

2020-2021 GDU STAR Competitive Dance Company Audition Information

What is a Competitive Dance Company?

Competitive dance is for the dancer who wants to become more involved in dance and take his/her dance training to the next level. As a competitive dancer, one will receive advanced technical training that is designed to challenge and inspire him or her to grow both as a dancer and as a person. At GDU, we believe competitive dance also teaches important life lessons including teamwork, self confidence, dedication, and perseverance.

GDU Star Company is a serious commitment. Once you have committed to our company you must remember that we require you to make us your FIRST COMMITMENT. Classes, rehearsals, and performances must take precedence over all other extra-curricular activities.

What are dance competitions?

Dance competitions are events where dance studios in an area (usually the state) come together to compete against each other with pre-choreographed dance routines. Competition categories are generally grouped by dance style, group size, and age of competitor(s). A panel of professional judges will score the dance, and provide comments and critiques. Winners receive awards, prizes, and chances to compete at higher-level competition (National Championships).

Audition Dance Combos:

Mini/Shooting Video will be posted on our website Saturday May 9th

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVptLKku-iU&feature=youtu.be>

Rising/Shining

Musical Theater Audition Combo

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/5m2uumsvmnar2ua/Musical%20Theater%20Audition%20Combo.mp4?dl=0>

Jazz Combo for Rising/Shining Ages 11 and under

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9PerOXircic>

Jazz Combo for Rising/Shining Ages 12 and up

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a10yWqGQ7Wo&feature=youtu.be>

Lyrical Combo for Rising/Shining Ages 11 & under

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rgvCmNsrTu4>

Lyrical Combo for Rising/Shining Ages 12 and up

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5pBrdl09Ouo>

Company Parent Meeting: Tuesday May 12th 6:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89795498334>

Dance Company Virtual Auditions: Saturday May 16th

10:00-10:45 Mini Company Ages 3-6
Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81410613095>

11:00-12:00 Shooting Star Company Ages 6 and up
Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87045965901>

12:30-2:00 Rising/Shining Star Company Ages 11 and under*
Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85992685822>

2:30-4:00 Rising/Shining Star Company Ages 12 and up*
Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89538685904>

* Anyone interested in Hip Hop company only must submit a 30 sec audition video . In addition please join the Rising/Shining Company audition that matches dancer's age.

Dancers will need to wear ALL black, have all dance shoes available, and have hair up in a nice, neat ponytail. Each dancer will need to pay an audition fee which will be placed on your dancer's account and drafted on audition day. Auditions will be held on zoom. Please login 15 minutes before the correct time.

Please remember it is VERY IMPORTANT TO BE ON TIME TO ANY AUDITION!!

Important Company Dates: 2020-2021

June 9th	Summer Classes Begin
June 15th	Star Company Contracts Signed and Returned to Studio
June 15 th -19 th	First Dance Intensive (One week is mandatory for Rising/Shining/Shooting*)
June 29 th - July 5 th	Closed for 4th of July Week
July 15th	1st Monthly Payment Due (payments run July-May due on the 15th)
July 13 th -17 th	Second Dance Intensive (One week is mandatory for Rising/Shining/Shooting*)
Aug 1 st	Studio Open House 10-2 (participation required at 1 open house)
Aug 8 th	Studio Open House 10-2 (participation required at 1 open house)
Aug 17th	Regular Classes Begin at Studio
Sept 7 th	Closed for Labor Day
Sept 15th	Money due for Warm Up Jackets/Pants
Oct 2 nd -4 th	Encore Convention- Columbia, SC (required for Dazzling Star, optional for other)
Oct 8th -14th	Alternative Choreography Week if July is cancelled
Oct 8 th -14 th	Fall Break for studio
Oct 25 th	Titans of Dance Convention- Atlanta, GA (required for all Shining)
Dec 14th	Winter Party
Jan 9 th	Stage Rehearsal
Feb 6 th	Mock Competition/ Parent Show

Saturday Rehearsals:

Sept 12 th	ALL Company & Dinner
Sept 26 th	Rising and Shining Only
Oct 17 th	ALL Company & Dinner
Oct 31 st	Rising and Shining Only
Nov 7 th	ALL Company & Dinner
Nov 21 st	Rising and Shining Only
Dec 5 th	ALL Company & Dinner
Dec 19 th	Rising and Shining Only

Saturday rehearsals for January, February, March, April and May will be determined after the Competition schedule is released in August. Company Dinner attendance is required for all dancers.

Additional Information:

We will have a parent meeting in August to go over details for the rest of the year including the Competition schedule.

