



Sweethearts

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**Centennial High School  
Sweetheart Dance Team  
Social Officer Tryouts  
2022-2023**

Dear Sweetheart Officer Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in serving as a leader for the Centennial High School Sweethearts. As a line member you have learned what it takes to make the Sweetheart Dance Team one of the best. You have already given countless hours and endless dedication, but as a social officer you must give even more. Holding an office with Sweethearts is a privilege that is not to be taken lightly. You will spend extra time planning, supporting and committing to help the Sweethearts become the best they can be. As an officer, you must believe and uphold everything the Sweethearts stand for and all the FISD Dance Team Code of Conduct represents including timeliness, maturity, responsibility, and dedication to our team.

Being a social officer can be incredibly rewarding, but you must be willing to put in the extra work. It is also important that you understand the responsibilities that are included with your position, and are willing to uphold all standards at all times. Social officers must always do what is best for the team in every situation, in and out of uniform.

What is an officer?

- An officer is a **LEADER** with **INITIATIVE**. They take charge and get things done.
- An officer **LOOKS LIKE AN OFFICER**. They stand/sit with impeccable posture. They follow all school policies in regards to dress code, attendance, punctuality, respect, and are mindful that they are representing FISD, CHS, and Sweethearts at all times.
- An officer is **RECOMMENDED BY TEACHERS AT SCHOOL**. They take a constructive part in the classroom. They realize that it is important to make a good impression on their teachers. They are sincere and offer to help their teachers.
- An officer has **SUPER SPIRIT** and willingly shows it. They instill this in others by example.
- An officer **SETS AN EXAMPLE WITH THEIR CONDUCT**. They know that they are a representative of the team. They behave like a lady in and out of class. They are mindful of the situations they choose to be in.
- An officer **HAS ALREADY WORKED FOR THIS POSITION**. They have participated in activities and performances throughout the year in preparation for this position of officer. They have treated their current officers with respect and modeled the behaviors expected of an officer.
- An officer is a **PERFORMER**. They demonstrate good technique and has exceptional showmanship. They are constantly striving to improve.
- An officer **DOES NOT COMPLAIN**. When they encounter a tough situation, they present it to the director in a mature, face-to-face manner. They are able to accept and support the decisions of the director.
- An officer **SERVES**. They perform any task assigned to them and volunteers for anything the director may need help with. They try to see duties before they arise and take care of them in advance. They try to make the director's job easier.
- An officer is **THE EXAMPLE NOT THE EXCEPTION**. They are the first to arrive and the last to leave. They encourage others through their words and actions on a daily basis. They leave a positive mark on those they meet.

Attached you will find all of the information needed to tryout for this leadership position. Ask questions, follow directions, and do not procrastinate. Try your hardest and give it your all.

Thank you for your interest and best of luck!

Mrs. Gonzalez

Centennial High School Sweethearts

Director

## **Sweetheart Social Officer Guidelines 2022-2023**

### **Section A - Overview**

1. This organization may have any of the following social officer members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Historian, and Team Motivator.
2. Social Officers perform as line members and wear the line member field uniform.
3. Social Officers meet with the director weekly to discuss the development and progress of the team.
4. All social activities must be approved in advance by the director.

### **Section B - Social Officer Eligibility**

1. The candidate must be a current Sweetheart line member or Sweetheart officer during the year of auditions.
2. The candidate must not have been placed on probation or suspension during the year of auditions.
3. The candidate must not have failed or received an “N” or “U” in conduct in any course during the year in which they audition.
4. The candidate must not hold a job, outside commitments, or additional organized responsibilities that will interfere with the duties of an officer.
5. The candidate must understand that officer duties and responsibilities are above and beyond that of a dance team member.
6. The candidate must agree with all Sweetheart standards and be willing to abide by and enforce the rules and expectations of this organization.
7. Candidates’ parents must be understanding and supportive of the time requirements and extra financial requirements of the social officer.
8. For eligibility to audition for social officer, candidates must have the following on file with the director by the designated date.
  - a. Sweetheart Social Officer Tryout Application
  - b. Social Officer Tryout Permission Form
  - c. Sweetheart Social Officer Tryout Agreement

### **Section C - Selection of Social Officers**

1. Social officers will be selected by a panel of three qualified dance/drill team judges. Each candidate will be scored by the judges according to the following categories: (1) Presentation, (2) interview.
1. Digital Portfolio - Candidates will create a digital portfolio that will be turned in to Mrs. Gonzalez and with the judge’s panel.
2. Team Vote - Current team members for the 2022-2023 team will evaluate the dance officer candidates on their speech, leadership qualities, solo dance routine, officer tryout dance, and teaching. These votes will be tallied and each candidate ranked according to the votes received. The team vote will be added to each candidate’s file. *Team vote will not be added to the score from the judges and director.*
3. The number of officers selected will be based on the recommendation of the judges up to the maximum number of 6. Offices will be determined/assigned by the judges.
4. Announcement of the social officers will be posted on the Sweetheart website.

