Audition Packet 2020-2021

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WHY LU DANCE TEAM?

The Lamar University Dance Team is a well-uniformed and diverse organization that offers a style and performance level that sets them apart. The members of this prestigious and growing dance team display their vast abilities while supporting Lamar University at athletic events, community activities and their annual show. These collegiate dance team members are as diverse as the styles of dance they present, excelling not only as a team, but also as individuals.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Lamar University Dance Team is committed to providing team members with the opportunity to develop creativity, excel academically, grow personally, embody school spirit and appreciate the arts through entertainment.

SERVICE

The members serve as ambassadors of Lamar University, while participating in many service projects and volunteer activities throughout the community and on campus. They strive to maintain the standards of the organization.

DIVERSITY

Members on our team come from a diverse background. Incoming members are from our region, around the state, and out of state. This diversity is what makes our team outstanding as they draw from each other’s strengths and experiences to succeed.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lamar University Dance Team receives generous scholarships that can provide up to 50 percent of tuition based on skills, years on the team, and leadership status. These scholarships are dependent upon yearly budget allowances, as well as members meeting the 2.0 GPA requirement and full time student status. Other factors such as attitude, effort, and overall performance of each member as determined by the coach also affect amount awarded.

All members: $1000/semester

3 and 4 year members: additional $300/semester

Top 4 audition scorers: additional $300/semester

Captains and Officers: awarded additional amounts based on merit

On-Campus Housing: additional $1500/semester
WORKSHOP AND AUDITION INFORMATION

WORKSHOP
Register online at lamar.edu/danceteam.
DAY: April 25th, 2020
TIME: 1:00 pm—5:00 pm
WHERE: Sheila Umphrey Recreational Sports Center at Lamar University
WORKSHOP FEE: $25
ATTIRE: Black fitted crop top or sports bra, black dance shorts, jazz shoes, and hip hop shoes & attire
We accept cash, checks, or money orders made out to Lamar University Dance Team.

WORKSHOP/PRE-AUDITION
Register online at lamar.edu/danceteam.
DAY: May 17th, 2020
TIME: 1:00 pm—5:00 pm
WHERE: Sheila Umphrey Recreational Sports Center at Lamar University
WORKSHOP FEE: $25
ATTIRE: Black fitted crop top or sports bra, black dance shorts, jazz shoes, and hip hop shoes & attire
We accept cash, checks, or money orders made out to Lamar University Dance Team.

DANCE TEAM AUDITIONS 2020
DAY: June 6-7, 2020
TIME: 8:00 am for on-site registration; 8:30 am for pre-registered
WHERE: Sheila Umphrey Recreational Sports Center at Lamar University
AUDITION FEE: $40
ATTIRE: Fitted crop or sports bra (Black for day 1, any color for day 2), black dance shorts, jazz shoes, and hip hop shoes & attire
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DAY 1 AGENDA
9:00 am
Warm-Up
Across-the-Floor
Two Center Combinations

DAY 2 AGENDA
9:00 am
Individual Warm-Up
Combination Performances
Individual Performances
Interviews

GENERAL REQUIRED SKILLS FOR AUDITION
• Experience in all styles of dance
• Battements in all directions
• Leg extensions right and left
• Leg holds
• Double and triple pirouettes
• A la seconds
• Right and left grand jeté
• Leap in second
• Chaine’ grand jeté
• Calypso
• Firebird
• Chaine’ disc
• Switch leap

REQUIRED ITEMS TO BRING TO AUDITION
1. 2020-2021 Application & Waiver
2. 2 Letters of Recommendation
   Note: Include a direct phone number for each reference
3. $40 Fee
4. Current Photo
   Note: Selfies and photos printed on copy paper are not suitable for submission.
5. 60-Second Solo—Any style is welcomed.
   Please showcase all strengths and creativity. Solo costumes are allowed, but not required.
6. 2 Copies of Solo Music on CDs or USB

UNABLE TO ATTEND AUDITIONS?
Email Brixey.Blankenship@Lamar.edu for more information about pre-auditioning on May 17th, 2020.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What should I bring to the audition?
A: See Required Items to Bring to Auditions, extra dance attire, shoes (just in case), a water bottle, lunch/snacks, and any personal items (make up, curling iron, etc.).