All dancers will compete in 4 dance competitions during the spring and perform in our annual spring recital. 2 local Atlanta competitions and 2 out of state.

Hip Hop, Shooting Teen, Rising and Shining Star Companies will come two Saturdays a month.

Mini and Shooting Jr. Stars will come one Saturday a month during the months of September, October, November, January, and February. We will also have a mock competition one Saturday in either January or February (date TBD). We will announce all Saturdays for the entire year as soon as we receive the competition schedule so that you can mark those dates on your calendars.

We require all company parents to volunteer a minimum of three times during the year for events such as helping with our Saturday dinners, prop building, costuming, charity events, etc. A form will be available at our Parent Meeting in August.

Dancer's Bio

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Age: _____ Promoted Grade Level: _____

How many years have you been dancing: _____

Please circle the star level you are auditioning for:

Mini Star

Hip Hop Star

Shooting Star Junior

Shooting Star Teen

Rising Star

Shining Star

How many dances would you like to participate in this season? _____ Solo? Y/N

Would you be interested in duet/trio? _____

Favorite Dance Style: _____

Least Favorite Dance Style: _____

Please include 3-4 sentences about yourself including what you would like to accomplish this year, how you can improve this team, and why competitive dance is important to you.

Please note, if you are a rising middle schooler or older you will need to submit a resume along with this page. Thank you!

Mini Star Company (Ages 3-6)

Requirements:

- Attend at least 6 classes in summer 2020
Attend company choreography week
- Attend weekly required classes
 - Assigned ballet/tap/jazz class
 - Assigned rehearsal*
- 5 Saturday rehearsals (Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb)
- Perform one dance at competition
- Attend four competitions in the Spring (two out of town)
- Perform company and class dances in the winter and spring recitals

*Weekly rehearsal time may be shared with multiple mini star dances

Company Costs:

• Tuition \$60 x 9.5 months	\$ 570.00
• Weekly/Saturday Rehearsals \$25 x 9.5 months	\$ 237.50
• Choreography Fee x1	\$ 125.00**
• Costume x1	\$ 85.00
• Competition Entry Fees (\$65 x 4 competitions)	\$ 260.00**
• Incidental Fees	\$ 100.00
• Company t-shirt	\$ 20.00
• Company Dinners (\$5 x 5)	\$ 25.00

**additional charge for duet/trio

Annual Total = \$1,422.50

Payment Options:

- 11 Monthly payments: \$135.00 per month July-May (last payment is due May 1st)
- 2 payment option: \$676 each in August and January (5% discount applied.... Check/cash only or processing fee will apply)

The above fees **DO NOT INCLUDE** required summer class, camps/intensives (\$120.00), studio annual registration fee (\$35.00), required warm up jacket (\$45), optional warm-up pants (\$32), shoes (\$20.00-\$45.00 per pair) and additional tights (\$8) needed for competitions, tentative winter show fee (\$60), spring show fee (\$60), and recital costumes (\$60.00-85.00 each costume). **ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Hip Hop Star Jr/Teen Company (Ages 6 and up)

Requirements:

- Attend at least 6 classes in Summer 2020
- Attend company choreography week
- Attend weekly required classes
 - Assigned 45 minutes Hip Hop class
 - Assigned Hip Hop rehearsal*
- Up to 2 Saturday rehearsals a month
- Perform one dance at competition
- Attend four competitions in the Spring (two out of town)
- Perform company and class dances in the winter and spring recitals

*Weekly rehearsal time may be shared with multiple hip hop dances

Company Costs:

• Tuition \$50 x 9.5 months	\$ 475.00
• Weekly/Saturday Rehearsals \$25 x 9.5 months	\$ 237.50
• Choreography Fee	\$ 125.00**
• Costume	\$ 85.00
• Competition Entry Fees (\$65 x 4 competitions)	\$ 260.00**
• Incidental Fee	\$ 100.00
• Company t-shirt	\$ 20.00
• Company Dinners (\$5 x 8)	\$ 40.00

**additional charge for duet/trio

Yearly Total = \$1,342.50

Payment Options:

- 11 Monthly payments: \$126.00 per month July-May (last payment is due May 1st)
- 2 payment option: \$638.00 each in August and January (5% discount applied.... Check/cash only or processing fee will apply)

The above fees **DO NOT INCLUDE** required summer class, camps/intensives (\$120.00), studio annual registration fee (\$35.00), required warm up jacket (\$45), optional warm-up pants (\$32), shoes (\$20.00-\$45.00 per pair) and additional tights (\$8) needed for competitions, tentative winter show fee (\$60), spring show fee (\$60), and recital costumes (\$60.00-85.00 each costume). **ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Shooting Star Junior Company (Ages 7-10)

