

Drum Major Tryouts

Remember to submit your character reference(s) by the deadline.

Recommended Skills and Qualities:

Conducting in 4/4 time, 3/4 time, and 2/4 time

- * clarity, simplicity and consistency of pattern are better than “fancy”

Marching

- * eyes open and eyes closed, semi-lift and glide stride

Commands

- * clarity, timing, and poise is better than volume.
- * lower your vocal range to your “chest voice,” no shrieking.

Salute

- * both a basic 1-count “Army salute” and a parade salute with flair (make up your own 2-6 count salute) - this has not been on the audition form previously, but please be prepared in case we ask for it.

Bearing

- * poise, confidence, projection, pride, posture, demeanor

Leadership Ability

- * communication skills, friendliness, manners, attitude, flexibility, cooperation, reliability

Character

- * Christian character, maturity, reliability, responsibility, history of service to the ensemble, dedication, consistency, history of good attendance, teachability, motivation, reputation, honesty, history of punctuality, receptive to constructive criticism, loyalty, attitude

Oral Interview

- * question and answer, ability to think “on your feet” and respond with poise and confidence