

## **Majorette Auditions**

**Georgia Southern University**

**2026 Season**

Greetings!

Welcome to the 2026 edition of the Georgia Southern University Southern Pride Marching Band. The staff and captains of the Southern Pride Majorettes (SPMJ) are extremely happy and excited that you have chosen to join us at Georgia Southern and audition for a spot in the Southern Pride Marching Band (SPMB)!

We have a long standing tradition of excellence here at Georgia Southern and we pride ourselves on representing the university and our program at the highest level possible. The band performs for over 250,000 fans every season and brings the pageantry of collegiate athletics to every venue in which it performs.

From road games, to parades and exhibition performances, to its home in Allen E. Paulson Stadium, the Prettiest Little Stadium in America, the Southern Pride Marching Band brings Eagle spirit, Eagle tradition, and a commitment to excellence every time they don the Blue and White.

In person auditions will be held on Saturday, May 9th at the Recreation Activity Center (RAC) on campus. Auditions will start at 9am.

We have a phenomenal group of people here at Georgia Southern and especially the SPMB. Please don't worry about perfection, simply put in your best possible effort. We want to see what you are capable of and what you would bring to the group.

Best of luck and Hail Southern!

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### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

This year the Georgia Southern majorette auditions will consist of two components. First, a routine of your choice that is prepared by the candidate and second, a skills execution demonstration. This demonstration will consist of call tricks and a taught routine. These components allow for judges and staff to assess your skill level, ability to learn on the spot, personality, work ethic and attitude. There will also be a quick informal interview with each contestant prior to her solo performance routine.

For the 2025 season we will consider anyone who is interested to be the Georgia Southern University Feature Twirler. This position is earned by demonstrating superlative excellence in performance, ability, and maturity. The judges and director of the band will decide whether or not anyone meets that standard. The additional skill requirements are listed at the end of this document. If an auditionee earns this position, they will receive a \$1000 scholarship. Additional scholarship money may be available for members beyond the feature twirler depending on the aforementioned standards. If more than one feature twirler is selected, the scholarship money will be split evenly between those selected.

### **PREPARED ROUTINE**

Each candidate will need to prepare a solo routine between 90-120 seconds. Please incorporate personal style as well as required technical skills. You may choose any music that is tasteful and appropriate. This routine should demonstrate your personality, dance skills and expert twirling ability. Music should be emailed MP3 format to [ginajeffords@bellsouth.net](mailto:ginajeffords@bellsouth.net) by April 11th, 2025. Bring a backup copy.

### **SKILLS EXECUTION DEMONSTRATION**

Each candidate will be required to demonstrate the following individual skills. All tricks should be executed 3 times in a row.

#### **Section Twirler Requirements**

- 2 turn vertical catch blind
- 2 turn horizontal
- 3 turn
- Crossover illusion
- Regular illusion
- Horizontal crossover illusion
- One turn crossover illusion
- Cartwheel or walkover
- Grand Jetes one leg
- Splits - Right and Left
- Rolls - Double elbow layout

## **2 Baton Tricks**

- Horizontal vertical neck wrap
- Left toss, right high toss, right to left flip catch blind
- Left toss, right high toss, inside illusion
- High low one turn

## **3 Baton Tricks**

- 5 vertical toss boxes, one turn
- 3 horizontal boxes
- 3 circus juggles
- 3 vertical stacks
- 4 juggles toss, backhand flash
- 4 juggles toss, illusion

## **Additional Feature Twirler Requirements**

There is no guarantee that we will even have a feature twirler. It is entirely dependent upon the skills and personality of the applicants.

- Double illusion
- Double walkover
- Leap walkover
- Illusion walkover
- Kick illusion
- 4 baton combinations
- Any additional advanced tricks (band handspring, back walkover, ariel, etc.)

## Frequently Asked Question

- What do I need to wear for auditions?
  - Black/Navy leotard, tan tights and dance (twirling) shoes. Full performance hair and make-up is required. Hair is up and out of the face.
- How should I fix my hair and make-up?
  - Your hair and make-up should be complementary and appropriate for a performance.
  - Hair should be pulled back out of the candidate's face.
- Where will auditions be held?
  - Auditions will be held at the Recreation Activity Center (RAC) on campus.
    - Address: 2687 Akins Blvd, Statesboro, GA 30458
- How many will make the line?
  - There is not a set number each year.
- How much twirling experience is required to make the line?
  - As long as you have an advanced understanding of the twirling skills required, there is not a set amount of experience required.
- What is the cost associated with being a majorette?
  - We are extremely fortunate that the university has recently covered most expenses to all members of the Southern Pride Marching Band. This includes your uniform, warm ups, and other related items. All travel will be paid for by Georgia Southern. The only other cost you will be responsible for are smaller items such as extra practice wear, make-up, batons, etc.
- Who will be the judges?
  - The majorette coordinator, Gina Jeffords, 1 or 2 highly qualified twirling experts.
- What do the judges look for at auditions?
  - Judges will look at your appearance, showmanship, twirling/dancing ability, poise, personality, and speaking ability.
- Do current members have to go through the auditions process?
  - Yes, all new and returning members must go through the audition process each season. Their spot on the team is not guaranteed.
- When will I find out if I made the line?
  - The list of the 2026 Southern Pride Majorette line and any feature twirlers will be posted immediately after auditions.

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