



# VSU COLOR GUARD AUDITIONS

FALL 2022

## AUDITION INFORMATION

Welcome to VSU and thank you for your interest in the Fall 2022 VSU Blazin' Brigade Color Guard! Please understand that the audition is not meant to be scary or exclusionary in any way; we need to be able to assess where your skills are currently to best utilize your talent. All members, new and returning, must audition for the Fall 2022 Guard.

## INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Dr. Skye Holmes: Assistant Director of Bands/Director of Athletic Bands

Mrs. Keisha Thomas: Color Guard Instructor

## AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

All audition information should be submitted to by **May 1st, 2022:**

<http://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/arts/music/blazin-brigade/guard-auditions.php>

Auditions will be judged on execution and ability, precision, coordination, technique, poise and projection.

1. The following elements must be demonstrated for a minimum of eight counts **while marking time:**
  - a. Drop Spin
  - b. Speed Spins
  - c. Back scratches/flutterers
  - d. Carves
2. Toss Elements required
  - Single
  - Double
  - Parallel
  - Forty-five
3. A 2-3 minute routine you have either performed in a previous show, or created yourself with, both audio and video. Feel free to use weapons in addition to flag work if you choose.

\*\*\*Auditions are subject to be denied if persons auditioning had attendance, performance, or behavioral issues during the Fall 2021 season.

## AUDITIONAL FEES

All members (new and returning) are required to submit a \$200 uniform payment and body measurements upon acceptance. Payments can be made with cash or check and must be received by **June 1st, 2022**. Cash must be delivered to the Music Department Office in Powell Hall in person. Please mail all checks, made out to VSU Bands to:

Valdosta State University: Attention Skye Holmes  
1500 N. Patterson Street  
Valdosta, GA 31602

## AUDITIONAL APPAREL AND EQUIPMENT

Color Guard members are required to purchase their own practice pole, practice flag and poms. This can be ordered on the apparel website linked on Blazin' Brigade's page that will open **May 1, 2021**: [valdosta.edu/blazinbrigade](http://valdosta.edu/blazinbrigade). All members must have ALL of these items for band camp.

Additional required apparel can be found the Summer Packet on the website. Please be sure to check for this information on **May 1st, 2022**.

## SCHOLARSHIP

All members of the Blazin' Brigade receive a \$350.00 scholarship for their participation each season. This amount is distributed at the end of the season and is dependent on the student's grade earned in the course. More information about the Blazin' Brigade scholarship can be found in the course syllabus.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For any other questions about the auditions process, uniform payments, or required apparel, please contact **Mrs. Keisha Thomas at [kthomas@gocats.org](mailto:kthomas@gocats.org)**.

Thank you and we wish you the best of luck through this process!

Go Blazers!