Q: How do I prepare for auditions?
A: LUDT takes pride in having well-rounded and technically trained dancers. There are many dance studios where you may take classes to improve on your technique and skills. How you present yourself is a reflection of your commitment & potential.

Q: How should I wear my make-up?
A: Apply your makeup like you would for game day or a recital, which includes false lashes and red lips.

Q: How should I wear my hair?
A: Hair should be out of your face and curled.

Q: If I mess up, can I do the routine again?
A: It is completely at the discretion of the judges if a candidate will be given more than one opportunity to perform the routine. A candidate may be given a second opportunity if he/she does not execute enough of the routine to be given a score.

Q: Who judges the audition?
A: The judges are all dance professionals who will not be given any information about the individual dancer prior to or during the audition. Their selection will be based completely on their critique of the candidate’s performances. If a judge personally knows the candidate, another judge will be available to score the applicant.

Q: Can my family and friends watch the audition?
A: No, guests may wait until the auditions are over to see the candidate.

Q: Do I have to pay for my own uniform?
A: Basic uniforms are provided (half time costumes, poms, warm-ups, rain gear, etc.).

Q: Are there any fees?
A: Each team member will pay dues of $275-350.

Q: What can I expect at rehearsals?
A: At this time, rehearsals are on Tuesday night and Friday afternoon. Additional rehearsals will be added towards the end of the fall semester as well as weekends in the Spring leading up to our annual show.

Q: Is there a height and weight requirement?
A: We require all potential members to maintain the appropriate physique in order to look their best in any uniform and costume, as well as properly execute all required skills and choreography. Everyone comes in different shapes and sizes, but all candidates must be in great physical shape.

Q: How will auditions work?
A: Tryouts are a multi-step process beginning with Preliminaries, Callbacks, a Personal Interview if necessary, and Finals. The pool of candidates may be reduced at any time throughout the tryout process.

Q: Am I allowed to have a job?
A: Yes, but Lamar University Dance Team must take priority.

Q: Do you allow male candidates?
A: Yes. Auditions are open to both male and female candidates.
PRE-AUDITION TO-DO LIST

To be eligible for the team, candidates must be accepted to Lamar University prior to your tryout date. To expedite this process, be sure to submit your Lamar University application and fee, all academic transcripts from your high school and other colleges, and a copy of your SAT/ACT scores to the Admissions Office.

Entering Freshmen:
1. Fill out and submit an official application online through the statewide Apply Texas system.
2. Take the SAT or ACT, preferably by the fall semester of your senior year of high school, and have your scores sent to Lamar University. Use SAT Code 6360 or ACT Code 4114. If you have already taken the SAT or ACT and did not send your scores to LU, contact the testing agency to have your scores forwarded.
3. Submit an official copy of your current high school transcript to Lamar University. Your high school counselor should be able to help you. Send transcripts to:
   Lamar University Office of Admissions
   PO Box 10009
   Beaumont TX 77710
4. After graduation, have your final high school transcript sent to Lamar University.

Transfer Students:
1. Fill out and submit an official application online through the statewide Apply Texas system.
2. Have official copies of all prior college and university transcripts sent to Lamar University by the application deadline. This applies regardless of the length of attendance and regardless of whether credit was earned. Send transcripts to:
   Lamar University Office of Admissions
   PO Box 10009
   Beaumont TX 77710
3. If transferring with fewer than 18 credit hours, have your scores on the SAT or ACT sent to the admissions office. Use SAT Code 6360 or ACT Code 4114.

