Dixie Darling Frequently Asked Questions:

How many girls are selected at Try-outs?
Generally, we choose between 40-50 girls. However, we will place the cut at any number below 50, depending on the talent at the auditions.

What do I wear to auditions?
Wear dance sneakers, jazz shoes or aerobic type sneakers, a tank, a leotard, a cami or fitted t-shirt and shorts or dance wear that you can stretch in. If you are wearing a loose fitting t-shirt, you may be asked to remove it so we can see body lines. Wear a leotard or a sports bra type top under your t-shirt. Make sure your outfit complements your body style and makes you stand out.

Are the auditions closed or open?
Auditions are closed to the public. There is a waiting area in the lobby of the Payne Center.

When will I find out if I passed the auditions?
You will usually find out the day of the audition. However, there is always the possibility we will not announce the team until both auditions have been completed.

What will I do at the auditions?
Each girl will perform various dance elements such as turns, leaps, kicks, a short dance routine, the fight song and the Strut. We will teach you the dance routine, it is not necessary for you to have one prepared. You will be judged according to your technique, rhythm, coordination, accuracy and memory of motions, and performance skills.

What should I do to prepare for the try-outs?
You should be active so you are in good physical shape. Take dance classes to train your body, work on kicks, turns, and leaps. Work on performance skills, agility, and flexibility. Be disciplined enough to follow through with a commitment to team work.

Are there any height or weight requirements?
There are no height requirements at all. There are no exact weight requirements either. We will not weigh and measure you until you are on the team and getting a uniform. However, we
do want a healthy looking team. We do not look for “model thin”
dancers, but healthy dancers. If you look physically unfit or
have trouble with your stamina then you may not be selected.

What do you look for at auditions?
We want dancers who are strong performers with advanced
dance technique. Dancers who are flexible, healthy, have a sharp
memory, and can quickly adapt to changes are also a must.

Do I need to fill out an application before the try-outs?
You will fill out an application at the door on the day of the
auditions or find one on-line.

What is the cost to be a Dixie Darling?
You will pay a $50 rental fee for all uniforms and equipment.
You will be expected to purchase your own boots, tights, gloves,
and some practice wear.

Are scholarships/class credit offered?
We offer scholarships through the music department and our DD
alumni association. You will also receive class credit through the
music and dance departments.

What is the time requirement for DD’s?
We only have class during the fall semester. Class time is
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3:30 – 6 p.m. and Tuesday, Thursday 4-6
p.m. We also have Pride band camp the week before the fall semester
begins. All other time devoted to Dixie Darlings January to July is
strictly voluntary and not required.