

COLORGUARD

Registration and Audition Music Due Date: April 1, 2025

Audition Date: April 5, 2025

Audition Clinic Date (Optional): March 15, 2025

The “Sound of the South” Color Guard Auditions will consist of the following components:

1. Registration Form

- a. Interested students will complete the following short registration form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6A3ojYpty0e1vH-5tb8cZDUK1vfpszxJmP3cKYETVLhUNVM1S0hFSjcxRFpFME4yS0pWU1EzTVYzVC4u> by **April 1, 2025**

2. Letter of Recommendation

- a. 1 letter of recommendation should be provided for new prospective members.
b. Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to troyauxiliary@troy.edu from the recommender, NOT from the auditionee.
c. Letters of recommendation must come from a band director, auxiliary coach/coordinator, or studio instructor.
d. Letters of recommendation from teachers, professors, parents, other family members, or bosses will not be accepted.
e. Additional recommendation letters will not be considered in scoring.

3. Interview

- a. Interested students must complete an interview with the Auxiliary Coordinator and judges on the day of auditions.
b. Please dress professionally for your interview.
c. Be prepared to answer questions about your previous experience in auxiliaries, your experience working with others, and how you can contribute to the SOTS Auxiliaries.

4. In-Person Clinic (OPTIONAL)

- a. An in-person clinic will be offered to all prospective members on **March 15, 2025** as an opportunity to receive help with the basics portion of the audition.
b. The clinic will be run by the chosen captains.
c. Individual routines and day-of routines will not be taught or discussed at the clinic.

5. In-Person Audition

- a. On **April 5, 2025**, potential new members will demonstrate several basic skills, a pre-choreographed individual routine, a pregame routine and a routine that they will learn on the day of auditions. Videos of the required basics will be provided in advance.
b. Students should demonstrate professionalism and appropriate audition etiquette throughout the audition process.

- c. Current auxiliary members will be present at auditions to perform basics and routines alongside prospective members for skill comparison purposes by the judges.
- d. In-person auditions are closed to the public, including parents and family members.
 - i. Basic skills (16 counts of all, except tosses)
 1. Right drop spins
 2. Speed spins/double time/Peggy spins
 3. Stirs/cones
 4. Butterflies
 5. Extensions
 6. Windmills
 7. Front-to-backs
 8. Side-to-sides
 9. Single toss
 10. 45-degree toss
 11. Parallel toss
 12. J-toss
 13. Marching (heel-to-toe)
 14. Jazz runs
 15. T-R
 - ii. Group Routine
 1. A short routine (less than 1 minute in length) will be taught on the day of auditions and will be performed by prospective members.
 - iii. Individual routine
 1. Prospective members should choreograph a routine that highlights their skill and performance.
 2. Individual routines should be 1 minute and 30 seconds to 1 minute and 45 seconds in length.
 3. The routine may be performed to the song of your choice but should not contain questionable or inappropriate lyrics.
 4. You may choose to have assistance in choreographing your routine, but it is not necessary. You will not be scored on your choreography, but on your execution and performance.
 5. You may choose to include rifle in your individual routine. If you choose to do so, you must still include at least 1 full minute of flag work. The remaining time may be used for rifle or flag work.
 6. You must submit your audition music to troyauxiliary@troy.edu as an audio file by **April 1, 2025**.

- For the basic skill and group routine portions of the audition, prospective members should wear all black, well-fitting dance/athletic attire (shorts/leggings and tank top) with jazz dance or guard shoes. Sneakers are acceptable.
- Hair should be all down and curled.
- Makeup should be flattering and tasteful. We want to see your version of “game-day ready.” A flattering shade of red lipstick is required for females.
- You may choose to change into performance attire for the individual routine portion of the audition, but this is not required.

Equipment

- Flags will be provided for basic skills and group routine portions. You must use the provided equipment.
- You may bring your own for individual routine or use the provided flags.
- Rifles will not be provided for individual routines.