Requirements:

- Attend one week of dance intensive and at least 6 classes in summer 2020
- Attend company choreography week
- Attend weekly required classes
 - Assigned ballet/tap/jazz class
 - 30-minute rehearsal*
- 5 Saturday rehearsals (Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb)
- Perform one dance at competition
- Attend four competitions in the Spring (two out of town)
- Perform company and class dances in the winter and spring recitals

*Weekly rehearsal time may be shared with multiple shooting star junior dances

Company Costs:

• Tuition \$60 x 9.5 months	\$ 570.00
• Weekly/Saturday Rehearsals \$25 x 9.5 months	\$ 237.50
• Choreography Fee x1	\$ 125.00**
• Costume x1	\$ 85.00
• Competition Entry Fees (\$65 x 4 competitions)	\$ 260.00**
• Incidental Fees	\$ 100.00
• Company t-shirt	\$ 20.00
• Company Dinners (\$5 x 5)	\$ 25.00

**additional charge for duet/trio

Annual Total = \$1,422.50

Payment Options:

- 11 Monthly payments: \$135.00 per month July-May (last payment is due May 1st)
- 2 payment option: \$676.00 each in August and January (5% discount applied.... Check/cash only or processing fee will apply)

The above fees **DO NOT INCLUDE** required summer class, camps/intensives, studio annual registration fee (\$35.00), required warm up jacket (\$45), optional warm-up pants (\$32), shoes (\$20.00-\$45.00 per pair) and additional tights (\$8) needed for competitions, tentative winter show fee (\$60), spring show fee (\$60), and recital costumes (\$60.00-85.00 each costume). **ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Shooting Star Teen Company (Ages 11-18)

Requirements:

- First year competitor only
- Attend one week of Dance Intensive and at least 6 classes in summer 2020
- Attend company choreography week
- Attend weekly required classes
 - 60-minute jazz/tap or 60-minute jazz class
 - An additional 45 minutes class
(pick between lyrical, hip hop, sassy or tumbling)
 - Assigned shooting star teen rehearsal
- Up to Two Saturdays a month rehearsal
- Perform two dances in competition
- Attend four competitions in the Spring (two out of town)
- Perform company and class dances in the winter and spring recitals

*Weekly rehearsal time may be shared with multiple shooting star teen dances

Company Costs:

• Tuition \$90 x 9.5 months	\$ 855.00
• Weekly/Saturday Rehearsals \$25 x 9.5 months	\$ 237.50
• Choreography Fee (\$125 x 2)	\$ 250.00*
• Costumes (75 x 2)	\$ 150.00
• Competition Entry Fees (\$130 x 4 competitions)	\$ 520.00*
• Incidental Fee	\$ 100.00
• Company t-shirt	\$ 20.00
• Company Dinners (\$5 x 8)	\$ 40.00

*additional charge for duet/trio

Total for year = \$2172.50

Payment Options:

- 11 Monthly payments: \$200.00 per month July-May (last payment is due May 1st)
- 2 payment option: \$ 1032.00 each in August and January (5% discount applied.. Check/cash only or processing fee will apply)

The above fees **DO NOT INCLUDE** required summer class, camps/intensives, studio annual registration fee (\$35.00), required warm up jacket (\$45), optional warm-up pants (\$32), shoes (\$20.00-\$45.00 per pair) and additional tights (\$8) needed for competitions, tentative winter show fee (\$60), spring show fee (\$60), and recital costumes (\$60.00-85.00 each costume). **ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Rising Star Company (Ages 6 and up)

Requirements:

- Attend one week of dance intensive **AND** at least 10 classes in summer 2020
- Attend company choreography week
- Two days a week and two Saturdays a month time commitment:
- Weekly required classes
 - Assigned ballet class
 - Assigned jazz class
 - Assigned stretch/conditioning class
 - An additional 45 minutes class
(pick between tap, lyrical, hip hop, sassy or tumbling: coordinate with competition dances)
 - Rising Star Rehearsal
- Two Saturdays a month rehearsal
- Perform a minimum of two dances at competition (priced below)...extra dances are optional
- Attend four competitions in the Spring (two out of town)
- Attend one local dance convention
- Perform company dances in the winter and spring recitals

*Weekly rehearsal time will be shared with multiple rising/shining star dances

Company Costs:

• Tuition (\$140 x 9.5)	\$ 1330.00
• Weekly/Saturday Rehearsals (\$30 x 9.5 months)	\$ 285.00
• Convention	\$ 120.00
• Choreography Fees (\$125.00 x 2)	\$ 250.00*
• Costumes (2)	\$ 170.00
• Competition fees (\$130 x 4 competitions)	\$ 520.00*
• Incidental Fees	\$ 100.00
• Saturday dinners (\$5 x 8 months)	\$ 40.00
• Company t-shirt	\$ 20.00

*additional charge for duet/trio/solo

Total for year = \$2,835.00

Payment Options:

- 11 monthly payments: \$262.00 July-May (last payment is due May 1st)
- 2 payment option: \$1,348.00 each in August/January (5% discount)

The above fees **DO NOT INCLUDE** required summer class, camps/intensives, studio annual registration fee (\$35.00), required warm up jacket (\$45), optional warm-up pants (\$32), shoes (\$20.00-\$45.00 per pair) and additional tights (\$8) needed for competitions, tentative winter show fee (\$60), spring show fee (\$60), and recital costumes (\$60.00-85.00 each costume). **ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Shining Star Company (ages 6 and up)

Requirements:

- Attend one week of dance intensive **AND** at least 10 classes in summer 2020
- Attend company choreography week
- Three days a week and two Saturdays a month time commitment:
- Weekly required classes...
 - Assigned ballet class and one extra technique or ballet class a week
 - Assigned jazz class
 - Assigned stretch/conditioning class
 - Assigned lyrical class
 - Assigned tap class
 - Assigned hip hop class
 - Assigned tumbling class
 - Shining Star rehearsal*
- Two Saturdays a month rehearsal
- Perform a minimum of three dances at competition...extra dances are optional
- Attend four competitions in the Spring (two out of town)
- Attend two dance conventions
- Perform company dances in the winter and spring recitals

*Weekly rehearsal time will be shared with multiple rising/shining star dances

Company Costs

• Tuition (unlimited classes)(\$170 x 9.5 months)	\$1,615.00
• Weekly/Saturday Rehearsals (\$30 x 9.5 months)	\$ 285.00
• Choreography Fees (\$125.00 x 3)	\$ 375.00*
• Convention (2)	\$ 240.00
• Costumes (3)	\$ 225.00
• Competition fees (\$ 195 x 4 competitions)	\$ 780.00*
• Incidental Fees	\$ 100.00
• Saturday dinners \$5 x 8 months	\$ 40.00
• Company t-shirt	\$ 20.00

*additional charge for duet/trio/solo

Total for year = \$3680.00

Payment Options:

- 11 Monthly payments: \$340.00 July-May (last payment is due May 1st)
- 2 payment option: \$1748.00 each in August and January (5% discount)

The above fees **DO NOT INCLUDE** required summer class, camps/intensives, studio annual registration fee (\$35.00), required warm up jacket (\$45), optional warm-up pants (\$32), shoes (\$20.00-\$45.00 per pair) and additional tights (\$8) needed for competitions, tentative winter show fee (\$60), spring show fee (\$60), and recital costumes (\$60.00-85.00 each costume). **ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Additional Dances (These dances do not qualify for the 5% payment discount)

Solos: available for Rising and Shining Star Dancers only

\$ 250*	choreography fee and rehearsal up to 6 hours.
\$ 500	entry fees (\$125 x 4 competitions)
\$ 85	costume
\$ 835	Total

Duets/Trios:

\$ 150*	choreography fee (per person) and rehearsal up to 6 hours.
\$ 280	entry fees (\$70 x4 competitions)
\$ 85	costume
\$ 515	Total

Groups:

Rising and Shining Stars Additional Groups

\$ 125	choreography fee (per person) and rehearsal up to 10 hours.
\$ 260	entry fees (\$65 x 4 competitions)
\$ 85	costume
\$ 470	Total

*** Additional charges will be assessed after choreography/rehearsal hours are reached.**

Mini/Hip Hop/Shooting Star Jr. 1st Year- maximum one group dance

Mini/Hip Hop/Shooting Star Jr. Veteran- maximum two group dances

Shooting Star Teen- maximum two group dances

Rising Star 1st Year- maximum 3 dances: two group dances and either a solo or a duet/trio

Rising Star Veteran- maximum 4 dances: three group dances and either a solo or a duet/trio

Shining Star 1st Year- maximum 4 dances: three group dances and either a solo or a duet/trio

Shining Star Veteran- unlimited (maximum one solos)

Dazzling Star- unlimited (maximum two solos)