

KSU Classy Cat Dance Team Auditions

Saturday, May 4th, 2019

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO AUDITIONS AND ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, APRIL 12th, OR EARLIER

Thank you for expressing interest in the Kansas State University Classy Cats. This year's auditions will be held **Saturday, May 4th, 2019** at the Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex.

A map of campus can be found at <https://www.k-state.edu/maps/>.

PRIOR TO AUDITIONS:

The following items are due by or before Friday, April 12th, 2019...

- Audition Application (found at <https://www.k-state.edu/band/thepride/classycats.html>)
- Two letters of recommendation from a coach, dance instructor, teacher, boss, mentor, etc. (Someone that can speak towards your dance experience, work ethic, and personality.)
- A short essay entitled "Why I Want to be a Classy Cat." (Explain the dynamic you can bring to the team and what factors made you decide to audition to be a Classy Cat)
- Recent color photo of at least 5x7 in size (will not be returned)

Please send all materials to:
Auxiliary Auditions
226 McCain Auditorium
Manhattan, KS 66506

A registration fee of \$10.00 will be due when you sign up for the auditions. Checks may be payable to KSU Bands.

NEW PRE-AUDITION CLINIC:

There will be an Audition Clinic on Saturday, April 6th, 2019 from 2:30-4:30 pm at the Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex in Studio 4.

Some audition material will be taught at this workshop, so you **MUST** attend OR learn from a video that is posted **AFTER** the clinic. Material will **NOT** be taught at auditions on May 4th. There will be additional material taught at auditions as well

You will find the video **AFTER** the clinic at <https://www.k-state.edu/band/thepride/classycats.html>.

AUDITION SCHEDULE:

8:00 Registration
8:30 Meeting
8:45 Review Routines / Audition Explanation
9:15 Preliminary Auditions
TBA Finalists Announced / New Material taught
TBA Final Auditions

5:00 (or sooner) 2019-2020 KSU Classy Cat Announcement / New Team Meeting

*This schedule is tentative and will be adjusted accordingly. We may run ahead of schedule.

AUDITION INFORMATION:

Dancers must be warmed up and ready to dance by 8:30, when the audition process begins. This means audition ready with full hair and makeup done.

Please bring your own food as you will want to keep up your energy throughout the day. Bring water to stay hydrated. Auditions will be continuous, so you will want to grab a bite to eat when you can.

No parents / family members / friends / anyone not auditioning will be allowed into auditions. Only those auditioning for the 2019-2020 KSU Classy Cats Team will be allowed.

Classy Cat positions are considered a one-year position. Each Classy Cat must re-audition each year. We will choose a 18-24 member performance squad.

We are looking for dancers who:

- have a great work ethic
- are on time and prepared for the work they are doing
- dance full-out and with high performance quality/showmanship at all times
- perform consistently with energy, proper facial expressions, strong technique and solid style
- are team players interested in the overall success of the entire team, not just themselves or certain individuals
- are versatile, pick up material / adjust quickly and then can turn around and perform that material right away
- can be entertaining to a crowd of 54,000 + people
- are high level dancers who can execute consistently and with great technique / performance quality
- are professional at all times
- will be positive role models of the Classy Cats, Pride, and Kansas State University.

AUDITION ATTIRE:

- Black hot shorts (no pants or capris)
- Black, Purple, or White fitted sports bra or crop dance top
- Jazz shoes or athletic shoes
- Performance / Game Day make up
- No Jewelry (earring studs are acceptable) and no visible tattoos (please cover)
- Hair Down / Game Day ready

AUDITION WILL CONSIST OF:

- Two short dance combinations in Jazz and Hip Hop (learned at audition clinic or through video prior to auditions)
- Pom Sideline (learned at audition clinic or through video prior to auditions)
- Technique Combinations
 - Specific technique combinations taught at the clinic
 - Improvised technique combination to showcase ability
- Marching Drill (learned at auditions)
- Audition Dance Combinations (learned at auditions)

REQUIRED SKILLS:

- Skilled Technique
 - Turn Variations (Triple / Quad pirouettes, 2nd turn variations, Leg Grab Turns, etc.)
 - Jump Kicks / Battement variations (right and left)
 - Variety of Leaps / Jumps (Grand Jete, Center Leap, Switch Leap, Tilt Leap / Jump, Turning Center, Calypso, Toe Touch, etc.)
 - Tumbling is not required, but always welcomed
- Strong Pom Motions and Proper Pom Arm Placement
- Flexibility
- Rhythm and Musicality
- Outstanding Performance and Style

We look forward to your attendance at the auditions and wish you the best of luck. For questions please call the KSU Band Office (785-532-3816) or e-mail Coach Heptig at saraheptig@gmail.com.