



Nicholls State University
Coloneettes Dance Team
AUDITION PACKET 2021-2022

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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, 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.

Members of the team have commitments such as, service and workout hours. They are required to attend NDA College Camp on July 22-25, 2021. Summer practices are held prior to camp in the month of July. The team also 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 \$200 in personal expenses for apparel and accessories. A \$100 payment is also needed as a membership fee.

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 your GPA highlighted.*

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

AUDITIONS/PROCESS/REQUIREMENTS

Dance Team Auditions 2021-2022

Day: June 26, 2021

Time: 8am-until

Where: Danos Theatre in Talbot Hall

Tryout Fee: \$25

We accept cash and checks or money orders. Please write 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), black dance shorts, jazz shoes, hip hop pants of your choice, and hip-hop shoes. Hair & makeup as you would on game day (*see page 5). 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 solo's, jazz/pom & 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 26, 2021

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

- 60 Second Solo- candidates must arrive with a Solo to showcase to judges. All types of styles are accepted. Feel free to showcase your best work.
- Jazz/Pom 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
- Interviews- candidate interviews are conducted by the music department staff
- Judging begins: Each applicant will perform their solo, on the spot jazz/pom and hip-hop combinations 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 audition.*

Required Items to Submit Before Registration Deadline: JUNE 19, 2021

- Audition Packet (last 2 pages of this packet)
- Music for Solo
- FRONT and BACK copy of your current health insurance card (*must have insurance to tryout*)

Please submit the items above electronically to rodneaynea.green@nicholls.edu OR nichollscoloneettes@gmail.com.

Required Items to Bring to Auditions: JUNE 26, 2021

- Tryout Fee: \$25
- 1 Letter of Recommendation
- Current Printed Photo Headshot
- Copy of Transcript with GPA highlighted
- Copy of Acceptance letter (*incoming freshman ONLY*)
- 60-Second Solo □ Please use this opportunity to showcase your strengths. Any style is welcomed.

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

General Required Skills for Audition

- Triple Pirouettes
- Pique Turns
- Chaine Turns
- Second Turns (2 or more eight count combinations)
- Calypso
- Firebird
- Turning Disc
- Tilt Jump
- Left/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, solo music, and insurance?
 - Please submit by email. [The registration deadline is June 19, 2021.](#)
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. Can I maintain a job and dance team?
 - Yes, but Colonelettes must be priority.
7. Will the Colonelettes compete at any competitions?
 - Yes, if the opportunity is given.
8. Do I need extra clothing for my interview and solo?
 - No. You will just need your audition attire.

Any further questions, email us: rodneaynea.green@nicholls.edu OR nichollscolonelettes@gmail.com.

COLONETTES DANCE TEAM AUDITION APPLICATION

Saturday, JUNE 26, 2021 (8am-until)

Danos Theatre in Talbot Hall

Nicholls State University Campus

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Name: _____ N#: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

Email Address (preferably school): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number: _____

High School/College Name: _____ 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 certifies 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 19, 2021

Please submit applications by email:

For more information, please call the Music Department at 985-448-4600.

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