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SUMMER AUDITION GUIDELINES

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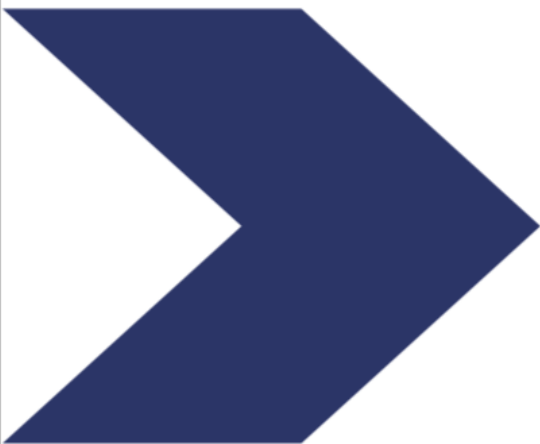


## The Flashy Flags Squad Summer 2021 Audition Guideline

As a measure of precaution to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Howard University has closed all campuses for the remainder of the semester. This has impacted the Spring audition process. If you are interested in auditioning, please know the following process/guidelines will supersede any information previously posted on our social media page.

All participants must be fully enrolled or accepted as a student as of Fall 2020 in order to be an official member of the squad. High school seniors and transfer students are eligible to audition, however membership is tentative based on final enrollment status at Howard University. FINAL AUDITIONS ARE BY INVITATION ONLY.

Fee: There is a \$10 non-refundable application fee, which must be paid prior to auditions. Cashapp: \$HUFlashyFlag For other payment methods, please contact Ms. Crystal Thorne, Coordinator.



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## DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION & ROUND 1 VIDEO SUBMISSION: JUNE 5, 2021

Participants will be judged on Creativity, Execution, Overall Appearance, Costume, and Technique.

**Attire:** Fitted solid color t-shirt, fitted shorts, and dance or athletic sneakers. No loose or baggy clothing. Feel free to express your style but refrain from wearing anything distracting or that could cause injury such as large earrings, rings, or necklaces. Please remove extra piercings (face, nose, etc.) Only first-hole earring studs are permitted. (No Exceptions) Performance ready hair and make-up are expected. All tattoos must be covered.

ROUND 1 AUDITIONS: Record an uninterrupted video with the following details below:

- Introduction: Please state your name, hometown, major, classification
- Perform a sequence of the following spins in any order you choose: drop spin, speed spin, right slam, left slam, back slam, front slam, two different tosses of your choice
- Solo flag routine: 6-8 counts (See details below)

**Solo Flag Routine:** Flag twirlers will present an individual and unique choreographed routine showcasing their strengths and performance quality. The solo routine should display what you feel best exhibits your technique, twirling style and personality.

Please refrain from using vulgar or otherwise inappropriate music as it may result in disqualification. Please make sure you perform in adequate spacing indoors or outdoors. Complete application in its entirety. Make sure to select Flashy Flag Squad Round 1 for Instrument or Section.

You will be required to upload the following videos and images below:

- Round 1 Audition Video
- Head Shot (unedited/unfiltered selfies are permissible)
- Front Full Body Shot
- Side Full Body Shot

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## **INDIVIDUALS THAT ADVANCE TO ROUND 2 WILL BE CONTACTED AND GIVEN FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS VIA EMAIL.**

### **ROUND 2 AUDITIONS**

This segment of the auditions will consist of learning and executing a choreographed routine and stand routine that embody the Flashy Flag Squad twirling and dancing style. Candidates will be seeing this choreography for the first time during the audition week. This will allow judges to assess how quickly candidates are able to execute choreography. Judges decisions are final.

## **Q&A**

### **So I made the Squad, what's next?**

Congratulations! Please look forward to receiving updated information for Marching Season 2020. Due to the current status of COVID-19, new information is being received daily and we are not certain what other events will look like for Fall (Band Camp, Pre-Season, Football Season, etc.). All new squad members will be updated as decisions are made. New Members will receive welcome information to include the practice schedule, financial obligations, and commitment guidelines.

### **I did not make the Squad, can I try out again?**

There may be an opportunity to try out again during the Fall 2020 or Spring 2021 semester. We encourage you to continue practicing. Please be advised, Fall 2020 may be open to a very limited amount of spots.

### **I have never twirled a flag before, can I still audition?**

Yes. We accept all skill levels. We do encourage you to use YouTube videos as a guide to teach different spins if you are not familiar. You may also reach out to members of the current squad to ask questions.

### **What is the time commitment?**

Band Camp will begin around the second week of August until the start of classes. During the season, rehearsal is Monday-Friday 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm. We will spend time working with the SHOWTIME Marching Band to prepare field shows. Football game performances are in accordance with the Bison Football schedule and are typically held on Saturday afternoons. Additionally, there may be travel and community performances on Sundays. For basketball season, performances for home games will be in accordance with the Men's and Women's basketball team schedule. Basketball season practices are held on Tuesday and Thursday only.

### **If I make the Squad, do I have to wear weave?**

We appreciate the beauty of individuality in women's hairstyles, but to keep a uniformed look, all squad members will be required to have identical hairstyles for all performances.

### **I have piercings and tattoos, can I still audition?**

Absolutely! Please ensure all visible tattoos are covered with clothing or make-up and all piercings are removed with the exception of first-hole ear piercings.

### **I do not have a flag handy, can I make one for audition purposes?**

Yes! We understand many of you will not have a performance flag at your disposal so encourage you to get creative. You may use a broom, light-weighted PCP pole from your local home improvement retail store, etc. I've seen the Flashy Flag Squad dance in the stands at football games and basketball games.

### **Will I be required to include dancing in my first round audition video?**

No. You will not be required to provide any dance routine in first round audition videos. Please do not derive from the guidelines. If you are selected to move on to Round 2 auditions, you will be required to learn a choreographed flag routine and two stand routines.