Returning Students:
- Former Lamar University students who have not registered for, or attended classes for more than one year must file for re-admission by updating their admission application online through the statewide Apply Texas system.
- Students returning after an absence of less than a year need only update their addresses and telephone numbers with the Records Office in Wimberly 102.
- Students who left on suspension must receive written clearance from their academic advisor to be eligible for readmission.
- Former students who have attended another college must submit a complete record of all academic work done after leaving Lamar and must meet the requirements for other transfer students.
LAMAR UNIVERSITY DANCE TEAM
AUDITION APPLICATION

Full Name:_________________________________________ Student ID Number:__________________

Email Address:____________________________________ Date of Birth:__________________________

Mailing Address:__________________________________

City, State, and Zip Code:______________________________

Cell Phone:________________________ Home Phone:________________________

Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number:__________________________

Classification (circle one):           Incoming Freshman       College Freshman       Sophomore       Junior       Senior

Major:_________________________________________ Current GPA:__________________________

Age:___________ Height:_________ Weight:__________

Dance Experience:_______________________________________________________________

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Have you auditioned for, or are planning to audition for any other college dance team?   Yes   /   No

If yes, which team(s)?___________________________________________________________

Do you have any conflicts with the time commitment and expectations during the summer of the
upcoming season (family weddings, travel abroad, work)?                          Yes   /   No

If yes, please explain:__________________________________________________________

Do you have any health problems or limitations?                                                    Yes   /   No

If yes, please explain:__________________________________________________________

Have you been under the care of a physician within the last year?                          Yes   /   No

If yes, please explain:__________________________________________________________
If a dorm scholarship is available, would you apply for one?  

Yes / No

How many years would you consider committing to the Lamar University Dance Team? ________

Briefly explain why you would like to be chosen as a member of the Lamar University Dance Team:
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What special qualities or skills do you possess that would make you an asset to the team?
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I understand that:

My candidacy for a position on the Lamar University Dance Team, and participation if selected, is contingent upon being a continuously and regularly enrolled student (minimum of 12 hours), in good academic standing, with an overall grade point average of at least 2.0 from the time of auditions through the Spring. Eligibility checks will be conducted on all candidates. I understand, accept, and am willing to comply with the selection procedures as outlined by the head coach.

Signature:______________________________________________ Date:_________________
GUEST WAIVER
RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE

For and in consideration of my being permitted to participate in Lamar University Recreational Sports activities and use of the Sheila Umphrey Recreational Sports Center, Tennis Courts, Driving Range, Aquatic Center, Intramurals, and/or rental equipment for any purpose, including but not limited to observation, use of facilities or equipment, or participation in classes, programs, and activities sponsored by the Lamar University Recreational Sports Department, the undersigned hereby releases, waives, discharges, and covenants not to sue Lamar University and the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System and the employees, officers, members, and agents of each (hereinafter referred to as the “Releases”) from all liability to the undersigned for all loss or damage, or any claim of damage, on account of injury to me or my property or resulting in death of the undersigned, whether caused by the negligence of the Releases or otherwise, while the undersigned is in, upon, or about the premises or any facilities or equipment therein except that nothing herein shall exonerate Releases from gross negligence.

The undersigned understands that participation in the Recreational Sports activities described herein presents risk of bodily injury, death, or property damage and, nevertheless, voluntarily assumes full responsibility for and all risk of any such bodily injury, death, or property damage due to negligence of the Releases or otherwise while in, about, or upon the premises and/or while using the premises or any facilities or equipment hereon.

The undersigned agrees that this Release, Waiver of Liability, and Covenant Not to Sue is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Texas, and that if any portion of the agreement in held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

The undersigned understands that the acceptance of this Release, Waiver of Liability, and Covenant Not to Sue by Lamar University and the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System shall not constitute a waiver, in whole or in part, of sovereign immunity.

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she agrees to abide by the policies and procedures of the Recreational Sports Department. A copy of the policies and procedures guide is available upon request at the service counter and can be located on the Recreational Sports website.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she is 18 years of age or older (or a parent has signed below). Further, the undersigned states that he/she has carefully read and voluntarily signs the Release, Waiver of Liability, and Covenant Not to Sue.

The undersigned acknowledges this document is binding as long as he/she is a participant at Lamar University and uses the Sheila Umphrey Recreational Sports Center, Tennis Courts, Driving Range, Aquatic Center, Intramurals, and/or rental equipment.

Participant Signature__________________________________________________________
Participant Name (Please print)__________________________________________________ Lamar ID #________
Witness Signature (if participant is under 18)______________________________________
Witness Name (Please print)_____________________________________________________ Lamar ID#________