



**GEORGIA DANCE
UNLIMITED**

2019-2020 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).

Dance Company Auditions:

Dancers will need to wear ALL black, bring all dance shoes and have hair up in a nice, neat ponytail. Dancers will need to bring a \$35 audition fee (check/cash only or processing fee will apply). All auditions are closed to the public and we ask that parents, siblings, and friends wait in the lobby area (sorry studio cameras will be off). Please remember it is **VERY IMPORTANT**

TO BE ON TIME TO ANY AUDITION!!

Please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled combo class time in order to stretch.

Please arrive 30 minutes before scheduled audition time in order to check in and stretch.

Combo class: during the combo class your dancer will learn a combination that they must perform at the audition. Once the combinations are taught we will have a video of them on our website so your dancer can practice.

Combo Class Dates

Rising/Shining Combos:	Monday May 13th	5:15-6:15 Jazz
	Tuesday May 14th	6:30-7:30 Lyrical

Shooting Jr:	Thursday May 9th	5:15-6:00
Shooting Teen:	Thursday May 9th	5:15-6:00
Hip Hop Combo:	Friday May 10th	7:00-7:45

Audition Times

Saturday May 18th

10:00-10:45	Mini Company Ages 4-6
11:00-12:00	Shooting Star Company Ages 6 and up
12:45-3:00	Rising/Shining Star Company Ages 6 and up
2:30-3:15	Hip Hop Company

Important Company Dates:

June 11th	Summer Classes Begin
June 15th	Star Company Contracts Signed and Returned to Studio
June 15th	1st Monthly Payment Due (payments run June-April due on the 1)
June 17th-21st	First Ballet Intensive (mandatory for Rising/Shining/Shooting*)
July 1st-7th	Closed for 4th of July Week
July 15th-19th	Second Ballet Intensive (mandatory for Rising/Shining/Shooting*)
July 20th	Studio Open House 10-2 (participation required)
July 25th- July 31st	Choreography Week (lock in will be sometime this week)
July 31st	Parent Meeting/Parent Showcase 6pm
Aug 3rd	Studio Open House 10-2 (participation required)
Aug 19th	Regular Classes Begin at Studio
Sept 2nd	Closed for Labor Day
Sept 15th	Money due for Warm Up Jackets/Pants
Oct 10th-13th	Studio Closed: Fall Break
Oct 25th-27th	Encore Convention- Columbia, SC (required for Dazzling Star, optional for others)
TBD	Winter Show
**Jan 4th	Stage Rehearsal
**Feb 1st	Mock Competition/ Parent Show
Feb 14th-17th	Disney Trip exact date TBA (required for Rising, Shining, Dazzling)

* Ballet Intensive is 1.5 hours each day for Shooting Star

** Stage and Dress rehearsal dates depend on availability of the theater which cannot be confirmed until September

Saturday Rehearsals/Dinners

Sept 7th.	Rising and Shining	Sept 21st	ALL COMPANY: Dinner Night
Oct 5th	Rising and Shining	Oct 19th	ALL COMPANY: Dinner Night
Nov 2nd	Dinner Night: Rising and Shining only		
Nov 16th	ALL COMPANY: Thanksgiving Company Feast		

Dec 7th Rising and Shining only Dec 14th Rising and Shining only

Saturday rehearsals for February, March, April and May will be determined after the Competition schedule is released in August.

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 3 dance competitions during the spring and perform in our annual spring recital. 2 local Atlanta competitions and 1 out of state. Rising, Shining and Dazzling will perform and take workshop classes at Disney in Feb 2020.

Rising and Shining Star Companies will come two Saturdays a month.

Mini, Hip Hop, and Shooting 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 time 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: _____

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

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 3-5)

Requirements:

- Attend at least 6 classes in summer 2019
- Attend company choreography week (July 25th- 31st)
- 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 three competitions in the Spring...
- 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 (\$60 x 3 competitions)	\$ 180.00**
• Company t-shirt	\$ 20.00
• Company Dinners (\$5 x 5)	\$ 25.00

**additional charge for duet/trio

Annual Total = \$1,242.50

Payment Options:

- 11 Monthly payments: \$115.00 per month June-April
- 2 payment option: \$590.25 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), company incidentals fee (\$75.00), 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 (\$50), spring show fee (\$50), and recital costumes (\$55.00-80.00 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 2019
- Attend company choreography week...(July 25-31)
- Attend weekly required classes
 - Assigned 45 minutes Hip Hop class
 - Assigned Hip Hop rehearsal*
- 5 Saturday rehearsals (Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb)
- Perform one dance at competition
- Attend three competitions in the spring (one 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 (\$60 x 3 competitions)	\$ 180.00**
• Company t-shirt	\$ 20.00
• Company Dinners (\$5 x 8)	\$ 25.00

**additional charge for duet/trio

Yearly Total = \$1,147.50

Payment Options:

- 11 Monthly payments: \$107.50 per month June-April
- 2 payment option: \$545.25 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 (\$150.00), studio annual registration fee (\$35.00), company incidentals fee (\$75.00), 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 (\$50), spring show fee (\$60), and recital costumes (\$60.00-80.00 each costume). **ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Shooting Star Junior Company (Ages 6-10)

Requirements:

- Attend one week of Mini Ballet Intensive and at least 6 classes in summer 2019
- Attend company choreography week (July 25-31)
- 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 three competitions in the Spring (one 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 (\$60 x 3 competitions)	\$ 180.00**
• Company t-shirt	\$ 20.00
• Company Dinners (\$5 x 5)	\$ 25.00

