**MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Color Guard Audition Requirements**  
Saturday, April 14, 1:00 – 6:00  
Room 173, Wright Music Building

*If you are unable to attend on this date, please send a video audition. Instruction for submitting a video audition are below.*

The following information will be helpful to those students who plan to audition for a guard position with the MTSU “Band of Blue”.

Audition requirements for the live audition are as follows:

1. Perform a routine to a music selection of your choice (2-3 minutes maximum)

   Criteria for evaluation includes:
   - Coordination of routine to music
   - Simultaneous footwork, body work, and dance
   - Variety of technique
   - Showmanship
   - If you can do Rifle as well as Flag, you might want to have both pieces of equipment in your audition routine.

   Bring a CD recording or iPod/iPhone with your musical selection

2. Attire - Shorts/leotard/or any clothing that allows unrestricted movement (Please do not wear loose/oversized clothing.)

3. Two letters of recommendation (not required of current “Band of Blue” MTSU Students)
   a. One from your band director
   b. One from your principal or teacher of your choice
   c. These letters may be submitted electronically to Jen.Stembridge@mtsu.edu

OR YOU CAN SEND A VIDEO AUDITION  
*ONLY IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE AUDITIONS!*

Audition requirements for the Video assessment are as follows:

Your video should consist of two (2) segments. ALL auditions must contain Segment 1 for Flag. Any potential member with weapons experience is encouraged to include Segment 1 for Rifle.
1. Video Submission

Segment 1. Fundamentals - FLAG
Criteria for evaluation includes:
- Drop Spins: left and right side (min. 50 counts, max. 100 counts)
- Double time (also know as speed spins, double fast, ¾ spins, etc.): left and right side (min. 60 counts, max. 100 counts)
- Releases: 45 degree, flat/parallel, double rotation vertical

Segment 1. Fundamentals - RIFLE
Criteria for evaluation includes:
- Spins: left and right side (min. 50 counts, max. 100 counts)
- Single toss: 64 counts - beginning of left side, alternating every 4 counts
- Triples: 5 solid in a row, no video editing
- Fours/Quads: 5 solid in a row, no video editing
- Fives: 5 solid in a row, no video editing
- If you can achieve them consistently, demonstrate sixes, sevens, eights…

Segment 2. Perform a routine to a musical selection of your choice
Criteria for evaluation includes:
- Coordination of routine to music
- Simultaneous footwork, body work, and dance
- Variety of technique
- Showmanship

All video submissions for potential members must be made, posted and emailed by midnight, June 1st, 2018.

Please follow these instructions in posting your video:
- Upload your video to www.youtube.com
- Title your video with the following format: “2018 MTSU Color Guard Audition - [Your Name Here]”
- Once your video has finished uploading, email the url link to Jen.Stembridge@mtsu.edu

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3. Two letters of recommendation (not required of current “Band of Blue” MTSU Students)
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   b. One from your principal or teacher of your choice
   c. These letters may be submitted electronically to craig.cornish@mtsu.edu

Notification of your intention to audition by returning the audition application form will be appreciated. For more information, contact:
   Jennifer Stembridge
   jen.stembridge@mtsu.edu
   615-898-2993

If you are interested in being a color guard captain, you must schedule a time for an interview. Interviews will be scheduled through Jennifer in the Band Office.
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Please return to:  Color Guard Auditions  
Middle Tennessee State University  
MTSU Box 63  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37132  
jen.stembridge@mtsu.edu

Name ______________________________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________
City/State/Zip ________________________________________________________
S.S. # __________________________ Home Phone __________________________
Email address: ________________________________________________________
High School Attended __________________________________________________
Name of Band Director ________________________________________________
Experience in Guard____________________________________________________
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Check one: __________ Guard Member Only _________ Interested in Captain

ALL CURRENT GUARD MEMBERS MUST AUDITION FOR A POSITION IN THE MTSU “BAND OF BLUE” SHOULD THEY WISH TO RETURN.