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2021-2022 Audition Packet

Audition Hopeful,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the FSU Golden Girls Dance Team! We are a part of the Florida State Spirit Program, which consists of the Golden Girls, Coed Cheerleading Squad & All-Girl Cheerleading Squad. Our team serves as ambassadors for Florida State University and helps promote spirit at several athletic events including Football, Men's Basketball & Volleyball as well as other events for our school and community.

We are looking for confident, talented, humble, dedicated, and passionate dancers to be a part of the 2021-2022 FSU Golden Girls Dance Team. Team members are responsible for representing Florida State in the classroom, on the court/field and on stage at the national level. Being a member of our team comes with several exciting opportunities but is also a major commitment. Please review all the materials thoroughly. If you foresee any conflicts, these must be discussed prior to the audition date.

More information on this process is listed in this packet. This is a life-changing opportunity and we are excited about the possibility of having you in our program. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions you might have.

Go NOLES!

**CHASITY TYUS**

**Head Coach**

**Florida State University Golden Girls**



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## AUDITIONS

### **Audition Material**

Audition material videos will be posted to the FSU Spirit page one week before the audition qualifying video is due. Throughout the process, please perform video audition material exactly as it is taught, as you will be evaluated on it by a panel of judges. We are looking for the dancers who have great knowledge of material along with strong execution and the ability to be cleaned and blend with a team. Dancers will be asked to submit audition qualifying video material and semi-finalist audition video material separately. Please do not submit ALL materials together, as it will be evaluated at separate times. Please make sure all video material is clear, concise and easily accessible (i.e YouTube/Google Drive).

### **Attire and Hair and Makeup**

During the entirety of online auditions, attire is a black tight-fitting top of your choice along with black spandex shorts and jazz shoes/turners. **No** t-shirts or leggings should be worn during auditions. Exceptions are made for previously recorded material, such as solos. During Hip Hop, you may add a pair of black hip hop style pants and your choice of sneakers. Hair and makeup should be “game-day ready” at all times. Hair may be pulled back, out of your face and eyes for all but Game-Day audition videos.

**Auditions will be completely online for the 21-22 season. See online schedule below:**

### **Sunday, April 18th: Audition Qualifying Video/Paperwork DUE**

See qualifying video requirements on page 3 of this packet

### **Sunday, April 25th: Semi-finalist Announced & Invited to Next Round of Auditions**

You will be notified via email and social media which numbers are moving onto the semi-final round

### **Saturday, May 1st: Live Zoom Auditions & Semi-Finalist Online Audition Videos DUE**

See Live Zoom & Semi-Finalist online audition video requirements on page 3 of this packet

### **Sunday, May 2nd: Finalist Announced & Video Interview times announced**

You will be notified via email and social media which numbers are moving onto the final round

### **Tues. & Wed. May 4th-5th: Video Interviews**

All interviews will be conducted on the Zoom app. Finalist may use cellphone, iPad or desktop computer.

### **Friday, May 7th: 2021-2022 Golden Girl Dance Team Announced**

Team will be posted via Social Media (Facebook, Instagram & Twitter)



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## Audition Qualifying Video Requirements

If you are a current team member of the Golden Girls Dance Team, the audition qualifying video requirements DONOT apply to you.

The first step in auditioning for the Golden Girl's Dance team, is to register for auditions at fsuspirit.com and send in a qualifying video **NO LATER THAN APRIL 18th, NO EXCEPTIONS**. You need to be accepted into Florida State University and attending FSU in the Fall of 2021 as a full-time student (12 semester hours) once selected. Attire for audition videos is listed above. Exceptions for attire will be made for dancers sending in previously filmed material. The video must be uploaded and set as unlisted on a video-hosting site (i.e. YouTube/Google drive). Clearly label the online video with full name and email address. Please set as "unlisted" and email link & head shot to Coach Chasity Tyus at [fsuggdanceteam@gmail.com](mailto:fsuggdanceteam@gmail.com). Videos will not be accepted any other way. If you do not receive a response from your email link, it was NOT received. Please give our Coaching Staff 24 hours to reach out, confirming submission. If you do not have access to YouTube/Google Dive for any reason, please reach out to the Coaching Staff as soon as possible.

