



Audition Tips

The purpose of this information is to provide audition candidates with tips regarding the audition process for the Detroit Lions Cheerleaders. There are many factors to consider outside of dance that go into the audition process. Ambassadorship, image, athleticism, well-rounded dance execution and technique, business skills, confidence, coachability, and showmanship are all equally important factors. Therefore, it is important to set expectations and be prepared. Below are some steps to better understand the audition process so that it is a positive and fun *learning* experience.

- Review the job description in detail and take time to prepare. Preparation is key.
- Set realistic goals for auditions. If new to the audition process, set goals to learn new choreography, expand your network, and participate in a comprehensive and professional level audition process.
- If you have been planning to audition for a long time and/or have auditioned in the past, come up with ways to show renewed enthusiasm and skills, especially a positive image, including strength training, flexibility, skill mastery, consistent communication, strong speaking skills, and business professionalism.
- If you are undecided about whether to audition or not, try it anyway. You never know how you will do unless you try. Attending an audition event of this caliber may create other opportunities and teach you about the elevated nature of the job.
- The audition process is a comprehensive experience to learn more about yourself, including how well you handle pressure in a large-scale capacity. Regardless of the outcome, the experience will provide growth to expand your overall skills for the future.
- Set expectations. *Hundreds of candidates apply each year for a limited number of spots.* Auditions are challenging and sometimes it takes candidates more than one try to reach the finals and/or make a professional team depending on how long they have been training and preparing.
- Research and gain knowledge about the organization, the brand, and the history.
- Prepare your resume to include business and entertainment accomplishments.
- Attend DLC specific pre-audition clinics and master classes to learn as much as possible. Returning member candidates should also attend clinics and any master classes endorsed by DLC.
- Train like an athlete. The job as a professional dancer requires extreme confidence, athleticism, strength, and endurance.
- Refresh basic dance skills. Learn, develop, and master new dance skills.
- You are applying for a job as a public performer and brand representative. Be the best version of yourself and make your image a priority.
- Auditions are fast paced and competitive, be consistent and confident to stand out.
- Demonstrate a high level of confidence and poise throughout the entire audition process, not just when you think someone is watching you. Demonstrate ability to handle large-scale pressure.
- Auditions are designed to provide equal consideration for all the candidates.
- Meet new people and develop networks. Have fun and be positive.
- Demonstrate a strong character with a high level of integrity, sincerity, genuineness, kindness, maturity, and gratitude. Carry forward the kind of character that you can deliver all year.
- If offered the job, be prepared to commit to a full year contract.
- Hundreds of candidates' audition for a coveted spot and everyone's journey is unique. Focus on your journey to be prepared to set yourself apart from the other candidates.