

# 2022-2023 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).

## New Company Parent Meeting: Tuesday May 17th 6:00pm

### Audition Dance Combo Classes

#### Mini/Shooting/Sparkling/Performance Team A

May 16th	4:00-5:00	Mini Stars Combo	Ages 3-6
May 16th	7:00-8:00	Sparkling/Shooting Jr./Performance A Combo Per	Ages 7-10
May 16th	8:00-9:00	Sparkling/Shooting Teen/Performance A Combo	Ages 11 and up

#### Rising/Shining

May 16th	4:00-5:00	Jazz Combo for Rising/Shining	Ages 11 and under
May 16th	5:00-6:00	Lyrical Combo for Rising/Shining	Ages 11 and under
May 16th	6:15-7:00	Hip Hop Combo for Rising/Shining/Hip Hop Stars	Ages 11 and under
May 16th	6:00-7:00	Jazz Combo for Rising/Shining	Ages 12 and up
May 16th	7:00-8:00	Lyrical Combo for Rising/Shining	Ages 12 and up
May 16th	8:00-8:45	Hip Hop Combo for Rising/Shining/Hip Hop Stars	Ages 12 and up

## Dance Company Auditions: Saturday May 21st

10:00-11:00	Performance Team A: Ages 7 and up
11:00-12:00	Shooting Teen Ages 11 and up
12:15-1:15	Shooting Star Company Ages 7-10
1:30-2:15	Mini Company Ages 3-6
2:30-4:30	Rising/Shining Star Company Ages 11 and under*
4:30-6:30	Rising/Shining Star Company Ages 12 and up

\* Please join the Rising/Shining Company audition that matches the 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 \$40.00 audition fee (cash or check only).
- Dancers must be stretched and ready to audition at scheduled time.
- **Please remember it is VERY IMPORTANT TO BE ON TIME TO ANY AUDITION!!**

## Important Company Dates: 2022-2023

May 21	Company Auditions
June 7	Summer Classes Begin
Jun 20-24	First Dance Intensive (One week is mandatory for Rising/Shining/Shooting*)
June 15	Star Company Contracts Signed and Returned to Studio
July 11-15	Second Dance Intensive (One week is mandatory for Rising/Shining/Shooting*)
July 15	Booster (incidentals) Fee and Registration Fee Due
<b>July 15</b>	<b>1st Monthly Payment Due (payments run July-May. Due on the 15<sup>th</sup>)</b>
July 23	Studio Open House 10-2 (participation required at 1 open house)
July 25-26	Performance Team A/B/C Choreography
July 27-31	Choreography Week
Aug 13	Studio Open House 10-2 (participation required at 1 open house)
Aug 22	Regular Classes Begin at Studio
Sept 5	Closed for Labor Day
Sept 15	Money due for Warm Up Jackets/Pants
Oct 6-12	Studio Closed: Fall Break
Oct 21-24	Encore Convention- Columbia, SC
Nov 13	Titans of Dance Convention- Atlanta, GA (required for all Shining)
Nov 19	Thanksgiving Feast
Nov 21-27	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 13	Winter Party
Dec 20-Jan 4th	Winter Break
Jan 8	Stage Rehearsal
Feb TBA	Mock Competition/ Parent Show

## **Saturday Rehearsals:**

Aug 20	Rising and Shining Only
Sept 10	ALL COMPANY
Sept 24	Rising and Shining Only
Oct 1	ALL COMPANY
Oct 15	Rising and Shining Only
Nov 5	ALL COMPANY
Nov 19	Rising and Shining Only
Dec 3	Rising and Shining Only
Dec 10	ALL COMPANY
Jan 7	ALL Company and Stage Rehearsal

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 (2 out of state) during the spring and perform in our annual spring recital.

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. One additional rehearsal may be required for March and for April. 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.

10 and under dance classes are moving from Tuesday to Friday night. 11 and up Shining stars will move from Friday to Tuesday.

**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 GROUP dances would you like to participate in this season? \_\_\_\_\_

Solo? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_ Would you be interested in a duet/trio? \_\_\_\_\_

Total Dances for the season \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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**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 8 classes in summer 2022
- Attend company choreography week
- Attend weekly required classes
  - Assigned ballet/tap/jazz class
  - Assigned rehearsal\*
- 5 Saturday rehearsals (Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb). One rehearsal for March and April if needed.
- Perform one dance at competition
- Attend four competitions in the spring (two out of state)
- 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**
• Company t-shirt	\$ 20.00
• Company Dinners (\$5 x 5)	\$ 25.00

\*\*additional charge for duet/trio

**Annual Total = \$1,322.50**

## Payment Options:

- 11 Monthly payments: \$125.00 per month July-May (last payment is due May 1st)
- 2 payment option: \$628.50 each in August and January (5% discount applied.... Check/cash only or processing fee will apply)

Please note: Booster Club (incidentals) fee of \$150.00 is due July 15th along with July's tuition and annual registration fee. 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**

# Hip Hop Star Jr/Teen Company (Ages 7 and up)

## Requirements:

- Attend at least 8 classes in Summer 2022
- Attend company choreography week
- Attend weekly required classes
  - Assigned Hip Hop class
  - Assigned 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:

