The University of Alabama Million Dollar Band is accepting applications from highly motivated women with a sound work ethic and great attitude to audition for the 2015 Color Guard.

Auditions for the 2015 Color Guard will take place on FRIDAY, APRIL 24 AND SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015 on The University of Alabama campus. YOU MUST BE PRESENT BOTH DAYS!

A copy of the application form is included in this information packet. Please return the completed form along with a RECENT FULL BODY picture of yourself in a performance uniform or black leotard and a letter of recommendation from your band director by April 13, 2015 to the following address:

Attn: Color Guard Auditions
University of Alabama Bands
Box 870368
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0368

Any current UA students or 2014 Color Guard members who choose to audition may bring the application form to the Band office located at Room 211 of the Moody Music Building. Please place your application in an envelope marked, “Attn: Color Guard Auditions.”

The audition process will consist of the following:

A routine that you create demonstrating your skills and ability. You may include flag only, flag and rifle, or flag, rifle, and saber. The flag you use must have a 6 foot pole. You may perform this to music of your choosing. You may bring a CD or mp3 player for your audition. Make sure you have 2 copies JUST IN CASE ONE DOES NOT WORK! Do not use any props in your audition routine. Use the following guide when creating your routine:

1. Flag only – 1 minute in length
2. Flag and Rifle – 30 seconds of flag and 30 seconds of rifle
3. Flag, Rifle, and Saber – 30 seconds of flag, 30 seconds of rifle, and 30 seconds of saber. PLEASE NOTE: Auditioning on rifle and saber does not guarantee anyone a weapons spot. Those auditions are held during Fall Camp in August. You will perform this routine before the judges.
Group Routines
1. Various across the floor patterns/cheers that you will learn during the clinic.
2. A group routine which consists of 50% dance and 50% flag which you will learn during the clinic and perform before the judges.

***NEW THIS YEAR – INTERVIEWS***
1. Veteran Interviews – All veteran MDBCG will interview in groups on Thursday night, April 23, 2015.
2. Other Applicant Interviews – All other applicants will interview in groups on Friday night, April 24, 2015.

We use 6 foot flag poles at The University of Alabama. When you learn the group routine, you will use one of our poles. If you bring your own rifle or saber, you may bring either 36 inch or 39 inch.

Audition apparel: (TO BE WORN BOTH DAYS)
• Black Leotard (NO SLEEVES)
• Black dance shorts (skin color tights or panty hose are optional)
• Black or beige split sole jazz shoes (shoelaces are optional)

Your hair must be worn down and curly. No half up and half down...It should be completely down. Performance make-up should be worn. Use red lipstick please.

All individuals selected for membership in the Color Guard will be adjudicated on and must be able to demonstrate these essential elements which include, but are not limited to:

Aerobic Conditioning
Movement
Flexibility
Performance Skills
Coordination
Marching and Maneuvering
Ability to Grasp Concepts
Attitude
Physical Appearance

You must currently be student at The University of Alabama or have been accepted as freshman or transfer student for Fall 2015 in order to audition.

A letter or email indicating the audition site will be sent to all those who have returned the application materials to the Band Office.

Please have your application in the Band Office by April 13, 2015. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED! The weekend of April 24 and 25, 2015 is the only audition date! THERE WILL NOT BE ANY OTHER SCHEDULED DAYS TO AUDITION...YOU MUST BE PRESENT BOTH DAYS!
Please carefully read the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) section of this packet. It should answer most of your questions about the audition process.

The results of the audition will be announced after the judges’ scores have been tabulated. A meeting of all those who pass the audition will be held immediately following the posting of the results.

Please contact Million Dollar Band Color Guard Choreographer, Mrs. Brandy Keeton at bkeeton@tcss.net with any questions you may have.
When will auditions for the 2015 Color Guard be held?
Auditions for the 2015 Million Dollar Band Color Guard will be on **Friday, April 24 AND Saturday, April 25, 2015** on The University of Alabama campus. **YOU MUST BE THERE FOR BOTH DAYS. THERE WILL NOT BE ANY OTHER SCHEDULED DAYS TO AUDITION!** Applicants will be informed as to the location. Please continue to check our website for updates. *****NEW THIS YEAR...INTERVIEWS – VETERAN MDBCG WILL INTERVIEW ON THURSDAY NIGHT, APRIL 23, 2015 and ALL OTHER APPLICANTS WILL INTERVIEW ON FRIDAY NIGHT, APRIL 24, 2015.*****

Is there an audition fee?
Yes! The fee to audition is $35.00. Checks can be made payable to the University of Alabama. This will be due at the time of registration on Friday, April 24, 2015.

How many students will be chosen for the 2015 Color Guard?
We have no set number to choose for the Color Guard. We are interested in quality rather than quantity. **ALL** candidates will be judged on the essential elements listed above in addition to their work ethic and **ATTITUDE!**

Are auditions open to the public?
The clinic on Friday night and Saturday morning are open to the public, as well as the performance of the individual routines. The group routine portion is closed to the public.

The audition process requires that I make up a short routine. **I do not write work very well will that affect my passing the audition?**
No. We are **NOT** interested in your writing ability. We are interested in your performance ability and if you have put time and thought into your presentation. Your writing ability will not be judged.

Do I need to bring my own equipment for the audition?
The Million Dollar Band will have equipment available. You may want to bring equipment that you are familiar with to perform your individual routine. Everyone will use our flag poles for the group routine.