5. If a parent wishes to view their student's individual tryout documents, they must make an appointment with the officiating administrator. Parents are allowed to view their student's individual documents only. The statute of limitations for viewing is five school days following the tryout session. Parents are not allowed to view any other student's documents, nor their tally sheets. The judges' subjective and objective opinions regarding the adjudication process are final and are not appealable or grounds for the FISD formal grievance process. The tryout results, once reviewed and certified as accurate by the campus administration, are final and appealable or grounds for the formal grievance process.

**Section D - Responsibilities of Social Officers**

1. A social officer must be able to maintain a minimum of a 70 average in all current classes. They must have mature leadership skills, maintain good organizational skills, demonstrate a strong sense of responsibility, and be willing to set a good example at ALL TIMES. The director may remove a social officer from their position if they do not uphold the responsibilities of their position.
2. Social officers must remain in good standing and not be placed on probation or suspension while in office.
3. Social officers must attend both officer camp and team camp and will be responsible for paying their tuition for these camps.
4. Social officers shall participate in any additional leadership workshops or officer practices deemed necessary by the director throughout the year.
- 5. Social officers must attend all Sweetheart activities.**
6. Social officers assist the dance officers in helping the dance team cooperate with each other and the director.
7. Social officers must not attend tutorials during practice time.
- 8. Social officers must arrive 10 minutes prior to any function and stay 10 minutes after any function or until the director dismisses the social officers. Officers should never leave until all work is complete. This includes all practices, performances, and any additional Sweetheart events.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Team Practice 6:30 to 8:00 AM	Team Practice 6:30 to 8:00 AM Dance/Social Mtg. 4:45-6:00 PM	Team Practice 4:45 to 6:30 PM Band Practice	Team Practice 7:20 to 8:00 AM

**Section E - Duties of the Social Officers**

1. Work with the director to prepare events and activities for the team.
2. Meet with the director weekly to discuss the development and progress of the team, any problems with the team, and any situation the director might need to be aware of.
3. Social officers are expected to support the director in her decisions. A social officer should never show disrespect to the director or fellow officers.
4. Maintain a good working relationship with the director and fellow officers.
5. Set a good example for other team members by maintaining a positive and cooperative attitude, by promoting school spirit, and team unity.
6. Social officers remain calm and flexible during times of crisis.

### **Section F - President**

1. Shall be responsible for creating a meeting agenda for the weekly meetings.
2. Shall preside over all social activities and planning thereof, and shall oversee the duties of the other social officer members.
3. Shall schedule and lead any additional officer meetings with the prior approval of the director.
4. Shall schedule and handle all preparations or team social activities with prior approval of the director.
5. Shall act as the team's "liaison" to the Centennial Sweetheart Booster Club (CSBC) in preparing for team events such as Mother/Daughter Tea and Banquet.
6. Shall organize spirit activities for athletic/extracurricular activities.
7. The director may remove the president from their position if they do not uphold the responsibilities of their position.

### **Section G - Vice President**

1. Shall assist the president in planning the team's social activities.
2. Shall assist the president and CSBC with the planning of team events.
3. Shall be responsible for matching Big/Little sisters.
4. Shall be responsible for creating Big/Little activities.
5. Shall be responsible for arranging/organizing team sign ups for social events and any gift giving activities.

### **Section H - Secretary**

1. Shall be responsible for taking notes of the weekly meetings.
2. Shall be responsible for correspondents i.e. letters, thank you notes, get well cards, and birthdays.
3. Shall be responsible for communicating team birthdays with the team and director.
4. Shall assist the President and CSBC with banquet preparations.
5. Shall be responsible for monthly reminders of social events, fundraisers, and spirit activities in the locker room.

### **Section I - Historian**

1. Shall work with CSBC and the director in taking pictures and video footage of the team at all events for the Sweetheart slide show to be presented at the banquet.
2. Shall take pictures, collect memorabilia, clip articles, etc. concerning Sweetheart organization.
3. Shall work with CSBC and the director in preparing the scrapbook to be presented at the banquet.

### **Section J - Team Motivator**

1. Shall provide motivational support for the dance team in the form of quotes on the locker room board, posters, and notes.
2. Shall teach all new members Sweetheart chants and closing circle remarks.
3. Shall prepare a weekly game or activity.
4. Shall assist the president in organizing all spirit activities for athletic/extracurricular activities.

