University of the District of Columbia
Homecoming Step Show 2014
Application & Information Package

Name of Organization ___________________________________________________
Name of Step Team ___________________________________________________
Contact Person _______________________________________________________
Number of Persons Stepping________________________________________________

List the names of each step team member, one sound coordinator (required) and one lighting
assistant (if applicable) attach separate sheet if necessary.
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Phone No. (       ) _____________________
Mailing Address: _________________________________________________________
City: ___________________ State: ___________________
Country: ________________________ Zip: _____-_______

Step Coordinator/Contact Person(s) (Choose two team members)
Name: _________________________ Name: _________________________
School Phone: (      ) ___________ School Phone: (      ) ___________
Home Phone: (      ) _____________ Home Phone: (      ) _____________
All registration forms and contracts must be received by November 14, 2014. Send form to:

ATTN:
Undergraduate Student Government Association – Homecoming Step Show Committee
University of the District of Columbia
4200 Connecticut Ave. NW Bldg. 38- A10
Washington, D.C. 20008
Or fax:  202.274.6006

For any additional information, e-mail Jay Morrow at jmorrow@udc.edu.

Once the application and contract have been received, a University of the District of Columbia representative will contact you.
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Rules of Participation

1) The date of the show is November 21st and will take place at 7pm. All teams are to be present at UDC Auditorium by 4pm in order to draw numbers for order of performances and to conduct walk-thru on stage.

2) Any behavior or performance (by a team or any member of that team) that the University reasonably believes will disrupt the normal functions of the University; threaten persons or property; and/or has or is reasonably expected to result in physical or verbal violence or intimidating conduct will not be tolerated and may result in point reduction, disqualification, removal from University property or other penalty. Excessive profanity, nudity, vulgar and especially excessive gyrations, humping the floor, eating pie, etc. or unnecessary disrespect shown to anyone, or any organization on or off stage by any team member will result in disqualification. Performances, which contain indecent or obscene language, props and/or attire, will be subject to point reduction, disqualification or other penalty.

3) No fire or pyrotechnics may be used in a performance.

4) Undergraduate, graduate and mixed teams (undergraduates and graduates who are currently financially active and recognized by their respective sorority or fraternity) are eligible to compete.

5) Each team will have a total of 10 minutes to perform; this includes both the introduction and exit steps/strolls. A total of five (5) points will be deducted from the score of each team that exceeds the 10-minute allotment. This deduction will be assessed by the Score Keeper only once per team.

6) Each team must have all music cued on one CD. A sound coordinator should be assigned to instruct the sound person as to when music is needed during the show. If lighting cues vary during your show, each team should also have a stage/lighting coordinator.

7) Members of your organization or local council, other than those specified to perform, may not be backstage or on stage at any time during the show.

8) Anyone found attempting to sneak people, alcohol, drugs or other contraband into the show will have their team forfeited from the competition and possibly removed from the campus.

9) The decision of the judges is final.

10) The USGA must approve all props and special requirements. Props and all special requirements must be submitted to Jay Morrow (jmorrow@udc.edu) for approval 48 hours prior to the event.

11) The University of the District of Columbia, its member organizations or affiliates (including the Undergraduate Student Association), will not be held responsible for the actions of the contestants.

12) Each team will be required to include a traditional step in the show and include information about the purpose of their respective organizations.
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Judging Criteria

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Maximum 100 points

Selection of Judges
Each performance will be judged by a panel of nine judges. One judge will be from each of the NPHC or its affiliate organizations.

Scoring
The highest and lowest score given to each team will be eliminated and the team receiving the highest remaining total score less any deductions will win the competition.
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Contract

The University of the District of Columbia (Hereinafter “UDC”) and ____________________________ (Hereinafter "Step Team").

1. Whereas the UDC agrees to plan, organize and execute a step show to be called the UDC Homecoming 2014 Step Show (hereinafter called "Step Show") to be held at the venue and on the date provided to the selected teams.

2. UDC agrees to provide the following Step Show prizes according to the following:

- $1000 to the first place fraternity
- $1000 to the first place sorority

3. UDC agrees to provide a suitable venue for the Step Show competition including but not limited to efficient sound equipment, secure staging, staffing and all other production requirements to facilitate the successful presentation of the program.

Step Team Agrees:

1) To adhere to the Rules, Regulations and Judging Criteria as stated and referenced in the "Step Show Information Package."

2) To perform at the Step Show according to the Step Show Judging Criteria as stated in the "Step Show Information Package."

3) To arrive at performances as indicated by UDC.

4) To return the contract as per the stated deadlines. Information can be mailed to the address provided.

5) The Step Team represents by the signature below that they are authorized to enter into this performance agreement by their university/college (if applicable) and affiliate organizations.

6) The Step Team represents by the signature below that they grant UDC the rights to use their image for use in video production and promotional materials related to the University of the District of Columbia. By granting permission, participating individuals release UDC from all liability.

7) All members of the step team are active members of their respective organizations. Please include any paperwork that can signify active membership of listed participating members.
8) The Step Team assumes all risk in its performance of all activities authorized by this agreement and is responsible for all actions whatsoever committed by your team that may cause harm or injury to persons or property.

In witness thereof, the Step Team and UDC have executed this agreement the day and year indicated below.

__________________________________________________________________________________________
UDC Authorized Representative
Printed Name
Date

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Step Team Authorized Representative
Printed Name
Date

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Graduate Chapter Advisor (Undergraduate Chapters Only)
Printed Name
Date