

GSFTA 2021 Dance Performance Auditions (VIRTUAL)

Students interested in dance will be required to submit a single video audition recording.

Video Submission Guidelines

Dancers need to submit their videos no later than January 15th.

Applicants are encouraged to work with their dance teacher/school counselor and include the following in their recorded audition tape. Prepare **one audition video** according to the following guidelines:

- An introduction by the applicant
- A short ballet barre, center adagio, petite allegro combination, and for the ladies, a pointe combination to include turns, jumps, and relevés – and for the gentlemen, a ballet phrase to include turns and tour en'lair
- A contemporary combination
- And the following questions to be answered and recorded in the audition submission:
 - How does it make you feel to dance? (or...Why do you want to dance?)
 - What interested you in applying to the TN Governor's School for the Arts?
 - What are you hoping to gain from this experience, if selected?
 - How does dance fit into your life in the next 5-10 years?
 - Do you feel you can succeed in this intensive 4-week summer dance environment, training and performing with other young artists?
 - Should GSFTA 2021 need to be held virtually this summer if the COVID 19 Pandemic is still impacting Tennessee, do you feel you have the maturity and discipline to invest fully in your growth and development as an artist?
 - Have you participated in ballet or dance intensives in the past and if so, which ones? Were these valuable experiences for you? Why or why not?

Video Tips

- The camera should remain in one position throughout the recording.
- Ensure the image is clear enough to see your entire body. You should be in the center of the frame as much as possible and we should be able to see your all of your body.
- Ensure the audio recording on the video submission is clear.
- Choose a quiet, clean, appropriate setting for dance and your interview.

The Audition Submission Procedure

Send an email with VIDEO LINK to Laurie Merriman at lmerri@ilstu.edu.

1. **Record your video as one video and post it on YouTube.** YouTube accounts are free and you can make the videos unlisted (meaning it is only accessible by the link you provide others) or public (for anyone to see); this is your choice.
2. **Send link for video to the email address above. DO NOT** send video file as an email attachment; most email systems do not permit such large files to be received.

Subject line of Email: GSFTA Dance – Firstname Lastname

BODY of email: Firstname Lastname
 Link URL

Best Phone Number

Best Email Address

NOTE: Video links will only be shared with adjudicators and staff. These do NOT have to be professional quality recordings but it is important that we can hear and see you clearly. Applicants are welcome to contact Audition Coordinator and Dance Division Chair, Laurie Merriman, at lmerri@ilstu.edu with any questions.