Please include the following on your qualifying video:

1. A short introduction stating your name, where you're from, class for 21-22 year and why you want to be a member of the FSU Golden Girl Dance Team.
2. A jazz/contemporary/lyrical/modern performance solo (can be a previous competition/showcase/recital solo or a new solo choreographed by yourself or someone else (i.e teacher, coach, friend)).
3. The 4 skill combinations (Legs, leaps/jumps, HH Tricks & Pirouettes) posted on fsuspirit.com.
  - a. All combinations EXCEPT turn combo & HH tricks need to be shown on right & left side.

Once decisions are made, you will be contacted by April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If your video is selected, you will be asked to submit the next round of videos, due May 1st. All decisions are final.

## LIVE Zoom Online Audition

New in 2021, we will be implementing a live Zoom Audition portion of auditions to allow our judges another opportunity to evaluate and select future Golden Girls. The audition will take place on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Attire is similar listed above. Dancers will be given a time slot to join zoom (i.e 2:05pm). Once joined, the dancer will introduce themselves and perform the following:

1. Perform the Jazz Routine choreographed by the FSU Dance Team provided to you on fsuspirit.com
2. Perform the Hip Hop Routine choreographed by the FSU Dance Team provided to you on fsuspirit.com
3. Perform the Fight Song & sideline material choreographed by the FSU Dance Team provided to you on fsuspirit.com
  - a. Poms are recommended but not required.

In addition to the live zoom audition, dancers will record and submit the semi-finalist audition video (see info below) for judges to review after the live audition. Dancers will not be penalized for technical issues (poor wifi, outages, etc.), however it is the responsibility of the dancer to have space and wifi to best present their audition to the judges. We recommend filming in a dance studio with a parent, friend or teacher recording the audition.



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## Semi-Finalist Online Audition Video

Attire for audition videos is listed above. Exceptions for attire will be made for dancers sending in previously filmed material. The video must be uploaded similarly to the Audition Qualifying Video and link emailed to Coach Chasity at [fsuggdanceteam@gmail.com](mailto:fsuggdanceteam@gmail.com) by **May 1st**. Videos will not be accepted any other way. If you do not receive a response from your email, it was NOT received. Please give Coaching Staff 24 hours to reach out, confirming submission.

Please include the following on your video:

4. Perform the Jazz Routine choreographed by the FSU Dance Team provided to you on fsupirit.com
5. Perform the Hip Hop Routine choreographed by the FSU Dance Team provided to you on fsupirit.com
6. Perform the Fight Song & sideline material choreographed by the FSU Dance Team provided to you offsupirit.com
  - a. Poms are recommended but not required.
7. A video of you performing with a team (HS, All-Star, Drill, studio group, etc.) to demonstrate ability to blend with a team. This video should **CLEARLY** label where you start in the routine. (Ex. Stage left, second girl from the inside, etc. or extra editing with circle or arrow pointing you out). This can be a separate link uploaded to YouTube **\*Current Golden Girl dancers DO NOT have to provide this step.**
8. Any other unique skills that you would like to showcase or highlight (Tilts, turns, switch leaps, tricks, choreo). Should be 4-5 eight counts. \*This video could be posted via Instagram to introduce the team this summer.

Once decisions are made, you will be contacted by May 2nd, 2021. If your video is selected, you will be asked to schedule a video interview via ZOOM on May 2nd. All decisions are final. Attire for interviews is casual.



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## GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

### MEMBERSHIP

1. Each student must be a full time (12 hours) FSU student or an incoming FSU student (proof of acceptance must be provided in the form of an acceptance letter).
2. Each member of the squad must tryout each year.
3. Your membership begins the day you make the team and does not end until the day you turn in your uniforms.
4. Members will be chosen for travel opportunities based on talent level, attitude, injury, punctuality, and overall adherence to the rules.
5. SAFETY FIRST! The squad will always adhere to the safety guidelines and rules set by the university.

### ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

1. All prospective applicants must have a 2.5 GPA in order to try out for a spirit group.
2. Once placed on the squad, each member is required to maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative FSU GPA in order to remain in the program. If a member falls below the required GPA they will be dismissed – there is no probation time. Grades are checked at the end of each semester by the Spirit Coordinator.

