



Pride of Nicholls Color Guard 2023-2024 Audition Packet

Please read completely and follow instructions.

Audition Dates:

Nicholls State University- Lindsley Hall (Band Room)
Saturday, June 3rd, 2023
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

WHY PRIDE OF NICHOLLS COLOR GUARD?

The Pride of Nicholls Color Guard is a performing ensemble that accompanies and visually represents the music of the marching band by incorporating flags, rifles, sabres, and dance to enhance the half-time and pre-game shows. Being a performer in the Pride of Nicholls Color Guard is a commitment that requires DEDICATION, MOTIVATION, and SELF-DISCIPLINE.

ELIGIBILITY

Incoming Freshman and Transfers: You must have applied to the University and should be accepted prior to tryouts. Please complete the Pride of Nicholls Band Application Form.

Application Form: <https://www.nicholls.edu/music/band-application/>

Returning Members: Register for MUS 191/391 prior to audition date.

AUDITION INFORMATION

Attire: Black form fitting dance or workout attire (leotard, leggings or tights, spandex shorts), dance shoes or lightweight sneakers. NO JEANS, SANDALS, OR JEWELRY!

Equipment: Flags will be provided. Please bring your personal rifle.

What Are We Looking For? We are looking for individuals who adapt well to new situations, learn quickly, and have a positive, friendly personality. Have fun at the audition and be yourself. Try not to be nervous! The audition is also an opportunity for you to see if the Pride of Nicholls Color Guard is right for you.

Spectators: Rehearsals and auditions are closed to the public. No one other than candidates, staff, and judges will be allowed into the rehearsal/audition space.

What to Expect:

- A demonstration of fundamentals; a video will be provided ahead of time demonstrating which fundamentals will be required
 - Drop spin, speed spin, red devil, blue devil, green devil, carves, vertical toss, horizontal toss, carve toss
- A prepared piece demonstrating what you are capable of
 - can include dancing and rifle, but mostly flag
 - at least 1 minute; no longer than 1 minute and thirty second
- A routine that will be taught on-the-spot that day
 - If you are doing a virtual audition, a video of the routine will be sent to you

A video demonstrating fundamentals and what is expected at the audition can be viewed here:

Fundamentals Video:

<https://youtu.be/1yTVhLNns>

Audition Requirements: You will be taught and judged on the following:

Across the floor sequences

Dance basics

Flag basics

Flag Routine

Punctuality and proper audition attire

Maintaining a positive attitude at all rehearsals

Results: Results of the audition will be emailed within one week. No later than June 10, 2023.

If you are unable to attend the in-person audition, you may send an email request for a video link of the routine to Captain Nekhia Arnold (email listed below). A video containing the fundamentals, your prepared piece and the audition routine must be submitted via email by noon on the day of the in-person audition.

If you have any questions, feel free to email one of the following below. We're looking forward to seeing you!

Dr. Ben Robichaux

Director of Athletic Bands/Assistant Professor of Music

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Kristie Arp

Color Guard Instructor

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Nekhia Arnold

Color Guard Captain

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COMMITMENT

Candidates selected for the team must register for Marching Band- MUS 191/391-7M. The class is from 2:00 - 3:55 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for the Fall Semester. **YOU MUST SCHEDULE YOUR CLASSES AROUND THIS PRACTICE SCHEDULE.**

Weekly Team Practice: Day and time TBA

Additionally, members of the team have commitments such as guard and band camp.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Uniforms and team shirts will be provided at no expense. Each member of the team is responsible for covering personal expenses for apparel and accessories. Additionally, a \$110 payment for new members and a \$62 payment for returning members is also needed as a membership fee.

MEMBERSHIP FEE BREAKDOWN

NEW MEMBERS		RETURNING MEMBERS	
Personalized Adidas Backpack	\$62	Personalized Adidas Backpack	\$62
Personalized Team Jacket	\$48		
TOTAL: \$110		TOTAL: \$62	

Fees due the last day of Guard Camp

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Each member of the team is responsible for providing the following:

- Black Socks
- Black Tights
- Black Jazz Shoes
- Black Tennis Shoes
- Performance Make-Up
- Proper Undergarments

IMPORTANT DATES

Guard Camp:

Nicholls State University- Lindsley Hall (Band Hall)
Monday, August 7, 2023 – Friday, August 11, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Band Camp:

Monday, August 14, 2023 – Thursday August 17, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 5:00p.m. (Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
Friday, August 18, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.