Texas Southern University
Ocean of Soul Marching Band
Summer 2015 Auxiliaries Audition Information

June 17-19, 2015
Please complete the audition application and refer to all information and guidelines below

All aspects of the Ocean of Soul Marching Band Auxiliary Units policies and procedures including tryouts, participation, performances, uniforms, choreography, and travel are under the supervision of and at the discretion of the Director of Bands or his Delegate.

The Ocean of Soul Marching Band Auxiliaries
Are Composed of All Female Squad Members.
Audition is open to females only

Pre-registration is strongly recommended; however, you may register on the day of the first audition only.

Auxiliary auditions are closed to the public. (This includes family and friends) Only Auditionees will be allowed to enter the band room. Cameras, Cell Phones and Recorders are prohibited at all auditions. Please arrange for transportation pick-up and drop off. If applicants are driving the university parking garage is located at the corner of Ennis and Blodgett Streets. Visitor parking is prohibited in parking lot L.

Applicants must attend all phases of the audition to be eligible for selection. Applicants must be able to learn choreography quickly and memorize several routines.

Audition Procedure
- Audition Location – Rollins Stewart Music Building (Band Hall)-Corner of Cleburne and Ennis Streets
- Check-in – 5:00pm June 17, 2015. Auditions will be devoted to developing individual techniques. All Applicants will perform individual routines. First round cuts will take place after the first individual routine auditions on June 18, 2015
- The final squad selection is scheduled for Friday June 19, 2015.

If you have questions please contact the Band Office @713-313-7336 or 713-313-7458 or Email: Coach_lf@tsu.edu.
REQUIRED AUDITION PACKAGE INFORMATION

To audition the following documents are required:

1. Audition Application
2. Application Fee __ $0.00
3. 5x 7 Individual Full Body Photo in Dance Costume (non-returnable)
4. Dance Resume
5. Proof of Acceptance or Pending Acceptance to Texas Southern University
6. Consent Form, Signed By Parents If Under 18

Drop Off/ Mail Completed Package Information to:
Texas Southern University
Band Office
Attn: Auxiliary Coordinator
3100 Cleburne Street
Houston, Texas 77004

Audition Requirements
Applicants are required to provide two CD copies of their selected music for their individual routine. CD’s must be label with applicant name, and title of music. Suggestive, offensive or vulgar choreography and/or explicit music are prohibited.

Applicants must choreograph an (8) eight-count routine for their individual routine. The routine should be energetic and will showcase their talent. Routine must consist of jazz or hip-hop styles.

Applicants will be judged on appearance, technique, skills, degree of difficulty and showmanship.

Applicants must be able to concentrate on sharpness, body placement, techniques and coordination without sacrificing poise and style.

Returning squad members must audition and are not guaranteed a spot on the squad. Returning squad members previous squad commitment, attitude, attendances, and ability to a follow rules and procedures will affect audition eligibility.

Notification Of Receipt Of Application
Applicants will receive an email confirming the receipt of their application. Audition number will also be included in the email. If you have not received an email within 5 days after sending your application please contact the Auxiliary Coordinator @ 713-313-7458 or email Coach lf@tsu.edu.
Requirements for The Ocean Of Soul Marching Band Auxiliary Squads

Applicants must showcase and execute dance moves that will captivate audiences.

Applicants will be judged on the following criteria:
Personal Appearance, Showmanship, Memory of Routine, Dance Ability, Dance Technique, Unison, Skills, Poise, Personality, Enthusiasm, Flexibility and Fitness. Final round applicants will be interviewed before their final audition performance. *Props Will Not Be Allowed At Audition

Returning squad members are expected to perform with the highest level of dance and twirling techniques.

Height and Weight Requirements
Personal health and fitness are an important aspect of the Ocean Of Soul Marching Band performances. Applicants should be in a physical condition which will allow execution of all moves and motions incorporated into performance routines.

Prospective Applicants for the MOTION SQUAD must be able to: High Kicks Front/side jazz walks * Left/right splits * Toe-Touch * leaps * pique’ turns * chasse * basic tumbling *Leg Hold and Splits

Prospective Applicants for the Color-Guard SQUAD must be able to: Create a routine consisting of eight (8) counts of eight (8) beats. Ex. 1,2,3,4,...8; 2,2,3,4,...8; 3,2,3,4,...8, etc. The following executions are required in each of the original routines: Drop Spin, 2. Butterfly, 3. Windmill

Prospective Applicants for the TWIRLER SQUAD must be able to: 2-spins or higher,* Toss Illusion,* Toss Reverse Illusion * High toss cartwheel and/or High toss walkover,* Split right and/or left, * Hitch kick, * 2-baton /3-baton

Prospective Applicants for the TIGER SENSATION SQUAD (dance team for basketball season) must be able to: Executive Jazz and Hip Hop Moves, High Kicks Front/side jazz walks * Left/right splits * Toe-Touch * leaps * pique’ turns * chasse * basic tumbling.
**Audition Attire**
Please be performance ready. Remove all body piercings studs, nose, tongue, and belly button earrings. Cover tattoos with make-up. Wear make-up that highlights your natural beauty. Hairstyles should be worn in a fashion which accents and flatters facial characteristics. Hairstyles should not hide the face. Please do not wear sweats are baggy clothing.

**Motion and Tiger Sensation Squad Mandatory Wear:**
Two piece all black dance attire, Crop or athletic sports bra top, and dance shorts. Flat-heel black Jazz shoes and shimmer tights. Uniform of choice for individual routine.

**Colorguard Squad Mandatory Wear**
Two piece dance attire, Crop or athletic sports bra top, Dance shorts or jazz pants, White sneakers and shimmer tights, Uniform of choice for individual routine.

**Twirlers Squad Mandatory Wear**
Two piece dance attire, Shorts or Jazz Pants, Crop or athletic sports bra top, Dance or jazz shoes, shimmer tights. Uniform of choice for individual routine.

**Items To Bring To The Audition**
Applicants Back Pack should include the following essentials: towel, extra top and shorts, tights, make-up and hair products. Refreshment items: sports drink, bottle water, box lunch or snacks. Food items are not allowed in the band room. All food items may be consumed in the band hall break room area.

**Selected Squad Members will be notified on the final day of audition. New and Transfer selected members must submit enrollment verification to the Band Office.**

**Scholarship And Academics**
The top five highest ranking Auxiliary Squad Members from each squad will be eligible to receive a scholarship for the fall and/or spring semesters (depending on funding, GPA eligibility and good standing with the band and university). If a squad member is removed, dismissed, or voluntarily leaves the band, the scholarship will be canceled. Squad members must participate in all aspects of band activities and performances to receive the scholarship.

**Required**
Prospective Members must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA and maintain full time enrollment status. Freshman and Sophomore squad members are required to attend mandatory tutorial.

Prospective Members must be able to attend band camp, all rehearsals, practices, performances, and other related activities during the 2015/2016 academic year.