

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
OCEAN OF SOUL MARCHING BAND
Female Auxillaries 2020 Preliminary Audition Information

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Texas Southern University has implemented safety measures due to the current pandemic. To minimize contact that could spread the COVID-19 virus on our campus, we are transitioning our annual Female Auxiliary Auditions to Video Submission.

The Ocean Of Soul Marching Band Female Auxiliaries audition video submission will consist of prospective candidates recording their audition routine, uploading the recording to an Unlisted YouTube Video, and submitting the video link by way of Email to Oceanauxllaries@gmail.com. The submission dates will **begin Monday, May 11, 2020, and close on May 15, 2020, at 11:30 p.m.** Emails submitted with missing information or instructions for the recorded video will not be judged.

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

- Incoming Freshmen Females.
- Transfer and Current TSU Females.
- Current and Transfer candidates semester and cumulative grade point average must be 2.0 or higher to be eligible to audition.
- Incoming Freshmen and Transfer candidates must be admitted or have a pending admissions application with the University by May 29, 2020, for Fall 2020 enrollment.

SKILLS FOR AUDITION

- Candidates will be judge on Dance and Technique Abilities, Personal Appearance, Showmanship, Energy and Stamina, Memorization, Poise, Photogenic Quality, Enthusiasm, Flexibility and Fitness.
- Candidates must be able to concentrate on accuracy, body placement, techniques, and coordination without sacrificing poise and style when performing.
- *Note: Experience in a marching band auxiliary is highly recommended.*

MANDATORY AUDITION ATTIRE Performance Ready Appearance

Sports Bra or Fitted Crop Top, Dance Shorts, Skin Tone Shimmer Tights, Dance Shoes or Sneakers. All Tattoos must be concealed. All piercings other than one pair of studs worn in the in the lobe of the ear must be removed Make-up should be glamorous. Hairstyles should not cover the face.

Prospective Candidates must submit the following information listed below in numeric order in one email document to Oceanauxllaries@gmail.com between the dates of Monday, May 11 through Friday, May 15, 2020, by 11:50 p.m.

EMAIL CONTENT MANDATORY INSTRUCTIONS

Email Subject Line

**Candidate Full Name and Selected Squad
Squad Selection:**

**[Motion Squad, Flag Squad, Twirler Squad]
Please Provide The Following Information
In The Email Content**

1. Candidate Full Name
2. Age
3. Weight
4. Height
5. Cell#
6. Full Address
7. Admission Status: Continuing Student
Pending Admission, Admitted, Transfer,
8. Classification Status:
9. Name of High School or College if
Transferring
10. List of Performances and Dance Experiences
11. **Add Unlisted YouTube Audtion Video Link**
Do not attach the video to the email
12. Two clear image current quality Color
Photos: Attach Photos to email.
**Photo 1: Full Body in the Mandatory
Audition Attire Photo 2: Headshot Only**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECORDING AUDITION VIDEO

- Audition Video must be uploaded and posted Unlisted to YouTube.
- Add only the video link in the email content.
- Audition music must be the clean version with clear sound.
- Performance video should be unedited as if you are at a live audition.
- Performance space should be large enough to accommodate all performance movements.
- The space must be equipped with proper lighting.
- The Recording Camera should be set in a position to capture the entire routine.
- Recording should be from one camera. State your full name at the beginning of the audition recording.
- Record the entire audition routine in one clip.
- The routine must consist of all dance elements and techniques listed for each selected squad.

Notes

- Please check the video quality and sound before adding the link to the email.
- The video recording must be visible clear with quality sound and capture the entire routine.
- **Do not make the YouTube Video Private.**
- Do not email the video in a separate email.
- Do not attach the uploaded video to the audition email; add only the link.
- Do not send a video with a group performance, using props or other individuals.

NOTIFICATION OF VIDEO SUBMISSION

Participating Candidates will receive an email confirming the receipt of their first round audition email. Emails missing any required information will not be judged.

A panel of qualified judges will review and judge all submitted videos beginning Saturday, May 16, 2020.

AUDITION ADVANCEMENT

Audition for all Squads will consist of three rounds with eliminations after each round. Candidates that advance to the second round will receive email details to prepare for the second round audition. Final Squad Members will be selected from the third round audition.

Please contact the Auxiliary Coordinator regarding all audition questions, information, or clarification @ 713-313-7458 or by email Linda.Coach-Riley@tsu.edu.

ROUND I: MOTION SQUAD SOLO AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS

- Music selection must be the clean version
- Candidates must be physically fit and have a minimum of 2 years dance experience.
- Performance must be one and a half minutes maximum.
- Candidates must execute a solo routine that includes all of the following dance elements:
 - Double Pirouette
 - Splits (left &/or right)
 - Toe Touch
 - Leaps (jete, calypso, barrel)
 - Hitch Kick
 - High Kicks/ Leg Extension
 - Left & Right Center Split

Note: Due to high-intensity training, performances and uniform attire selections, the motion squad has a requirement on height and weight.

ROUND I: FLAG "Wave" SQUAD SOLO AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS

- Music Selection must be the clean version.
- Performance must be one and a half minutes maximum.
- Candidates must execute a solo flag twirling routine consisting of (8) Counts.
- The routine must include all of the following twirling techniques:
 - Drop Spins
 - Speed Spins
 - Windmill
 - Extra Points: (2 flags toss together)

Note: If you do not own a Flag & Pole, please be creative when making the pole and designing the flag. The pole does not required a flag attachment.

ROUND I: BATON TWIRLERS "PLATINUM GIRLS" SOLO AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS

- Music Selection must be the clean version.
- Performance must be one and a half minutes minimum.
- Candidates must create and execute a solo routine that includes all of the following baton techniques:
 - 2 Spins or Higher
 - Toss Illusion
 - Toss Reverse Illusion
 - High Toss with Cartwheel
 - Right and Left Split
 - Hitch Kicks
 - Extra Points: (2 to 3 baton twirling tricks/technique)

Note: Due to high-level training, performances, and uniform attire selections, the baton twirling squad has a requirement on height and weight.