**Section K - Removal of a Social Officer**

1. If a social officer becomes academically ineligible, they will be relieved of their duties but will remain a line member for the remainder of the season and be expected to follow the code of conduct rules and regulations as a line member.
2. If a social officer is placed on probation or suspension, they will be relieved of their duties as an officer, but will remain a line member for the remainder of the season and be expected to follow the code of conduct rules and regulations as a line member.

## Social Officer Tryout Schedule & Important Dates

### Tuesday, March 1st by 4:30 pm

Applications due to Ms. Gonzalez by 4:30 PM. Submit your application in the same folder as your team tryout application.

Checklist:

- Social Officer Application
- Social Officer Candidate Permission Form
- Social Officer Agreement

Officer candidate numbers assigned by 3/4

### Monday, March 21st, 2022

7:00-8:00 AM Officer Essay Assignment in G113. Bring your own device.

8:30 AM Digital Portfolios due

8:30 AM Officer Portfolios due to Ms. Gonzalez

### Thursday, March 24th, 2022

5:00-7:00 PM Mock Officer Tryouts/Team Vote, CHS Studio

### Friday, March 25th, 2022

7:00-8:30 AM Officer Candidate Breakfast

5:00-9:00 PM Officer Tryouts

### **Workshop Rules:**

1. All officer workshops are mandatory
2. Only officer candidates will be allowed in the studio or computer lab during workshops.
3. Workshops are closed to all parents, line members, and friends.

### **Important Dates:**

Officer Camp: June 2-5th, 2022 at Embassy Suites in Frisco

Payment for Officer Camp: April 18th, 2022

Estimated Cost: \$520.00

## Social Officer Tryout Requirements

### 1. Digital Portfolio

- a. Portfolios are due to Mrs. Gonzalez on Monday, March 21st, 2022 via submission portal in google classroom.
- b. Candidates are expected to complete this assignment on their own.
- c. Criteria for scoring are organization, neatness, grammar, creativity, and overall effect.
- d. See attached portfolio requirements for more details.

### 2. Officer Essays

- a. Candidates will have 1 hour to answer questions that address their leadership style, leadership vision, expectations for leadership and team culture.
- b. Candidates must be present for this assignment, there is no make up or alternative day.
- c. Candidates will not be allowed to discuss questions with one another.
- d. Ms. Gonzalez will print responses and include them in portfolios.

### 3. Presentation

- a. Candidates will create a trifold for the team and judges to see. The presentation will serve as a guide for the type of work the organization can expect from the candidate.
- b. The presentation will consist of the following:
  - i. Candidate's name and number
  - ii. Quote for the team
  - iii. Team Motivationalso
    1. Team social event with cost included for 30 people
    2. Team activity for class - 30 mins max
  - iv. Spring Show Theme
    1. Title of show
    2. Sample show T-shirt Design, front and back
    3. Sample lobby decor
  - v. Banquet Theme
    1. Sample invitation
    2. Sample table decor
    3. Team gift with cost included for 30 people
- c. Candidates are encouraged to decorate their boards and to create a visually appealing and memorable collection of ideas. **All images must be printed in color.**
- d. Candidates will have 5 minutes to present their board to the team and judges.
- e. Criteria for scoring are presentation, creativity, neatness, content, poise, confidence, and overall effect.

### 4. Interview with judges

- a. Candidates will be interviewed by the judges.
- b. Judges will look at candidate portfolios during the interview and may base their questions from materials in the portfolios.
- c. Criteria for scoring are leadership, speaking skills, poise, self confidence, and overall effect.



5. Team Vote

- a. Candidates will be evaluated by the 2022-2023 line members at mock tryouts.
- b. Candidates will present a two-minute speech on the topic "Why I want to become a Sweetheart Social Officer." Candidates should include what position they are interested in.
- c. Candidates will present their board/ideas (5 minutes)
- d. Only 2022-2023 line members will be allowed at the mock audition. No family members, friends, or non-returning members will be allowed.
- e. Candidates may bring treats for their presentation.

6. Additional Materials for the Judging Panel

- a. Candidate Application
- b. Report Card
- c. Towel Push Log - Provided by the director
- d. Team Vote - Provided by the director
- e. Essay Questions - Provided by the director

## **Digital Portfolio Requirements via Google Slides**

**Each section requires its own page.**

All pages must be titled as they are titled on this page.

