



2025 - 2026

APA Honor Cord Application

AND FOUR YEAR PERFORMANCE RECORD

Deadline: March 16th, 2026

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____				
Major: _____ Minor: _____ Current School: _____				
Cell Phone #: _____				
Check box of your first year in APA: 2022-2023 2023-2024 2024-2025 2025-2026				
Home Address: _____				
Parent/Guardian Name: _____				
Parent/Guardian Phone: _____				
Where do you want your Honor Cord Awarded: High School: _____				

Instructions:

1. Please fill out neatly with only black or blue pen, or typed. Please do not use a pencil.
2. Please attach an unofficial copy of your 4-year high school transcript with your **APA classes highlighted**.
3. All Faculty signatures will be collected after your application is submitted.
4. All yellow shaded areas are to be filled out by APA office staff only.
5. Honor Cords will be awarded to students at their Home High school.
6. All materials due by **March 16th, 2026**.

OUR MISSION – APA provides an intensive educational program which cultivates in students the discipline, dedication, and passion necessary to achieve excellence in the arts.

OUR VISION – APA inspires our youth to become the confident artists, leaders, and audiences of the future through academic, artistic, and technical education.



How to Earn APA Honor Cord Credits

2025 Graduates

Credits Needed: 80 — APA GPA: 3.0

The burgundy APA Honor Cord is awarded to APA students during their end-of-the-year high school Awards show and is worn with pride during graduation ceremonies. Only graduating seniors may apply for the APA Honor Cord. Please mail or bring in your application to the APA office by **March 16th, 2026**. Applications will then be signed and certified by APA faculty.

Students must be in high school, attending APA during both semesters of their senior year, and be in good overall academic standing (2.5 or better). It is the responsibility of each student to track his or her APA credits for 4 years. An unofficial transcript is required as certification for APA coursework. Please attach your unofficial transcript with all APA classes highlighted (including those taken for PE credit). This record is also referenced when determining your eligibility for faculty awards at the APA Academy Awards.

Dance Tech I, II or MT Dance taken as Physical Ed (PE)	2.5 credits per semester
Other APA Dance for PE credit	2.5 credits per semester
All other APA Classes	5 credits per semester

Credits for APA Performances	
APA Mainstage Productions / Guild Benefit Performances	2.5 credits
Thespians or CAPPIES Critics	2.5 credits
Studio Productions / Recitals / Community Events	1.25 credits

APA Student Council, Leadership, and Community Service	
Credits awarded based on position on APA Council	up to 10 credits per year
APA Open Doors, APA Student Orientation, Future Oiler Night, Parent Meetings, Community, Surf City Arts Festival, Second Harvest Food Bank	2.5 credits
Walk for the Arts	2.5 credits per year

An APA Honor Cord student...	Eligibility is further helped by...
- Has completed the application for the APA admission process. - Has been accepted and enrolled into APA. - Attends a high school in the HBUHSD. - Has signed and returned the Acceptance Agreement for each year with APA. - Maintains an APA 4-Year Performance Record. - Participates in the annual Walk for the Arts fundraiser. - Volunteers for events to benefit APA, such as attending special APA events or participating in fundraisers. - Is enrolled in APA at the time of graduation.	- Participating in APA Student Council or other leadership opportunities within your department. - Involvement in Thespians or CAPPIES. - Working tech for Mainstage productions. - Earning community service credits through APA Student Council. - Taking additional APA Dance classes beyond PE requirements.

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4. APA Strike Cards

When you're cast or crew in a show, your responsibility doesn't end with the last performance. It ends with the striking of the set or putting away of the instruments and equipment after the last performance. You get to work as a team with your fellow APA students, and it's fun! All departments are required to strike as per their class, please still write down all shows you assisted striking for.

The minimum strike requirement is 2 strike signatures for each year in APA. Please attach your strike cards or fill out the Strike Card squares below and your instructor will verify and sign in the APA office.

APA STRIKE CARD

Name of Show: _____

Date: _____

Director's Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

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5. APA Student Council

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Years	Position	Faculty Signature	# of Credits	Cumulative Total
2022 - 2023				
2023 - 2024				
2024 - 2025				
2025 - 2026				
Total Credits:				

6. APA Community Service

Please list all APA community service, such as: APA Open Doors, Surf City Arts Festival, Second Harvest Food Bank, volunteering at APA Student Orientation, Walk for the Arts, Future Oiler Night, parent meetings, outreach with your APA department, APA office volunteer work, etc.

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Date	Description	Faculty Signature	# of Credits	Cumulative Total
Total Credits:				

7. APA Letter

You must apply for and be awarded an APA Letter as part of the criteria to apply for and receive an APA Honor Cord. Please turn in an APA Letter application if you have not previously done so.

☐ I am applying for my APA Letter this year

☐ I was awarded an APA Letter in the year: _____

8. Unofficial Transcript

Please attach an unofficial copy of your 4-year high school transcript with all your APA Classes highlighted.

9. Additional Instructions

- Please turn in your application by **March 16th, 2026**. This is the final deadline.
- All yellow shaded areas are to be filled out by the APA office. You do not need to get any staff signatures. All staff signatures will be received by the APA office.