

Information for 2022-2023 Sader Belle Dance Team Auditions

Dear Sader Belle Applicant,

Congratulations on your decision to audition for the UMHB Sader Belle Dance Team! Here is the information for our upcoming auditions on April 23rd, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Auditions will be held at the Mayborn Campus Center, in the Rec Gym. I look forward to meeting you and GOOD LUCK!

Audition Schedule:

April 11- Videos will be posted on the UMHB Sader Belle FACEBOOK and/or YOUTUBE page. One video will have a 30-45 second routine, one will have the UMHB Fight Song and another one will have some sideline combinations that you will need to learn on your own and have ready to perform on the day of auditions. This routine will then be added to new choreography that you will learn on audition day.

April 24-

10:00-10:30- Arrive and turn in paperwork/stretch

10:30-11:15- Learn audition routine and review video routine

11:15—11:30- Review Fight Song and sidelines

11:30-12:00- Go over audition process

12:00-12:30- Lunch/practice time

12:30-1:00- Interviews with Judges

1:00-2:15- Perform routines for the Judges

3:00- Results are posted.

3:30-5:00- If you are chosen to be a part of the Sader Belle Dance Team, we will have a mandatory meeting to go over dates and uniform info.

To be turned in Saturday April 23rd:

- Sader Belle Application (typed)
- Photo Copy of UMHB Acceptance Letter
- Photo of Applicant in all **black dance attire** (4x6 size is perfect)
- 2 letters of Recommendation (from your dance teacher/coach and community Leader, teacher, Pastor, etc.)

These forms will be a portion of your final audition score.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What should I wear to auditions?

A: Please wear all black. A black dance top or fitted black tank top and black boy shorts or “hot shorts”. **NO HALF TOPS or SPORTS BRAS please.** Please wear a cover up when traveling to and from the audition area. As a collegiate team you will perform at events with hair down and full make-up, so you will need to have your hair down, full and pretty and make-up.

Q: What should I do about meals and lodging for the audition weekend?

A: There are a variety of hotels and eateries in the Temple/Belton area. UMHB Sader Belles will not be providing any meals during the audition weekend. Each candidate is encouraged to bring a snack (cereal bar, fruit, veggies, etc.) and water for Saturday’s event.

Q: Are auditions open to the public?

A: No. Auditions are closed to the public and parents/family members. Interviews with the director will also be closed to the public and parents/family members.

Q: Do Sader Belles receive a scholarship?

A: Yes. Each member of the Sader Belles Dance Team will earn \$500 scholarship during each Fall and Spring Semester. As long as the Sader Belle member remains in good standing with the University and the Team, she will continue to earn the scholarship. Should the team

member make the decision to leave the team or is removed from the team, the scholarship will be removed from her school account.

Q: How much does it cost to be a Sader Belle?

A: There is no fee for the audition day. Should a candidate make the team there will be a uniform fee. Which will cover tights, back packs, practice clothes, shoes and any other uniform items.

*Q: Where do the Sader Belles perform?
Will the Sader Belles travel throughout the school year?*

A: Yes, a UMHB private Dance camp will be held at UMHB sometime during the summer (date is still to be decided). This is a mandatory camp!!! In the fall semester, we perform at all home football games. Should the band travel during the regular football season, the Sader Belles will travel with them. We host a Football Playoff conference where we will also perform at all home playoff games. The Sader Belles will travel for the Stagg Bowl Championship, should the football team make it that far in playoffs. The Stagg Bowl takes place in mid-December. During the Spring Semester the team will perform at both men's and women's home basketball games, not traveling to away games. We will travel to our Collegiate Competition in March, and to a few local guest performances at various events. Any other travel plan information will be given to the team members as the need arises.

Q: When do Sader Belles Practice?

A: Sader Belles practice 2 evenings each week, usually Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We will have some Sunday afternoons when needed. Most Fridays during football season** you will have band run-throughs in the football stadium, usually from 2:45- 4:00 and we will continue this practice for technique throughout the spring.

Please contact Christy Hawkins, the director, if there are any other questions or concerns.

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**** If you are unable to make the audition date, please contact the director through email to make alternative audition arrangements. ****