



PIONEER PRIDE DANCE TEAM
TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

AUDITION PACKET | 2019-2020

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BECOME PART OF A PIONEER TRADITION!



OVERVIEW

Thank you for your interest in becoming part of the Pioneer Pride Dance team! The Pioneer Pride's purpose is to serve the university through spirit and support. The dance team is part of the Fitness and Recreation Department. You will see the Pioneer Pride dancers at home volleyball and basketball games, New Student Orientations, Family Weekend, community events, and many other performance venues. The team will also compete at ADTS Nationals in Denton, TX and NDA Nationals in Daytona Beach, FL.

The number of team members varies from year to year. A final number will be determined by the Director and judges. We are looking for both quality dancers and quality students. In order to perform and be considered for travel opportunities the dancer should aim to have no less than a 2.5 GPA. A Pioneer Pride dancer is expected to put forth full effort at all times in practice, in class, and outside school. Each individual is a reflection of the team and the university. Our core values include integrity, spirit, respect, confidence, and pride.

Interested students should be committed, respectful, and have good time management. The dance team will practice 10-15 hours a week in addition to weight and strength training. The style is primarily jazz and pom, but the team will occasionally perform hip hop and contemporary as determined by the venue/event.

Come be part of a new tradition at Texas Woman's University!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison Fields".

Allison Fields
Pioneer Pride Dance Team Director



TRYOUT REQUIREMENTS

PRELIMINARY REQUIREMENTS:

- Application and acceptance to Texas Woman's University by the tryout date of April 26, 2019
- In good academic and disciplinary standing with current school
- Extensive dance training background

APPLICATION MUST BE TURNED IN WITH ALL THE ITEMS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

- One headshot photo (any attire) and one full body shot photo (half top and spandex shorts) The photos will not be returned.
- Application
- Liability Waiver
- 2 letters of reference (include one from your current or most recent dance director)
- Copy of TWU acceptance letter (or Spring 2019 schedule if you are a current TWU student)
- Copy of unofficial transcript
- \$30.00 non-refundable application fee - checks made to TWU (memo - Pioneer Dance team tryouts) (must include DOB & DL#)

***ANYONE WHO DOES NOT MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO TRYOUT.**

Mail all items together to: TWU Fitness and Recreation, Attn: Allison Fields, PO Box 425705, Denton, TX 76204

The above items must be postmarked no later than April 9, 2019. You may also bring above items to Fitness & Recreation in an envelope addressed to Allison Fields.

BRING TO TRYOUTS: COPY OF CURRENT INSURANCE CARD*, TENNIS SHOES AND JAZZ SHOES, WATER BOTTLE

***CANDIDATES MUST BE COVERED UNDER MEDICAL INSURANCE IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO AUDITION. EXCEPTIONS WILL NOT BE MADE.**



AUDITION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 | 5:00PM REGISTRATION / 6:30PM-9:00PM CLINIC

5:00 - Registration / Warm up on your own

6:30 - Workshop (across the floor, technique elements, and learn short dance combo)

8:00 - Learn fight song

9:00 - Cuts made if needed

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 | 8:30AM - 3:30PM

8:30 - Warm up / Review

10:00 - Try-outs for judges begin (technical skills, jazz combo, fight song)

5:00 - Team announcement followed by team meeting and dinner

**Schedule is subject to change

DANCE ELEMENTS

Grande Jete

Calypso

Russian Leap

Double Pirouette on Left

Triple Pirouette on Right

At least four turns in a la seconde

Toe Touch

Tilt jump

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

Dancers should be outgoing and spirited! In addition, they should be athletic and well versed in jazz dance technique including sharpness, precision, and confidence. Tryouts are often subjective and the candidate must understand the decision of the judges and Dance Team Director are final.

Returning team members will be expected to demonstrate growth from the previous year. In addition to the qualities listed above, veterans will be judged on their attitude, effort, and character as displayed the previous year.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN ARE TRYOUTS?

April 26-27, 2019

ARE AUDITIONS OPEN TO MALE STUDENTS?

Yes! Although our university's name is Texas Woman's University, our auditions are open to all students.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TO TRYOUTS?

Female candidates - A solid color half top and black spandex shorts. Need jazz shoes and tennis shoes. Full make up including red lipstick. Hair half up/half down. Nail polish should be clear, French, or American manicured. One pair of rhinestone earrings may be worn.

Male candidates - A solid color t-shirt and black gym shorts. Need jazz shoes and tennis shoes.

*All candidates should remove jewelry (except one pair of allowed rhinestone earrings) and cover tattoos.

WHERE ARE TRYOUTS HELD?

