



Nicholls State University
Coloneettes Dance Team
AUDITION PACKET 2020-2021

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WHY NICHOLLS DANCE TEAM?

Nicholls State University Colonelettes Dance Team represents 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, competitions, 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 and transcript.*

AUDITIONS/PROCESS/REQUIREMENTS

Dance Team Auditions 2020-2021

Day: June 27, 2020

Time: 8am-until

Where: Danos Theatre in Talbot Hall

Tryout Fee: \$25

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

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), low or high waist black hot 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.

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 fight song, jazz & hip-hop combination, technique, physical fitness/appearance, and interviews. Judging will be done with the clinic atmosphere. When finalizing the team, candidates who possess a strong work ethic are what we are looking for. Also, if the candidate is coachable and can easily make corrections, as well as get along with other members/candidates.

Be COACHABLE & ADAPTABLE.

AUDITIONS BEGIN

Saturday, June 27, 2020

Doors open/Check in begins 7:30am. Candidates are encouraged to begin stretching/warming up at 8am (on your own).

- Interviews- candidate interviews are conducted one by judges and the music department staff on Audition Day.
- 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.
- Judging begins: Each applicant will perform a jazz and hip-hop combinations in numerical order. Judges may ask for callbacks if necessary. *Judges may also ask for technique skills in the list of requirements stated below at any time of the audition session. CUTS are allowed to happen at any time during the audition.*

Required Items to Submit Before Registration Deadline: JUNE 12, 2020

- Fight Song Routine: candidates must submit a video performing our Fight Song Routine. This routine will be added to Audition scores.
- Audition Application (*this is the last 2 pages of this packet*)

*Please submit items above electronically to
rodneaynea.green@nicholls.edu OR nichollscolonelettes@gmail.com.*

Required Items to Bring to Auditions: JUNE 27, 2020

- Tryout Fee: \$25
- 1 Letter of Recommendation
- Current Printed Headshot Photo (*selfies will not be accepted*)
- Copy of Transcript with GPA highlighted
- Copy of Acceptance letter (*incoming freshman only*)
- FRONT and BACK paper copy of your current health insurance card (*must have insurance to tryout*)

Please submit items above as paper copies. Please bring the day of Auditions.

General Required Skills for Audition

- Double & Triple Pirouettes
- Pique and Chainé Turns
- Seconde Turns
- Calypso/Firebird
- Left and Right Leaps/Leap in Second
- Experience in all types of dance



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What should I bring to tryouts?
 - Water, lunch/dinner, or personal items you may need during the tryout (hair pins, makeup, extra dance attire, etc.)
2. How do I submit my audition application?
 - Please submit your application by email. [The registration deadline is June 12, 2020.](#) We will only need the last two pages of this packet. Email: nichollscoloneettes@gmail.com or rodneayne.green@nicholls.edu
3. How should I wear my hair and makeup?
 - Hair should be all down, curled, and pinned out of your face. Makeup should be worn as you would on gameday/recital. Feel free to add lashes and red lips.
4. 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.
5. If I mess up can I do the routine again?
 - No, but the judges may ask for callbacks.
6. Are there any fees during the year?
 - Yes, each member can pay dues up to \$300 for the year.
7. Can I maintain a job while on dance team? Sorority?
 - Yes, but Coloneettes must be priority.
8. Can my friends watch auditions?
 - No, auditions are closed to only band director, staff, and coach.
9. Will the Coloneettes compete at competitions?
 - Yes, if the opportunity is given.
10. Do I need extra clothing for my interview?
 - No. You will just need your audition attire. We want to keep auditions as short as possible.

COLONETTES DANCE TEAM AUDITION APPLICATION

June 27, 2020 (8am-until)

*Danos Theatre in Talbot Hall
Nicholls State University Campus*

Name: _____ N#: _____

Birthdate: _____ 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/special skills. Briefly explain why you would like to be chosen as a member of the Colonelettes Dance 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: June 12, 2020

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For any questions/comments/concerns, please call the Music Department at 985-448-4600 or 985-449-7055.