Do I need to have props for my individual presentation?
No. Props are not allowed.

What size flag poles does the Alabama Color Guard use?
We use 6 foot poles.

Are there any requirements for auditioning?
In order to audition for the Color Guard, you must be a current UA student or have been accepted to The University of Alabama as a transfer student or a freshman for Fall 2015.
Am I required to have prior colorguard experience?
Prior experience is strongly encouraged to have the skills required to perform at this level.

What do I have to wear for the audition?
Please check the Audition Information page of this website for the appropriate audition apparel. [http://bands.ua.edu/ensembles/million-dollar-band/color-guard/](http://bands.ua.edu/ensembles/million-dollar-band/color-guard/).

Is there anything I can practice to enhance my chances of making passing the audition?
You can stay current on all the equipment fundamentals you have learned.

Movement is an important part of all our work!
You might want to consider taking a dance class to enhance your skills in that area.

Are there any height and weight requirements?
Appearance and physical fitness are very important in the color guard. Appearance includes personal grooming, poise and posture. We DO NOT have specific height and weight requirements; however, being physically fit is required due to the physical demands of our performances.

Is there an appearance/performance standard for the Alabama Color Guard?
Yes. The Alabama Color Guard is a visual part of the Million Dollar Band as well as representatives of The University of Alabama. All those selected as members of the Alabama Color Guard will agree to uphold the Appearance and Performance Standards set by the Directors of the Million Dollar Band. These standards include but are not limited to: performing all required choreography, maintaining exemplary physical condition, and adhering to the uniformity of the group as set by the Color Guard Director. Any violation of these standards may result in probation or dismissal from the group at the discretion of the Color Guard Director and the director of the Million Dollar Band.

If I am selected for Color Guard can I wear my hair and makeup any way I wish on game day?
NO! You will be given specific instructions as to how hair and makeup is to be worn for performances. If you have not seen the Alabama Color Guard, it would be advisable to look at our photo gallery. There is a link to that site on the first page of the Color Guard Zone on the MDB website. If you cannot conform to our version of uniformity of appearance, it would be advisable that you not attempt to audition.

If I am selected for the Color Guard, will I be able to receive credit for band?
Yes. All Band members receive one-hour credit. Everyone must register for band. Color Guard members will register for the class that cooresponds with their grade level in college:

- **Freshmen**  MUA 153-002
- **Sophomores**  MUA 252-002
- **Juniors**  MUA 353-002
- **Seniors**  MUA 453-002
When will I find out if I am selected?
The 2015 Color Guard will be announced after results have been tabulated on Saturday, April 25, 2015.

If I am selected, do I have to participate in all performances of the Million Dollar Band?
YES! As a member of the Color Guard, you are expected to participate in all performances. You will also be expected to follow and adhere to all rules, policies, and procedures in the Million Dollar Band Handbook which will be distributed at Fall Camp in August.

If I am selected, do I have to attend a new member color guard camp during the summer?
YES! There will be a camp for leadership and new members on Saturday, July 18, 2015. THIS IS MANDATORY!

If I am selected, do I have to attend Fall Camp in August?
YES! Attendance at Fall Camp is required!

What is the rehearsal schedule after classes begin?
The MDB rehearses everyday, Monday through Friday from 4:00 PM until 5:30 PM and on Saturday prior to football games. The Color Guard begins stretching at 3:30 PM prior to daily rehearsals. Additionally, the Color Guard will have at least one sectional per week outside of the regular rehearsal schedule. This sectional has been held on Wednesday night in previous years.

What must I do to apply?
Click on the Application link on the Color Guard Zone page. Please fill out the application and mail it along with a recent full body photograph of yourself in either your uniform or a black leotard and a letter of recommendation from your band director to the following address:

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For more information or if you have questions, please contact Mrs. Brandy Keeton, Million Dollar Band Color Guard Choreographer at: bkeeton@tcss.net
2015 Million Dollar Band Color Guard Application

Name: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Permanent Address: ______________________________________________________
  City: ___________________________ State: ___________________________ Zip: ______
Home Telephone: ___________________________ Cell Phone: ___________________________

UA Students – Complete in addition to the above information
Campus Address: ______________________________________________________
  City: ___________________________ State: ___________________________ Zip: ______
Campus Telephone: ___________________________ Crimson Email: ___________________________

High School Attended: ___________________________ Year of Graduation: ____________
Name of High School Band Director(s): ___________________________
# of years in Color Guard: ____________ Dance or Gymnastics Training (Circle whichever applies to you)

Have you marched drum and bugle corps?   Yes ______  No ______
Name of corps: ___________________________  # of years marched: ____________
Have you ever participated in winter guard? Yes _____  No ______
Name of winter guard: ___________________________  # of years marched: ____________
Do you have rifle or saber experience? (Circle whichever applies to you)
Do you play an instrument? Yes _____  No _____ Instrument: ___________________________

Have you been accepted as a student to The University of Alabama? Yes _____  No _____
If you have been accepted to UA, please provide your CWID: ___________________________
What will your status be at UA be next fall? (circle one) Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Graduate School
Age: ________  Height: ________  Weight: ________

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Please Note: 2014 members who plan on auditioning are not required to submit a photograph, but must complete the application form. If you are visiting The University of Alabama campus or you are a current UA student, you may bring the completed form to Room 211 in the Moody Music Building rather than send it through the mail.