

CSI Golden Girls Dancers Tryout Information

**Tryouts for the 2022-2023 Golden Girls will be held:
In person- Saturday May 7th, 2022 OR through video
submission by May 2nd, 2022**

Mandatory team meeting Saturday May 7th at 4pm in the CSI GYM or Via ZOOM

Golden Girls have a Strong Work Ethic, are Excellent Students, are Humble, are Strong Performers, have Proficient Skills in Jazz, Hip Hop and Pom, and have learned to place team before themselves.

TO APPLY – FIRST:

ALL APPLICANTS (in person or on-line) need to click on the link to register for tryouts before April 30th, 2022

NEXT:

In-Person

An email will be sent to each registered dancer with links to all paperwork to be filled out and submitted. Those auditioning by video will also need to submit all paperwork either by mail or by email by May 2nd. ***On-line/Video Deadline: Monday May 2nd***

***Videos will need to be uploaded to a Youtube account and playlist. You will make this playlists “unlisted”. But copy the link and email it to me. (Directions will be sent out through email)*

FINAL:

TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Team will be announced by 3pm on Saturday May 7th and we will have a mandatory meeting (in person or virtual for video submission dancers) at 4pm May 7th. A zoom link will be sent via email.

Golden Girls team members...

- Dedicate approximately 10 hours per week to practice time
- Must be available to attend team camp mid-summer (Fee of \$350 to attend)
- Must attend a mandatory meeting after auditions
- Must submit \$100 at the mandatory meeting as a deposit for uniforms and warm up gear
- Must be available to attend the Nationals competition – 2023
- Must carry a 2.0 GPA or higher each semester and be full time with 12 credits
- Must be willing to fundraise for our annual trip to Cheer/Dance Nationals
- Must attend every CSI Basketball game and attend the CSI Rodeo Smoker

CSI provides team members...

- Uniforms/Costumes, shoes, poms, warm ups and bags
- Travel expenses and meals to games and other mandatory activities
- A graduated scholarship award of \$300, \$500, \$750 and \$1000 (spread over 4 semesters)

Frequently Asked Questions

How many spots are available on the Golden Girls Dance Team?

Each year, the Dance Team holds auditions for all of its members, both rookie and veteran members.

The number of team members varies year to year depending on the talent that is seen at each year's tryout; we are looking for 20 dancers maximum. There may be alternates chosen.

What kind of dance experience is needed?

You definitely need some sort of dance training whether it be by a dance studio or school dance team. At the audition you will learn several different styles of dance and technique across the floor, so it is beneficial for the participants to have experience in jazz and hip-hop.

What skills are needed to tryout?

- Calypso Leap
- Tilt jump
- Kip up
- Double or Triple Pirouette
- Leap in Second
- Leg Extension/Tilt Hold
- A La Seconde turns in Second with a double or more at end (*minimum 2 counts of eight- can add in extra turns if can*)
- Toe Touch
- Aerial or Cartwheel
- Any type of Switch Leap
- Head Spring

Is there a height or weight limit?

The Golden Girls Dance Team does not adhere to typecasting (i.e., similar heights, body types or skin tones), as each dancer is unique in their height or weight. While there is no weight requirement or weigh-in included in the training program, CSI Golden Girls are expected to maintain a high standard of fitness, a healthy lifestyle and muscular build. The Dance Team maintains this training level by participating in conditioning throughout the week. Dancers must enroll in the Jazz Technique class in addition to practice time. Yoga and Pilates classes are also encouraged and extra training is offered and available to those who are interested.

Do the selected members for the team receive any financial aid?

All dancers are encouraged to apply for the General Scholarship and FASFA scholarships, links can be found on the CSI website in your MYCSI portal. Other scholarships such as the *David Croasdaile Dance Endowment* and CSI Foundation scholarships are also options.

What if I can't come to the audition, can I still tryout?

Yes, although it is best to come and audition in person, we do accept digital audition. You will need to email jwright@csi.edu for further instructions on what is required for the video.

When do the participants find out if they make the team?

The auditions will be on Saturday morning, the new selected team will be told that day and have a mandatory meeting on the Saturday night.

Do the participants tryout alone?

Dancers will be asked to perform a solo of their choice (any genre) to tryout. During the day, dancers will tryout in groups of 3 or 4 and in alphabetical or numerical order.

Dance auditions are closed auditions. No spectators will be allowed.