UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

SWEETHEART MAJORETTE

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FEATURE TWIRLER VIDEO AUDITIONS
DUE 3.09.19

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DUE 3.15.19
2019-2020 AUDITION INFO

The University of Kentucky Sweetheart Majorette auditions consist of a live audition that will be conducted in front of a panel of judges. Auditions will be held March 30th, 2019 on the University of Kentucky campus. More details will be provided after audition materials have been received.

All candidates must be accepted to the University of Kentucky prior to auditioning. If a candidate has not applied, they should do so immediately by visiting www.uky.edu/admission. If a candidate is selected but has yet to be accepted into the University of Kentucky, their position as a Sweetheart Majorette/Feature Twirler will not be official until proof of admission. A candidate who is a current UK student or returning Sweetheart Majorette must be in good standing with the university. Failure to meet these requirements can result in dismissal from auditions.

Twirlers who have previously twirled with the Wildcat Marching Band are required to audition each year. Thus, the majorette positions are open each year, and no preference is given to previous twirler(s). The amount of Sweetheart Majorettes selected will be based on the number of candidates who are qualified for the positions. In any given year, the Wildcat Marching Band reserves the right to select no new or returning twirlers. Any questions should be directed to Dr. Dana Biggs, University of Kentucky Director of Athletic Bands, at dana.biggs@uky.edu

AUDITION FORMAT
The auditions will be closed to the public and will be judged and scored on the following sections:

1. Individual Routines: 2-3 minutes
2. Interview with the Judges
3. Bodywork Technique, Basic Skills, Presentation, and Individual Tricks
   Candidates will be asked to complete basic skills like marching, finger twirl sections, and basic body work like leaps, kicks, and rolls to evaluate their technique and presentation
4. Individual Tricks
   Judges will ask the candidate to perform and catch individual tricks not displayed in their individual routine
5. Group Routine
   Candidates will be taught a brief routine at the audition, which will be performed in small groups. Candidates will be judged on their ability to learn choreography quickly, ability to memorize/retain, overall ability to perform in a group, technique and execution, and overall performance and showmanship.
6. Down The Field Routine and Improv (Feature Twirler Candidates Only)
   Feature Twirler Candidates will be required to perform a down the field routine (from one end of the basketball court to the other) to our fight song, On, On, U of K.
   Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qH5Uhh1djNo

*Feature Twirler Candidates may be asked to perform an improv stand-still routine to randomly selected music.
INDIVIDUAL ROUTINE GUIDELINES
Majorette and Feature Twirler Candidates will perform a solo freestyle/dance twirl routine to music of their choice.
- No props (flags, hoops, streamers, knives, rifles, sabers, or other novelties) are allowed.
- The routine should best display candidates’ twirling abilities and be between 2-3 minutes.
- The candidate must provide their music in an mp3 format prior to auditions. (Email music to uktwirlers@gmail.com)
- Candidates will be judged on overall skill proficiency, execution, and body placement/control.
- Basic skills, individual tricks and bodywork should be demonstrated in brief combinations consisting of the elements listed below.

ATTIRE
Individual routines will be first, please wear a competition uniform and have full performance hair and make-up.

After your individual routine is completed, please wear a black form-fitting top with black form-fitting shorts, tights, and twirling shoes of choice with performance hair and make-up.

REQUIREMENTS

SWEETHEART MAJORETTE REQUIREMENTS:
- 2 Spin Vertical (Various Catches: Back-catch, Blind, Back-hand, Left)
- 2 Spin Horizontal
- Regular Toss Illusion
- Reverse Toss Illusion
- Rolls (Elbow rolls and Fishtails)
- Finger Twirls
- Toss Cartwheel or Walkover encouraged
- Leap(s), Splits, Tour jetes, Laybacks
- 2 Baton Combinations
- 3 Baton Combinations (tick-tocs, thumb toss box, horizontal box)

FEATURE TWIRLER REQUIREMENTS:
- 4 Spin Vertical (Various Catches: Back-catch, Blind, Back-hand, Left)
- 4 Spin Horizontal
- 1-Spin Illusion
- Double Illusion (Vertical or Horizontal)
- Continuous Rolls (Elbow rolls, Back-necks, Fishtails)
- Walkovers (Aerials, Back Handsprings, etc are also encouraged)
- 2, 3, and 4 Baton Combinations
- Toss Leaps, Tour Jetes, Laybacks, Split Leap, etc.
APPLICATION

APPLICATION MATERIAL
Each candidate must follow the below directions in order to submit their application. Please email the below information and a copy of your acceptance letter (if incoming student), and Feature Twirler video audition to uktwirlers@gmail.com

1. Cover letter detailing all the positions you’re interested in, your major, and your upcoming year at the University of Kentucky.
2. Completely fill out the attached application. For the section labeled “Twirling Background” either fill out the provided fields or include a twirling resume in your email.
3. Attach a photo headshot.
4. Email individual routine music upon submission of your application or prior to audition.
5. Please mail the $40 non-refundable registration fee (Payable to UK Bands)
   University of Kentucky Wildcat Marching Bands
   Attn.: Dr. Dana Biggs, Director of Athletic Bands
   33 Fine Arts Building
   465 Rose Street
   Lexington, KY 40506-0022

FEATURE TWIRLER AUDITION VIDEOS
Feature Twirler Candidates must submit a 2-5 minute audition video to uktwirlers@gmail.com or by emailing the dvd to the above address before the **3.09.19 deadline**. Videos should contain solo performances both in a competition and field setting.
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First Name __________________________________ Last Name __________________________________
Email Address_____________________________ Cell Phone Number_____________________________
Age _____________ Weight ________________ Height _____________________________

Home Address
Street_____________________________________________________________________________________
City ___________________________ State _________ Zip _________________

Emergency Contact
Name ___________________________________ Phone____________________________

Status for Fall 2019 (please circle one)
Freshman    Sophomore    Junior    Senior

Have you been accepted for admission to the University of Kentucky? Incoming students, please attach a copy of your acceptance letter.
Yes   No

High School Attended_________________________________________________________

Are you interested in being Captain? (Must be a returning member)
Yes   No

Twirling Background: (please use additional paper if needed or attach twirling resume)
High School/Competition Experience:
__________________________________________________________________________________________
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Leadership Positions:
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Accomplishments:
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Safety Conditions: For safety and training purposes, please list any prior orthopedic injuries or physical conditions that should be brought to the attention of our staff.
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I hereby accept the above terms for auditions and acknowledge awareness that participation in auditions for the UK Sweetheart Majorette Line can involve risk of serious injury and that these injuries may occur in some instances as the result of unavoidable twirling accidents. I accept these risks in giving consent to participate in UK Sweetheart Majorette auditions by the undersigned person(s):

Student Signature ______________________________________ Date __________

Parent/Guardian Signature ______________________________Date __________
(If student is under 18)