



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.

AUDITION SCHEDULE 2023

On-Campus Pre-Audition Clinics (Optional but HIGHLY recommended):

April 1st, 2023 from 2pm to 4pm CST

April 8th, 2023 from 2pm to 4pm CST

201 McCain Auditorium
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506

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

[Clinic Registration](#)

Application Due Date:

April 22nd, 2023

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

April 23, 2023 | 11:30am-5:00pm

K-State Recreation Services

1831 Olympic Street, Manhattan, KS 66506

PRE-AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:

The following item is due by or before Wednesday, April 22nd, 2023.

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

- The specific application can be found at: [Audition Application](#)

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: [Letter of Recommendation](#) 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: [Letter of Intent](#) Please save the letter of intent with your first and last name and "Letter of Intent" for example: Amy Tighe Letter of Intent.

The following is due on or before Saturday April 22nd, 2023:

- 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 2023:

Saturday April 22nd, 2023

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 professional clothing that allows for 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 6-foot 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 23-24 team will be announced and there will be a brief meeting for all team members.

Resources:

- Youtube Page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfQNXxoU2GincLbGQsT1d4Q/playlists>
- Official Website: <https://www.k-state.edu/band/colorguard/>
- Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/kstatecolorguard>
- Instagram Page: <https://www.instagram.com/kstatecolorguard/>