

2024 MTSU Band of Blue Color Guard Video Audition Requirements

Auditions will consist of a Video assessment.

Audition requirements for the video assessment are as follows:

Your video should consist of two (2) segments. ALL new member auditions must contain Segment 1 for Flag and Segment 2, the choreographed routine. Any potential member with weapons experience is encouraged to include Segment 1 for Rifle.

1. Video Submission

Segment 1. Fundamentals - FLAG

Criteria for evaluation includes:

Learn the flag fundamentals exercise here: https://youtu.be/ooUIOiqz-A?si=Tq_TRrpegjaYOQ7U

Releases: 45 degree, flat/parallel, double rotation vertical

These releases are demonstrated in this video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/YW5fBYFCOMg?si=HQDXI3g2QpwCVRkG>

Record yourself performing the flag fundamentals exercise and the releases.

Segment 1. Fundamentals - RIFLE

Criteria for evaluation includes:

Spins: left and right side (min. 50 counts, max. 100 counts)

Single toss: 64 counts - beginning left side, alternating every 4 counts

Triples: 5 solid in a row, no video editing

Fours/Quads: 5 solid in a row, no video editing

Fives: 5 solid in a row, no video editing

If you can achieve them consistently, demonstrate sixes, sevens, eights, etc.

Segment 2. Perform a routine to a musical selection of your choice (2 minutes maximum)

Criteria for evaluation includes:

Coordination of routine to music

Simultaneous footwork, body work, and dance

Variety of technique

Showmanship/performance quality

All video submissions for potential members must be made by midnight, August 9th. The sooner you submit your video, you sooner you will know your placement in the Band of Blue Color Guard!

Please follow these instructions in posting your video:

Upload your video to www.youtube.com

Title your video with the following format: "2024 MTSU Color Guard Audition - [Your Name Here]"

Once your video has finished uploading, email the url link to craig.cornish@mtsu.edu and mst2t@outlook.com

2. Attire - shorts/leotard/any clothing that allows unrestricted movement - please no loose/oversized clothing.

3. Two letters of recommendation (not required of current MTSU Color Guard students)

One from your band director

One from your principal or teacher of your choice

These letters may be submitted electronically to craig.cornish@mtsu.edu

If you have any questions, please contact craig.cornish@mtsu.edu!