1. Title Page
  - a. Name
  - b. Headshot
  - c. Tryout Number
  - d. Years on Sweethearts
  - e. Positions of Interest
2. Speech - My Purpose
  - a. 3 minutes max
  - b. Professional Dress
  - c. Introduction - Name, tryout number, years on Sweethearts
  - d. Positions of interest and WHY you are qualified for this position(s)
  - e. Vision for the officer line
  - f. Vision for the team
3. Leadership Values/Pillars
  - a. List your top 3 values for leadership
    - i. Think -- "what/how will my team describe my leadership"
    - ii. Think -- "what will my teammates believe I value based on how I interact with them"
  - b. Answer in complete sentences
4. Leadership Non-Negotiables
  - a. List your top 5 leadership non-negotiables
  - b. Answer in complete sentences
5. Commitment to the Team
  - a. What will your commitment be to the team should you not be selected as an officer?
  - b. How will you continue to contribute to the culture and progress of the team?
  - c. Answer in complete sentences
  - d. 4 sentences max
6. Team Motivational
  - a. 1 slide only
  - b. Team social event with cost included
  - c. Team activity for class - 30 mins max
7. Spring Show Theme
  - a. 1 slide only
  - b. Title of show
  - c. Sample show T-shirt design - Image in color
  - d. Sample lobby decor - Image(s) in color
8. Banquet
  - a. 1 page only
  - b. Sample invitation - Printed in color
  - c. Sample table decor - Printed in color
  - d. Team gift with cost included - Printed in color

## Scoring System

The social officer scores will be based on an 800 point scale. The points will be broken down into the following categories:

1. Judges
  - a. Presentation (300 points) - Presentation, creativity, neatness, content, poise, confidence, and overall effect.
  - b. Interview (400 points) - Leadership, speaking skills, poise, self confidence, and overall effect.
2. Director
  - a. Portfolio (100 points) - Organization, neatness, grammar, creativity, and overall effect.

The table below shows the weight of each category and the point value:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Value</b>
Presentation	300 Points
Interview	400 Points
Portfolio	100 Points
Totals:	800 Points

# Sweetheart Social Officer Application 2022-2023

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Last Name

First Name

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Current Age

Grade for 22-23 School Year

Past Leadership Experience:

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Non-dance related skills that would be relevant to this position:

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Hobbies/Interests:

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Candidate Signature

Date

## 2022-2023 Social Officer Candidate Permission Form

It is both an honor and privilege to be selected as an officer of the Centennial High School Sweetheart Dance Team. It will take a great deal of commitment from both the officer and the officer's family to be the best officer possible. The audition procedure and audition preparations are a fraction of the time and commitment that you will experience once you are an officer. Officers are expected to give 100% of their effort and dedication at all times. They are expected to be the example for the rest of the team by being the best Sweetheart they can be.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the officer tryout information packet and understand the guidelines, dedication, and the time it takes to be a dance officer in such a prestigious organization. If I am not chosen to serve as an officer, I will return to the line graciously. If I am chosen to serve as an officer, I will accept the position without question.

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Dance Officer Candidate Signature

Date

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the officer tryout information packet and understand the guidelines. I understand that if my daughter does not receive an officer position she must return to the line graciously. I understand that the decision of the judges is final and I will respect that decision. With these things in mind, I grant my daughter permission to try out for a Sweetheart officer position.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

## 2022-2023 Sweetheart Social Officer Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that as a Sweetheart Social Officer, I will commit extra time, money, and dedication to the Sweetheart organization. Officers arrive early to every function and stay late on many occasions. As an officer, I will accept the extra duties and responsibilities that come with this opportunity. I understand that I will be asked to go above and beyond the expectations of a line member. I will take initiative and will not wait for someone to ask me to complete a task.

I will be required to attend officer camp in June with the rest of the social officer line. Officer camp will be demanding, but I will do my best to learn as much as I can about being a leader. I will bring back these ideas to make our team as strong as it can be.

I will be responsible for motivating, helping, and guiding my teammates through the entire year. I will be responsible for supporting my team by keeping morale high at all times. As a leader of this team, I will be expected to set an example for other team members by knowing all choreography, supporting/assisting dance officers, dancing full out at all times, helping other team members, and always keeping a positive attitude.

I am willing to make the Sweetheart Dance Team a priority. I will do all that I can to make each person on my team the best dancer and line member they can be.

I will support and work with my fellow social officers and the director at all times. I understand that these working relationships are important to make the best decisions for the team. I will participate in all performances and appearances. I agree to fulfill all tasks assigned to me by the Sweetheart Director, even if time outside of class/rehearsals are required.

I understand that as a Sweetheart Social Officer I am responsible for setting a good example for the rest of the line at all times. I will be removed from the officer line if I break this rule.

I understand that setting a good example also applies to academics and conduct. If at any time I become ineligible due to grades or conduct, I will be removed from the officer line.

If at any time I am unable to fulfill my responsibilities as a social officer, I will be dismissed. I will treat my office with pride and respect, and will always strive to be the best officer that I can be.

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Sweetheart Signature

Date