their name(s) should appear on their badge(s).