



Nicholls State University
Coloneettes Dance Team
AUDITION PACKET 2019-2020

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WHY NICHOLLS DANCE TEAM?

Nicholls State University Colonelettes Dance Team represent the University at football games, men and women basketball games, and baseball games. They also represent the University at other non-athletic functions such as student orientations, welcome back day, parades, party at the president, red-out Fridays, and various events on and off campus.

MISSION STATEMENT

Nicholls State University Colonelettes Dance Team is committed to helping students show school spirit, achieve academically, and have creativity while growing both as a dancer and individual.

SERVICE AWARDS

Members of the team will be awarded a service award at the conclusion of the Fall semester and Spring semester. Upon acceptance of membership, the student acknowledges the responsibility to be at ALL rehearsals, UDA camps, and non-athletic functions, and performances involving the Colonelettes during the Fall and Spring Semesters. Failure to do so may result in a reduction of the service award and lowering of the grade. This is to be determined by the Band Director and Coach.

COMMITMENT

Candidates selected on the team must schedule the Band Class Music 191 or 391. The class is from 2:00-4:00pm on Mondays, Wednesday's, and Fridays for the Fall Semester, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:00-1:20pm in the Spring Semester. (YOU MUST SCHEDULE YOUR CLASSES AROUND THIS PRACTICE SCHEDULE). If one does not attend, it could affect your service award and grade. Summer practices are held prior to camp. Members of the team have commitments such as, service and workout hours. They are also required to attend UDA College Camp *usually* in July or August. The team reports for a **mandatory** Band Camp 1 week prior to the first day of school for the Fall Semester. Each Colonelette that makes the team is responsible for covering up to \$300 in personal expenses for Team apparel/accessories for the year.



ELIGIBILITY

Current and Transfer Students: must be enrolled at Nicholls State University as a full-time (12 hours) student, with a current semester GPA of 2.0 minimum; *an official copy of your transcript is required upon arrival of tryouts. Please have GPA highlighted.*

For Incoming Freshman: must have applied to the University and should be accepted prior to tryouts. *A copy of acceptance letter is required upon arrival of tryouts.*

TRYOUT PREP CLINIC

Tryout Prep Clinic

Day: March 30, 2019

Time: 9am – 12 noon

Where: T.R. Lindsley Hall

Attire: Black fitted crop top or sports bra, black dance shorts, jazz shoes, and hip-hop shoes.

AUDITIONS/PROCESS/REQUIREMENTS

Dance Team Auditions 2019-2020

Day: April 14, 2019

Time: 8am-until

Where: T.R. Lindsley Hall

Tryout Fee: \$25

Attire: During auditions, the attire is black fitted crop top/sports bra (rhinestones may be added, no beads, no dangling accessories; must resemble a dance top), black dance shorts, jazz shoes, hip hop pants of your choice, and hip-hop shoes. Hair & makeup as you would on game day (*see frequently asked questions). Earrings are allowed. NO necklaces, ankle bracelets, rings or any other piercings such as; nose, lip, belly, eye brow, etc. Any tattoos you may have should not be visible.

We accept cash and checks or money order. Please make check out to Nicholls Foundation.

Tryout Process:

All portions of the tryout are closed to the public, except the band director, judges, coach, and staff. Candidates will be evaluated on jazz & hip-hop combination, technique, physical fitness/appearance, and interviews. Judging will be done with the clinic atmosphere. When finalizing the team, candidates who are easy to work with, possess a strong work ethic, easily make corrections, as well as get along with others, are what we are looking for. Be COACHABLE & ADAPTABLE.

Tryouts Begin: *Sunday, April 14, 2019:* Doors open/Check in begins 7:30am: Candidates are encouraged to begin stretching/warming up at 8am (on your own).

