



Color Guard Auditions

Thank you for your interest in a Color Guard team with the Kansas State University Marching Band! Work ethic, adaptability, the ability to work as a team, as well as Color Guard talent and the ability to entertain 55,000+ people will be the major factors in our selection. The individuals chosen must have the ability to work with the band and understand their role in the overall performance. The following is the necessary information of which each candidate must be aware regarding the audition process and marching band season. Feel free to reach out to Coach Amy Tighe with any questions or concerns about the audition process. You can reach her at colorguardksu@gmail.com.

****If any face to face activities are to occur, University COVID-19 Protocols will be strictly followed and everyone's safety will be our top priority**

AUDITION SCHEDULE 2022

Pre - Audition Clinics (Optional but HIGHLY recommended):

March 26th, 2022 from 2pm to 4pm CST

April 9th, 2022 from 2pm to 4pm CST

201 McCain Auditorium

Kansas State University

Manhattan, KS 66506

Masks will be required and all university COVID-19 protocols will be in place.

Please register for pre-audition clinics using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/vv5VBbxWonWwV3di6>

Application Due Date:

April 20th, 2022

In Person / On Campus Audition Date, Time, and location:

April 23rd beginning at 11:30am

K-State Recreation Services

1831 Olympic Street, Manhattan, KS 66506

PRE AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:

The following item is due by or before Wednesday, April 20th, 2022.

1 - Audition Application (found at <https://www.k-state.edu/band/colorguard/>)

- The specific application can be found at: <https://forms.gle/vGqr2nw2yq9A6TkR8>

2- Letter of recommendation from a previous coach, teacher, or other respected member of the community. Please Submit all Letters of recommendation to the following link:

<https://forms.gle/jqwoaPhenXG5TRj68> The letter should be saved with the members first and last name as the title along with "Letter of Recommendation" for example: Amy Tighe Letter of Recommendation. **New members only**

3 - A letter of intent written by the applicant 1-2 pages in length. The specific instructions for the letter of intent can be found at: <https://www.k-state.edu/band/colorguard/> Please upload the letter of intent to the following link: <https://forms.gle/fs93yPbaaSUCPguB6> Please save the letter of intent with your first and last name and have "Letter of Intent" for example: Amy Tigh Letter of Intent.

The following is due on or before Saturday April 23rd, 2022

- A registration fee of \$30.00 will be due when you sign up for the auditions. Checks should be made payable to KSU Bands. Money is non-refundable. Please bring the payment with you to auditions or mail audition payment to:

Kansas State Color Guard Auditions / Attn: Amy Tighe
226 McCain Auditorium
Manhattan, KS 66506

****The letter or recommendation and letter of intent are both calculated into the final score your audition****

IN-PERSON / ON CAMPUS AUDITIONS 2021:

Saturday April 23rd

Note: All in-person audition plans are subject to change due to COVID-19. We will continue to update our website, social media, and contact all applicants with specific instructions as they become available.

In Person Auditions will consist of:

- Short routine involving fundamental movements typically performed by the K-State Color guard (Taught at the audition).
- 6-fundamental tosses (taught at the audition, but can be found on our youtube page and practiced ahead of time).
 - Parallel Toss
 - Single (Right) Toss
 - J Toss
 - Money Hand Toss
 - Double Fast Toss
 - 45 Toss
- Low step marching fundamentals (taught at the audition, but can be found on our youtube page and practiced ahead of time).

Audition Attire:

Please wear neat, nice looking clothes that allow movement and physical activity, as well as appropriate footwear (i.e. no jean shorts, sandals, boots, oversized sweats, etc.). Members should look professional and ready to perform.

Equipment:

All auditions must be completed with a 6ft pole that is provided by Kansas State University. This flag will be weighted on both ends.

Timeline of Audition day:

- 11:30am - Registration and stretching
- 12:00pm - Begin learning audition routine
- 1:30pm - Learn fundamental tossing and marching
- 2:00pm - Practice and review
- 2:30pm - Auditions begin in groups in front of a panel of judges
- Once auditions have been scored the 21-22 team will be announced and there will be a brief meeting for all team members.

Resources:

- Youtube Page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfQNXXoU2GinLbGQsT1d4Q/playlists>
- Official Website: <https://www.k-state.edu/band/colorguard/>
- Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/kstatecolorguard>
- Instagram Page: <https://www.instagram.com/kstatecolorguard/>