The Kitty Magee Arena in Pioneer Hall. (1600 N. Bell Avenue, Denton, TX 76204)

ARE FRIENDS/FAMILY ALLOWED TO WATCH THE AUDITIONS?

No. Auditions are closed.

IS PRIOR DANCE EXPERIENCE NECESSARY?

Yes. It is expected that all candidates have had prior dance training and are confident and comfortable performing the following jazz dance technique elements: grande jete, calypso, Russian leap, double pirouette on left/triple pirouette on right, at least four turns in a la seconde, toe touch, tilt jump.

WHEN WILL WE FIND OUT WHO MADE THE TEAM?

Saturday, after all auditions have been completed.

HOW DO I FIND HOUSING FOR AUDITIONS?

There are many reputable hotels and eating establishments in the Denton area. TWU will not provide housing, nor meals for auditions.

IS THERE A HEIGHT OR WEIGHT RESTRICTION?

No, however, all dancers are expected to be athletic and to fully participate in all practices, activities, and events with no hindrances.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OVER THE SUMMER?

Summer practice and NDA Camp in July and August. Room and board is provided for summer practice and camp. There will also be opportunities to perform at the Summer New Student Orientations.

IS THERE A COST TO BE ON THE TEAM?

No.

ARE TEAM MEMBERS REQUIRED TO LIVE ON CAMPUS?

Team members are not required to live on campus. However, it is highly recommended they do for both team bonding and convenient access to the campus practice and performance facilities.

WHEN ARE PRACTICES?

Monday and Wednesday from 6:00-9:00pm and Tuesday and Thursday 7:00-9:00am (practice times are subject to change based on availability)



TWU PIONEER PRIDE 2019-2020 TRYOUT APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____ Age: _____

Current School Attending: _____

Previous Dance Team Experience (include offices held): _____

Classification for Fall 2019 Semester: _____

Desired Major: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Current GPA: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Dance Top Size: _____ Dance Pant Size: _____ Dance Shoe Size: _____ Tennis Shoe Size: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

I, _____ have provided accurate information above and understand the expectations of the Pioneer Pride Dance Team. I have been accepted to Texas Woman's University and plan to attend TWU in Fall 2019 as a full time student. I understand the time commitment expected of Pioneer Pride team members. In addition to the time I will commit to practice and perform, I commit to attending all my classes and understand if I do not my position on the team will be in jeopardy. I understand regular grades checks with the registrar and my professors will be made by my coach. I understand my reputation is a reflection of my team and my university and I commit to always maintaining a positive image. I understand that I am required to attend the following if I am selected for the team: summer practices, NDA Summer camp, new student orientations, pep rallies, volleyball games, basketball games, tournament games, alumni functions, and other appearances needed for the University. With the exception of my education, my commitment to the Pioneer Pride Dance Team takes first priority. I understand that I am allowed to participate in other organizations or events, but I will not be excused from dance team appearances for these events. I understand that I must have current insurance on file and it is recommended I obtain a physical examination before I try out for the team. I also understand that financial obligations might arise and be necessary as a member of the Pioneer Pride Dance team.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



TWU PIONEER PRIDE AUDITIONS LIABILITY WAIVER

I request to be allowed to participate in the Texas Woman's University Pioneer Pride Dance team auditions. I recognize that there exists the possibility of injury, including permanent disabilities and death, which might result not only from my actions, inactions or negligence, but the actions, inactions, or negligence of others, or the condition of the premises or facility used. I knowingly and freely assume all the foregoing risk and accept personal responsibility for the damage following such injury, disability or death related to participation in the audition process.

I understand the activities required in the TWU Pioneer Pride Dance Team auditions may involve strenuous physical activity and that a medical check-up is advisable before participation in the TWU dance team auditions. In addition, I must provide a copy of my current health insurance in order to be eligible to participate in the auditions.

In consideration of TWU assistance in providing equipment, personnel, and/or facilities, located on the TWU campus, I hereby fully hold harmless, release and discharge TWU, its regents, officers, agents, employees, and representatives from all rights, claims, demands, damages, liabilities, and actions whatsoever that I or my representatives have or may have against TWU regents, officers, agents, employees, and/or representatives arising from my voluntary participation in the TWU dance team audition process.

I, _____ fully understand and agree to the above terms.

Dancer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

TO BE READ AND SIGNED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A MINOR (under 18 years of age)

I hereby state that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor whose signature appears above.

I am familiar with and consent to the terms and provisions set forth in this waiver.

Parent or legal guardian's printed name: _____

Parent or legal guardians signature: _____ Date: _____