**additional charge for duet/trio

Annual Total = \$1,242.50

Payment Options:

- 11 Monthly payments: \$115.00 per month June-April
- 2 payment option: \$590.25 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 (\$150.00), studio annual registration fee (\$35.00), company incidentals fee (\$75.00), 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 (\$50), spring show fee (\$60), and recital costumes (\$60.00-80.00 each costume). **ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Shooting Star Teen Company (Ages 11-18)

Requirements:

- First year competitor only
- Attend one week of Mini Ballet Intensive and at least 6 classes in summer 2019
- Attend company choreography week (July 25-31)
- 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
- 5 Saturday rehearsals (Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb)
- Perform two dances in competition
- Attend three competitions in the spring (one is 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 (70 x 2)	\$ 140.00
• Competition Entry Fees (\$120 x 3 competitions)	\$ 360.00*
• Company t-shirt	\$ 20.00
• Company Dinners (\$5 x 8)	\$ 40.00

*additional charge for duet/trio

Total for year = \$1,902.50

Payment Options:

- 11 Monthly payments: \$176.00 per month June-April
- 2 payment option: \$ 905.00 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 (\$150.00), studio annual registration fee (\$35.00), company incidentals fee (\$75.00), 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 (\$50), spring show fee (\$60), and recital costumes (\$60.00-80.00 each costume). **ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Rising Star Company (Ages 6 and up)

Requirements:

- Attend one week of ballet intensive **AND** at least 10 classes in summer 2019
- Attend company choreography week (July 25-31)
- 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)
 - Rising Star Rehearsal
- Two Saturdays a month rehearsal
- Perform a minimum of two dances at competition (priced below)...extra dances are optional
- Attend three competitions in the Spring (one 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)	\$ 160.00
• Competition fees (\$120 x 3 competitions)	\$ 360.00*
• Saturday dinners (\$5 x 8 months)	\$ 40.00
• Company t-shirt	\$ 20.00

*additional charge for duet/trio/solo

Total for year = \$2,565.00

Payment Options:

- 11 monthly payments: \$238.00 June-April
- 2 payment option: \$1,220.00 each in August/January (5% discount)

The above fees **DO NOT INCLUDE** required summer class, camps/intensives (\$150.00), studio annual registration fee (\$35.00), company incidentals fee (\$75.00), 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 (\$50), spring show fee (\$60), and recital costumes (\$60.00-80.00 each costume). **ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Shining Star Company (ages 6 and up)

Requirements:

- Attend one week of ballet intensive **AND** at least 10 classes in summer 2019
- Attend company choreography week (July 25-31)
- 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 three competitions in the Spring (one 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 (\$ 180 x 3 competitions)	\$ 540.00*
• Saturday dinners \$5 x 8 months	\$ 40.00
• Company t-shirt	\$ 20.00

*additional charge for duet/trio/solo

Total for year = \$3340.00

Payment Options:

- 11 Monthly payments: \$310.00 June-April
- 2 payment option: \$1586.50 each in August and January (5% discount)

The above fees **DO NOT INCLUDE** required summer class, camps/intensives (\$150.00), studio annual registration fee (\$35.00), company incidentals fee (\$75.00), 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 (\$50), spring show fee (\$50), and recital costumes (\$55.00-80.00 each costume). **ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Pom Performance Team (ages 6 and up)

Requirements:

- Attend at least 6 classes in Summer 2019
- Attend choreography camp in May
- Attend weekly required classes
 - Assigned Jazz Class
 - Assigned Team rehearsal
 - An additional 45 minutes class
(pick between hip hop, sassy or tumbling)
- Perform and volunteer at GDU picnic in the fall
- Perform one dance at a local major performances
- Sell tickets for each major performance (approx 4-8 per performance)
- Perform company and class dances in the winter and spring recitals

Company Costs:

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| • Tuition \$90 x 9.5 months | \$ 855.00 [^] |
| • Weekly Rehearsals \$ 15 x 9.5 months | \$ 142.50 |
| • Choreography Fee | \$ 125.00 |
| • Performance Company t-shirt | \$ 20.00 |
| • Competition fee \$60 x 1 competition | \$ 60.00 |
| • Performance Outfit | \$ 85.00 |

[^] if your dancer is a member of the rising/shining company this fee does not apply.

Yearly Total = \$1287.50

Payment Options:

- 11 Monthly payments: \$ 120.00 per month June-April
- 2 payment option: \$ 611.75 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), pom incidentals fee (\$75.00), required warm up jacket (\$45), optional warm-up pants (\$32), shoes (\$20.00-\$45.00 per pair), recital costumes (\$55.00-80.00 each costume). The performance team is required to sell tickets for each major performance (approx 4-8 each event). **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.
\$ 360	entry fees (\$120 x 3 competitions)
\$ 85	costume
\$ 695	Total

Duets/Trios:

\$ 150*	choreography fee (per person) and rehearsal up to 6 hours.
\$ 210	entry fees (\$70 x3 competitions)
\$ 85	costume
\$ 445	Total

Groups:

Rising and Shining Stars Additional Groups

\$ 125	choreography fee (per person) and rehearsal up to 10 hours.
\$ 180	entry fees (\$60 x 3 competitions)
\$ 85	costume
\$ 390	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)