- Jazz Combination- candidates will be taught an on the spot combination by a professional choreographer
- Hip Hop Combination- candidates will be taught an on the spot combination by a professional choreographer
- 60 Second Solo- all types of styles are accepted. Feel free to showcase your best work
- Interviews- candidate interviews are conducted by the music department staff prior to tryouts. You will be emailed dates and times to pick from to attend your interview.
- Judging begins: Each applicant will perform the jazz and hip-hop combinations, and solo in numerical order. Judges may ask for callbacks if necessary. Judges may also ask for technique in the list of requirements stated below at any time of the tryout session. *CUTS are allowed to happen at any time during the tryout.*

General Required Skills for Audition

- Double & Triple Pirouettes
- Pique Turns
- Chainé Turns
- Seconde Turns
- Calypso
- Stag Jump
- Toe Touch
- Left and Right Leaps
- Leap in Second
- Left and Right Split
- Experience in all types of dance

Required Items to Bring to Audition

- Tryout Fee: \$25
- Copy of Transcript with GPA highlighted (*current and transfer students*)
- Copy of Acceptance letter (*incoming freshman*)
- FRONT and BACK copy of your current health insurance card (*must have insurance to tryout*)
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Current Printed Photo Headshot (*selfies will not be accepted*)
- 60-Second Solo → Please use this opportunity to showcase your strengths. Any style is welcomed. Costumes are allowed, but not mandatory.
- Flash drive with Solo Music

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What should I bring to tryouts?
 - See **Required Items to Bring to Auditions*. You can also bring water, lunch/dinner, or personal items you may need during the tryout (hair pins, makeup, extra dance attire, etc.)
2. How do I prepare for tryouts?
 - Please join our tryout prep clinic. You can also take dance classes and workout classes prior to auditions.
3. How do I submit my audition application?
 - Please scan your application online and submit it by email. The registration deadline is April 6, 2019.
4. How should I wear my hair and makeup?
 - Hair should be all down, curled, and out of your face. Makeup should be worn as you would on gameday/recital. Feel free to add lashes and red lips.
5. Will I be judged on height and weight?
 - We require dancers to maintain the appropriate physique in order to look their best in any uniform as well as execute all skills and choreography.
6. If I cannot do the required dance skills, can I still make the team?
 - Each candidate will be judged on combinations, interviews, solos, and physical fitness/appearance, therefore there are a lot of areas that can balance a score.
7. If I mess up can I do the routine again?
 - This decision is up to the judges. Callbacks can be done at any time if the judges feel a candidate did not execute the dance to be given a fair score.
8. Are there any fees during the year?
 - Yes, each member can pay dues up to \$300 for the year.
9. Can I maintain a job and dance team?

- Yes, but Colonelettes must be priority.
10. Can my friends watch auditions?
- No, auditions are closed to only band director, staff, and coach.

COLONELETES DANCE TEAM AUDITION APPLICATION

Sunday, April 14, 2019 (8am-until)

T.R. Lindsley Hall Nicholls State University Campus

Name: _____ N#: _____

Birthday: _____ Age: _____

Email Address (preferably school): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number: _____

High School or College: _____ GPA: _____

College Major: _____

Please circle: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Transfer

Expected college graduation date: _____ (month & year)

Please list briefly your previous dance experience:

Briefly explain why you would like to be chosen as a member of the Colonelettes Dance Team:

What special qualities or skills do you possess that would make you an asset to the team?

Do you have any health problems, limitations? Y or N
Have you been under the care of a physician within the last year? Y or N
If yes, please explain:

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING WAIVER

The undersigned is aware of and acknowledges the risks associated with participation in dance team activities, including but not without limitation, the risk of catastrophic injury, paralysis and even death. Nevertheless, it is the undersigned's desire to participate in dance team at Nicholls. The undersigned assumes all risk of injury associated with participation and specifically agrees to indemnify and hold free and harmless the Nicholls State University, its agents and employees, including without limitation the Colonelettes Dance Team, coaches, staff, band director and all other members of the department of music faculty and staff, from any and all claims or causes of action arising out of her participation in dance team activities at Nicholls, no matter what the cause. The undersigned further acknowledges and certify that they are at least 18 years of age.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If under 18, this form MUST be signed by a parent or legal guardian prior to participation, NO EXPECTATIONS.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Registration Deadline: April 5, 2019

Please submit applications by email: nichollscolonelettes@gmail.com. For more information, please call the Music Department at 985-448-4600.