### ATTENDANCE

1. The Golden Girls dance team is a major personal commitment of one's non-academic time and should not be placed secondary to his/her non-academic activities. Necessary arrangements with sororities, fraternities, employers, etc., concerning required activities and expectations of one's time must be made prior to the selection of the squad.
2. Accepting a position on the Golden Girls implies a commitment to attend **ALL** practices, games, and events that one is assigned to attend. Individuals selected for the team understand they are required to attend summer camp and work-week with the squad, as well as any other events designated as mandatory.
3. Individuals understand that an absence from any mandatory event, practice or game constitutes grounds for dismissal

### CONDUCT AND APPEARANCE



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All members are expected to be respectful of one another, including their coach, and cooperate fully with their captains and coach. **INSUBORDINATION IS GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL.**

1. Golden Girls members should treat their role as a job for the University. All decisions made by coaching staff and captains are in light of the University's needs and should be respected by all members of the team. Any questions, comments or concerns should be brought directly to the Head/Assistant Coach first.
2. Golden Girls both in and out of uniform are always expected to demonstrate sportsmanlike conduct. Members are expected to treat fans, officials, other dancers, student athletes, staff and administration with the highest level of respect and courtesy.
3. Consumption of alcoholic beverages and the use of tobacco products are NOT PERMITTED prior to an event or while in uniform or in any other attire, which identifies you with the spirit/dance program.
4. **Members are required to follow the designated strength and conditioning program at all times.** Members are expected to maintain and/or improve in their overall fitness and skill level from the time of the selection. If not, they understand that they can be If not, they understand that they may be advised for further guidance and support with FSU nutritionist and/or strength coach. In addition, all members are to treat strength staff with utmost respect along with strength and conditioning equipment. Any issues will result in dismissal from the team.
5. Any team member failing to maintain the necessary strength or skills in order to be a competitive and healthy member of the team may be replaced, suspended, or dismissed. A nutritionist is available to help you maintain a **healthy** body weight at all times.
6. Members are expected to present themselves in a clean-cut and respectful manner at all times when they are representing the Golden Girls program. Some examples included but are not limited to:
  - Tattoos must be covered
  - Men must be clean-shaven with closely cropped hair
  - Only one pair of earrings are permitted on women (the pair that is provided to you); no earrings are allowed on men
  - Uniforms and practice attire are to be kept clean and neat
  - Women will be asked to wear the "look" provided by MAC while in uniform
  - **Dramatic changes in appearance MUST be approved in advance (hair color/style)**
  - Profanity or sexually explicit comments are never to be tolerated
  - Women must keep their hair at a safe and healthy length
  - Public displays of affection will not be tolerated while in uniform



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**Due to Covid-19 dates below are subject to change**

## GOLDEN GIRLS 21-22 SCHEDULE

### **Summer Camp/Summer Dates**

TBD: Work Week, Photo shoot, Meetings

- Dates July 2021

### **Pre-School Year practices**

Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> – 5pm-9pm

August 26<sup>th</sup> – Welcome back picnic!

### **School Year Practices**

M, T & TH – 6-9pm, **Spring** T & TH

Mondays – Nationals focused

Tues. & Thursday – Game day focused

Workouts – 2x a week - Days & Times

TBD

### **Football Season – Home Games**

FSU vs. N Dame 9/5/21

FSU vs. Jax Sate - 9/11/21

FSU vs. Louisville -9/25/21

FSU vs. Syracuse -10/2/21

FSU vs. U. Mass 10/23/21

FSU vs. NC State – 11/6/21

FSU vs. Miami – 11/13/21

- Arrive 3-4 hours before kickoff
- Appearances & sidelines

Friday night block parties – ALL home games

- Friday before home games
- 7:00pm-9:00pm

### **Volleyball Season – Home Games**

Schedule TBD – About 5 games a season

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> years **only**
- Arrive 1 hour early
- Dance at timeouts & on sidelines

### **Basketball Season – Home Games**

Schedule TBD

- Arrive 2 hours early
- Dance 2 timeouts & sidelines

### **Nationals Season**

August 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> – Tentative HH/Jazz Choreo

September 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> – Tentative HH/Jazz Choreo

November 19<sup>th</sup> – Tentative Nattys rework

December 13<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> – Lockdown practices

January 3<sup>rd</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> – Lockdown practices

January 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 – UDA Nationals

### **Post-Season Travel**

Men's ACC Tournament – Dates TBD –  
Washington DC

NCAA tournament, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> rounds – Dates TBD



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## **Community Service & Appearances**

10 hrs a semester (Fall - 12/31, Spring - 5/5)  
mandatory

## **Misc. Events & Possible Dates**

Oct/Nov – Homecoming Parade & Pow wow

FSU Line Dance – Week after Spring Break

Fall Clinics – TBD

Spring Clinics – 4 total

Spring Game – April 2022 TBD

Spirit Banquet and Basketball Banquet – TBD

## **COACHING INFORMATION**

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