



## **FUN FACTS ABOUT USC SONG GIRL AUDITIONS**

### **BEING A USC SONG GIRL**

- The USC Song Girls is the officially recognized dance team for the University of Southern California
- The Song Girls together with the USC Trojan Marching Band are the most visible public face of the University, and serve as ambassadors of spirit and good will for the Trojan Family
- The Song Girls support USC athletic events throughout the school year including football and basketball games
- They also appear at rallies, University, and Alumni functions
- USC Song Girls plan and conduct a Junior Song Girl Clinic for kids ages 4-18 every year
- The Song Girl program allows you the opportunity to bond with teammates, create lifelong friendships and have the experience of a lifetime
- Media appearances can include television and radio programs, and commercials
- There are often opportunities to perform internationally

### **AUDITIONS**

- Auditions are a multi-step process including an application, preliminary auditions, personal interview, and final auditions
- The Judging panel will focus on the following:
  - Dance technique, high kicks with strong, controlled movement
  - Enthusiasm and energy
  - Poise and confidence
  - Showmanship
  - Physical fitness
  - Personality
  - Good posture
  - Smile
  - Communication skills
- The preliminary audition consists of the following:
  - Across the floor technique sequence featuring turns, leaps, fouettés, leg holds, and high kicks
  - Learning and performing a routine to the USC Fight Song
  - Learning and performing a jazz/technique routine
- Finalists are chosen from the preliminary round by the judging panel for the final audition that consists of the following:
  - Personal interview by the judging panel
  - A personally choreographed solo to a song provided after finalists are chosen
  - A personally choreographed USC Fight Song
- Auditions are closed to the public and it is our policy that the coach nor the judging panel provide feedback to the finalists post auditions
- Returning members of the Song Girl team must audition each year, and are not guaranteed a spot on the new team

### **PRESENTING YOURSELF AT AUDITIONS**

- Two-piece attire: Fitted athletic/dance top & Fitted spandex shorts, or fitted skirt
- Skin-colored tights/nylons (non-shimmer, no pattern)
- Any type of dance or athletic shoes
- Game day makeup that compliments your complexion and natural beauty
- Hair should be worn in a modern hairstyle that compliments your features and doesn't hide your face

### **BECOMING A USC SONG GIRL**

- You must be a current, full-time enrolled student, or Spring 2021 admit
- You must maintain a 2.5 GPA while on the team
- You will be required to sign the Song Girl Agreement and Social Media Policy
- You must be a team player

### **MAKING THE TEAM**

- If you are chosen for the 2021 USC Song Girl Team you will begin practice November 2020
- The practice requirement will be 15 hours per week in addition to live appearances
- The new team season will begin with basketball and continue through football, with various other events throughout the year, including during the summer months