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| • 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** |
| • Company t-shirt                                | \$ 20.00    |
| • Company Dinners (\$5 x 8)                      | \$ 40.00    |

\*\*additional charge for duet/trio

**Yearly Total = \$1,242.50**

## Payment Options:

- 11 Monthly payments: \$115.00 per month July-May (last payment is due May 1st)
- 2 payment option: \$590.50 each in August and January (5% discount applied.... Check/cash only or processing fee will apply)

Please note: Booster Club (incidentals) fee of \$150.00 is due July 15th along with July's tuition and annual registration fee. 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 Junior Company (Ages 7-10)

## Requirements:

- Attend one week of dance intensive and at least 8 classes in summer 2022
- Attend company choreography week
- Attend weekly required classes
  - Assigned ballet/tap/jazz class
  - Assigned rehearsal\*
- 5 Saturday rehearsals (Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb). One rehearsal for March and April if needed.
- 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**
• Company t-shirt	\$ 20.00
• Company Dinners (\$5 x 5)	\$ 25.00

\*\*additional charge for duet/trio

**Annual Total = \$1,322.50**

## Payment Options:

- 11 Monthly payments: \$125.00 per month July-May (last payment is due May 1st)
- 2 payment option: \$628.50 each in August and January (5% discount applied.... Check/cash only or processing fee will apply)

Please note: Booster Club (incidentals) fee of \$150.00 is due July 15th along with July's tuition and annual registration fee. 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 11-19)

## Requirements:

- First year competitor only
- Attend one week of Dance Intensive and at least 10 classes in summer 2022
- Attend company choreography week
- Attend weekly required classes
  - 60-minute jazz/tap or 60-minute jazz class
  - An additional class  
(pick between lyrical, hip hop, musical theater or ballet)
  - Assigned 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**
• Company t-shirt	\$ 20.00
• Company Dinners (\$5 x 8)	\$ 40.00

\*\*additional charge for duet/trio

**Total for year = \$2072.50**

## Payment Options:

- 11 Monthly payments: \$190.00 per month July-May (last payment is due May 1st)
- 2 payment option: \$ 984.50 each in August and January (5% discount applied.. Check/cash only or processing fee will apply)

Please note: Booster Club (incidentals) fee of \$150.00 is due July 15th along with July's tuition and annual registration fee. 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 12 classes in summer 2022
- 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 class  
(pick between tap, lyrical, hip hop, musical theater or tumbling: must coordinate with competition dances)
  - Assigned 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	\$ 130.00
• Choreography Fees (\$125.00 x 2)	\$ 250.00**
• Costumes (2)	\$ 170.00
• Competition fees (\$130 x 4 competitions)	\$ 520.00**
• Saturday dinners (\$5 x 8 months)	\$ 40.00
• Company t-shirt	\$ 20.00

\*\*additional charge for duet/trio/solo

**Total for year = \$2,745.00**

## Payment Options:

- 11 monthly payments: \$250.00 July-May (last payment is due May 1st)
- 2 payment option: \$1,304.00 each in August/January (5% discount)

Please note: Booster Club (incidentals) fee of \$150.00 is due July 15th along with July's tuition and annual registration fee. 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 12 classes in summer 2022
- 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
  - Assigned 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)(\$180 x 9.5 months)	\$1,710.00
● Weekly/Saturday Rehearsals (\$30 x 9.5 months)	\$ 285.00
● Choreography Fees (\$125.00 x 3)	\$ 375.00*
● Convention (2)	\$ 260.00
● Costumes (3)	\$ 255.00
● Competition fees (\$ 195 x 4 competitions)	\$ 780.00*
● Saturday dinners \$5 x 8 months	\$ 40.00
● Company t-shirt	\$ 20.00

\*additional charge for duet/trio/solo

**Total for year = \$3725.00**

## Payment Options:

- 11 Monthly payments: \$340.00 July-May (last payment is due May 1st)
- 2 payment option: \$1770.00 each in August and January (5% discount)

Please note: Booster Club (incidentals) fee of \$150.00 is due July 15th along with July's tuition and annual registration fee. 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**

\$ 275*	choreography fee and rehearsal up to 6 hours.
\$ 500	entry fees (\$125 x 4 competitions)
\$ 85	costume
<b>\$ 860</b>	<b>Total</b>

### **Duets/Trios:**

\$ 175*	choreography fee (per person) and rehearsal up to 6 hours.
\$ 300	entry fees (\$75 x4 competitions)
\$ 85	costume
<b>\$ 560</b>	<b>Total</b>

### **Groups:**

#### **Rising and Shining Stars Additional Groups**

\$ 125	choreography fee (per person)
\$ 75	rehearsal fee
\$ 260	entry fees (\$65 x 4 competitions)
\$ 85	costume
<b>\$ 545</b>	<b>Total</b>

**\* 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 or duo/trio

Shooting Star Teen- maximum two group dances

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

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

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

Shining Star Veteran- unlimited (maximum one solos)

Dazzling Star- unlimited (maximum two solos)

Senior Shining Star Veterans- unlimited (maximum two solos)