

# Tennessee State University Aristocrat of Bands

## *Royal Elegance* *Flag Corp*

### Audition Information

**Date:** Saturday, April 1-2, 2017 (You must be present both days!)

You must register your intent to audition at [www.tnstate.edu/aristocratofbands](http://www.tnstate.edu/aristocratofbands) by Thursday, March 30, 2017.

#### Application Criteria Due at Interview/Registration

- Completed application
- Color photo, full body (not required of current Royal Elegance members)
- Proof of admission to Tennessee State University for new students

#### Audition Attire April 1<sup>st</sup>

- Plain white t-shirt or exercise top
- Solid color leggings
- Comfortable tennis shoe or guard shoe
- No jewelry

#### Audition Attire April 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Leotard, tank or fitted tee
- Jazz pants or dance shorts and tights
- Tennis shoe or guard shoe
- Performance hair and makeup

**Audition Process:** Saturday, April 1, 2017, 8:30am, TSU Indoor Practice Facility

- 8:30am Registration
- 9:00am Warmup / Physical Fitness
- 9:30am Session I
- 11:00am Interviews / Lunch Break
- 1:00pm Session II

You will learn two group routines that you will audition from on Sunday. The Explosion entrance and closing routine will also be taught.

**Audition Process:** Sunday, April 2, 2017, 1:45pm, TSU Gentry Center

- 1:45pm Dress Rehearsal
- 4:00pm AOB Explosion Audition

The audition will consist of 1 group routine and 1 individual routine that you develop, 1 minute in length. Individual routine should showcase your skills, ability and creativity.

#### Judging Criteria

- Appearance (neat, clean, smiling, posture)
- Marching (precision, poise, marking time)
- Showmanship (confidence, enthusiasm, audience appeal)
- Memorization
- Execution (flag control, mechanical skills)
- Style (moving with the music, performs with energy, poise)

#### Interviews

- Interviews for current TSU students will be Friday, March 31, 2017. Business attire is required.
- Interviews for new students will be Saturday, April 1, 2017 during the break.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What size flag poles does the Royal Elegance Flag Corp use?**

We use 6 foot flag poles.

### **Do I need to bring my own flag?**

If you have a flag available please bring it. We will have a limited number of flags available for students to borrow.

### **Is there an audition fee?**

No.

### **Do I have to be a Tennessee State University student to audition?**

Yes. All applicants must be a current TSU student or already accepted transfer or first time freshmen for Fall 2017.

### **How many people will be chosen for the 2017 Flag Corp?**

We do not have a set number to select for the Flag Corp.

### **Is there a height and weight requirement?**

We do not have a height and weight requirement, however, physical fitness and agility is required to keep up with the physical demands of our performances.

### **Is previous flag corp experience required?**

Previous experience is not required to audition. Tryout routines, with the exception of the 1 minute individual routine, will be taught at the tryout clinic.

### **Will the auditions be open to the public?**

The Saturday clinic session is closed to the public however, the Sunday AOB Explosion tryout is open to the public.

### **If I am selected for the Flag Corp will I be required to wear my hair and makeup a certain way for performances?**

Yes. The Royal Elegance Flag Corp is a "team" and all members are expected to look unified in appearance. Specific instructions will be given for how hair and makeup will be for performances.

### **When will I find out if I made the Flag Corp?**

Audition results will be posted at the Band Office on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 12:00pm.

### **What is the practice schedule once school starts in the fall?**

The Royal Elegance Flag Corp is a section of the marching band and a part of the Aristocrat of Bands' field show from start to finish. Rehearsals begin at 6pm Monday through Friday and all members are required to attend.

Please contact Ms. Michelle Allen at [mallen@tnstate.edu](mailto:mallen@tnstate.edu) for questions or more information.