



Marching Mizzou

University of Missouri

Featured Twirler Application Requirements

Please include the following in your application package to the University of Missouri. All materials must be received by Dr. Amy Knopps (knoppsa@missouri.edu) no later than the end of day, **Friday, January 31, 2025**.

- **Resumé and current headshot** - Your resumé should outline your competitive twirling and performance experiences, current and former coaches, and awards.
- **YouTube link of a live performance from a competition or football season** (minimum of 5 minutes).
- **Letter of support from one of your current twirling coaches (non-family member) and band director.**

Finalists will be selected based upon their submitted application package and invited to a live audition process accordingly by **Friday, February 7, 2025**. Live auditions will be held on the University of Missouri campus and are scheduled for **Sunday, March 2, 2025** (morning).

Requirements for the live audition include the following:

- **2:30-3:00 minute choreographed routine to music of your choice** exemplifying the highest level of your skills. Isolated skills may be asked for after your routine.
- **Perform a “Down the Field” routine** to our Fight Songs, “Every True Son and Fight Tiger.” The music is linked below:
 - <https://music.missouri.edu/ensemble/sounds-marching-mizzou>
- **Short Interview** to assess your desire to fulfill this position.

The live audition will last approximately 45 minutes per each finalist.

Required Skills

- 4-spin vertical/3-spin horizontal
- Variety of catches and contact material
- Double-Illusion Toss Cartwheel (Toss Walkover preferred)
- 2-Baton Skills (showers, hi/lo material, dual pattern, double toss)
- 3-Baton Skills (3 different modes including pendulums, showers, horizontal and vertical boxes/combinations)
- Rolls (fishtails, continuous back neck spins, long arms, Fujimi's)
- Strong Bodywork (leaps, kicks, laybacks, leg holds)
- Showmanship (display a great smile and presence on the field, strong sense of hard work, teamwork, and professionalism while on and off the field)

If selected as a Marching Mizzou Feature Twirler you will be required to compete on behalf of the University of Missouri throughout your enrollment, except for your senior year after graduation, unless you choose to enroll in graduate school.