

# CU Feature Twirlers 2016

## Audition Criteria

### Initial Application

Twirlers who are interested in auditioning for a feature twirler position with the University of Colorado "Golden Buffalo" Marching Band should submit the following items via email by **April 9, 2016**.

- Band Application
- Resume of twirling/school career
- Two personal references, please include full name, phone number, and your relationship (a twirling coach for one is preferred)
- Recent digital photo in your costume
- Competitive solo level attained (beginner, intermediate, advanced)
- Optional video showing a variety of examples of twirling performances in the last 12 months. Samples can be from high school twirling, competitions, performances, or twirling at home. Team or individual performances are acceptable. Please submit video to YouTube and share a private link in your email submission.

Please submit the above to Dr. Matthew Roeder.

### CU Feature Twirler Auditions

After receiving your initial application, you will be notified if you are invited to audition for a CU Feature Twirler position. Auditions will be held on **Saturday, April 23, 2016, 12:00-4:00 pm** on the CU Boulder Campus.\* You must be accepted to the university in order to audition.

For the audition, twirlers should be prepared for the following:

- 2:00-3:00 minute routine choreographed to the music of your choice showcasing your 1, 2, and 3 baton skills
- 30-second fight song routine (CU fight song will be provided to all applicants)
- Interview with judging panel

You will be judged on difficulty, technique, execution, "crowd appeal", effective interpretation of musical selection, variety, and showmanship. Your fight song routine should showcase your performance skills more than your twirling difficulty. Make it showy and entertaining for a football stadium.

Candidates should include as many of the twirler preferred skills in their routine as possible. Candidates should wear a twirling costume with performance hair and make up done.

*\*It may be possible to do a video audition if you are unable to travel to Colorado for the audition date.*

### Preferred Skills

- 2 and 3 spins (vertical and horizontal)

- toss illusion
- toss walkover or cartwheel
- rolls
- 2 baton combos
- 3 baton combos
- grand jeté
- advanced understanding of bodywork and dance

## **CU Feature Twirler Expectations**

CU Feature Twirlers will be expected to choreograph two individual routines and one group routine with the other feature twirler(s) for each marching band show. It is expected that twirlers will purchase a costume and shoes on their own. They should provide their own batons. They will also purchase additional clothing apparel (shorts, shirts, sweats, etc.).

There will be 2-3 feature twirlers selected for Fall 2016. Depending on the level of interest in this new twirling program, additional twirlers may be selected to participate in a twirling line rather than a feature position.

## **For More Information**

Please direct all questions regarding the audition process to:

Dr. Matthew Roeder  
Director, "Golden Buffalo" Marching Band  
University of Colorado Boulder  
303-492-6585  
[matthew.roeder@colorado.edu](mailto:matthew.roeder@colorado.edu)

If you have any questions regarding the preferred twirling skills or routine choreography, please contact Mindy Hurd at 303-325-4764 or via [email](#).