

# 2024 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



*Texas - Louisiana - Mississippi - Oklahoma*

## APRIL 26-27, 2024

ENTRY DEADLINE: MARCH 27, 2024

**NEEDVILLE JR HIGH  
16415 Fritzella St  
Needville, TX 77461**

HOSTED BY: TEXAS TWIRLING COUNCIL  
SANCTIONED BY: UNITED STATES TWIRLING ASSOCIATION



# State Championship INDIVIDUAL ENTRY

USTA # \_\_\_\_\_ Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you are not a USTA member, you must pay \$5.00 for "Non-Member Contestant" fee to compete.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (08-31-2024): \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ List all instructors – Primary 1<sup>st</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

## FOUNDATION EVENTS

**\*Denotes Non-Sanctioned Events**

\$12 - Modeling\* \_\_\_\_ Rating\* \_\_\_\_ Open  
\$12 - Basic Strut \_\_\_\_ Rating\* \_\_\_\_ Nov \_\_\_\_ Beg \_\_\_\_ Int \_\_\_\_ Adv  
\$12 - Military Strut \_\_\_\_ Rating\* \_\_\_\_ Nov \_\_\_\_ Beg \_\_\_\_ Int \_\_\_\_ Adv  
\$12 - Parade March \_\_\_\_ Rating\* \_\_\_\_ Nov \_\_\_\_ Beg \_\_\_\_ Int \_\_\_\_ Adv  
\$12 - Presentation \_\_\_\_ Rating\* \_\_\_\_ Nov \_\_\_\_ Beg \_\_\_\_ Int \_\_\_\_ Adv

## TITLE EVENTS

**\*Denotes Non-Sanctioned Events**

Southern Spice\* (All Levels) - \$25.00 \_\_\_\_ Juv. \_\_\_\_ Jr. \_\_\_\_ Sr.  
Qualifying Event: \_\_\_\_ Winter Showcase  
\_\_\_\_ ET Mardis Gras Masquerade  
\_\_\_\_ Spotlight Festival  
\_\_\_\_ DD Eggstravaganza (check here if you  
intend to compete at this event)

Classic\*- \$25 \_\_\_\_ Elementary Classic \_\_\_\_ Middle School Classic  
\_\_\_\_ High School Classic \_\_\_\_ College Classic

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

## EVALUATIVE EVENTS

\$15 - Compulsories \_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_ A  
\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_ AA  
\_\_\_\_ BI \_\_\_\_ AAA  
\_\_\_\_ BII \_\_\_\_ Elite

\$15 - Movement/Technique \_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_ A  
\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_ AA  
\_\_\_\_ BI \_\_\_\_ AAA  
\_\_\_\_ BII \_\_\_\_ Elite

\$20 - Short Program \_\_\_\_

\$25 - Freestyle \_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_ AA \_\_\_\_ AAA \_\_\_\_ Elite  
\$25 - Freestyle Pairs \_\_\_\_ AA \_\_\_\_ AAA \_\_\_\_ Elite

Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

USTA ID# \_\_\_\_\_

\$25 - Collegiate \_\_\_\_

Name of University: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

**\*Denotes Non-Sanctioned Events**

\$15 - Solo \_\_\_\_ Rating\* \_\_\_\_ Nov \_\_\_\_ Beg \_\_\_\_ Int \_\_\_\_ Adv  
\$15 - Artistic Twirl \_\_\_\_ Rating\* \_\_\_\_ Nov \_\_\_\_ Beg \_\_\_\_ Int \_\_\_\_ Adv  
\$15 - USTA Strut \_\_\_\_ Rating\* \_\_\_\_ Nov \_\_\_\_ Beg \_\_\_\_ Int \_\_\_\_ Adv  
\$15 - 2 Baton \_\_\_\_ Rating\* \_\_\_\_ Nov \_\_\_\_ Beg \_\_\_\_ Int \_\_\_\_ Adv  
\$15 - 3 Baton \_\_\_\_ Rating\* \_\_\_\_ Nov \_\_\_\_ Beg \_\_\_\_ Int \_\_\_\_ Adv  
\$30/pr - Duet \_\_\_\_ Rating\* \_\_\_\_ Nov \_\_\_\_ Beg \_\_\_\_ Int \_\_\_\_ Adv

Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

USTA ID# \_\_\_\_\_

\$30/pr - Artistic Pair \_\_\_\_ Rating\* \_\_\_\_ Nov \_\_\_\_ Beg \_\_\_\_ Int \_\_\_\_ Adv

Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

USTA ID# \_\_\_\_\_

\$15 - X-Strut\* \_\_\_\_ Rating\* \_\_\_\_ Open\*

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

\_\_\_\_ \$25 - STATE SOLO  
\_\_\_\_ \$25 - STATE ARTISTIC TWIRL  
\_\_\_\_ \$25 - STATE USTA STRUT  
\_\_\_\_ \$25 - STATE 2 BATON  
\_\_\_\_ \$25 - STATE 3 BATON  
\_\_\_\_ \$50 per pair - STATE DUET

Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

USTA ID# \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ \$50 per pair - ARTISTIC PAIRS

Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

USTA ID# \_\_\_\_\_

## TOTAL DUE:

Event Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_

Non Member Fee (\$5.00) \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt \_\_\_\_\_

Program Ad \_\_\_\_\_

Surcharge \_\_\_\_ \$8.00 \_\_\_\_

Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Entry Deadline: March 27th, 2024

[www.paypal.com/paypalme/USTAtxstatetwirling](http://www.paypal.com/paypalme/USTAtxstatetwirling)

Online registration link:

<https://form.jotform.com/240125458057151>

# State Championship GROUP ENTRY

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Director's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (confirmation to be sent via email ONLY)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ List all instructors – Primary 1st: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry MUST include a list of all members age, date of birth, and USTA ID#**

## Division Teams:

Tiny Tot – 0-7 (no member over the age of 7)

Primary – average age 9.99

Juvenile – average age 10.0-13.99

Junior – average age 14.0-17.99

Senior – average age 18.0+

## Team Size:

Small: 4-8 members

Large: 9 or more members

## Corps & Group Size:

10 or more twirling members

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GROUP - \$15 per member

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Avg. Age (08/31/2024) \_\_\_\_\_ # of Athletes: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Alternates: \_\_\_\_\_

Title(s) of Musical Selection(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ State Trio

Age division: Prim. \_\_ Juv. \_\_ Jr. \_\_ Sr. \_\_

\_\_ State Dance Twirl

Age division: Juv. \_\_

Level: \_\_ AAA

Size: \_\_ Small \_\_ Large

Jr. \_\_

\_\_ AAA \_\_ Elite

\_\_ Small \_\_ Large

Sr. \_\_

\_\_ AAA \_\_ Elite

\_\_ Small \_\_ Large

\_\_ State Twirl Team

Age division: Jr. \_\_

Level: \_\_ AAA \_\_ Elite

Size: \_\_ Small \_\_ Large

Sr. \_\_

\_\_ AAA \_\_ Elite

\_\_ Small \_\_ Large

\_\_ State Show Team

Age division: Prim. \_\_ Juv. \_\_ Jr. \_\_ Sr. \_\_

\_\_ Small \_\_ Large

\_\_ State Entertainment Corp

Age division: Prim./Juv. \_\_ Jr./Sr. \_\_

\_\_ State Parade Corp

\_\_ State Artistic Group

## OPEN & RATING COMPETITION GROUP

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Avg. Age (08/31/2024) \_\_\_\_\_ # of Athletes: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Alternates: \_\_\_\_\_

Title(s) of Musical Selection(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Competitive: \$12.00 per member**

**Rating: \$10.00 per member**

\_\_ Trio

Age division: Prim. \_\_ Juv. \_\_ Jr. \_\_ Sr. \_\_

Level: Beg \_\_ Int. \_\_ Adv \_\_ Rating\* \_\_

\_\_ Dance Twirl

Age division: Tiny Tot \_\_

Level: Nov \_\_ A \_\_ AA \_\_ Rating\* \_\_

Size: \_\_ Small \_\_ Large

Prim. \_\_

Nov \_\_ A \_\_ AA \_\_ Rating\* \_\_

\_\_ Small \_\_ Large

Juv. \_\_

Nov \_\_ A \_\_ AA \_\_ Rating\* \_\_

\_\_ Small \_\_ Large

Jr. \_\_

Nov \_\_ A \_\_ AA \_\_ Rating\* \_\_

\_\_ Small \_\_ Large

Sr. \_\_

Nov \_\_ A \_\_ AA \_\_ Rating\* \_\_

\_\_ Small \_\_ Large

\_\_ Twirl Team

Age division: Prim. \_\_

Level: Novice \_\_ A \_\_ Rating\* \_\_

Size: \_\_ Small \_\_ Large

Juv. \_\_

Novice \_\_ A \_\_ AA \_\_ Rating\* \_\_

\_\_ Small \_\_ Large

Jr. \_\_

Novice \_\_ A \_\_ AA \_\_ Rating\* \_\_

\_\_ Small \_\_ Large

Sr. \_\_

Novice \_\_ A \_\_ AA \_\_ Rating\* \_\_

\_\_ Small \_\_ Large

\_\_ Show Team

Prim. \_\_ Juv. \_\_ Jr. \_\_ Sr. \_\_

Rating\* \_\_

\_\_ Small \_\_ Large

\_\_ Entertainment Corps

Prim./Juv. \_\_ Jr./Sr. \_\_

Rating\* \_\_

\_\_ Parade Corps

Rating only\* \_\_

\_\_ Artistic Group

Rating only\* \_\_

**\*Denotes USTA Non-Sanctioned Events.** You must be a member of the USTA to compete in any sanctioned event. If you are not a USTA member, please go to [www.ustawircling.com](http://www.ustawircling.com) and fill out your membership online or pay a fee of \$5.00 per Non-member contestant.

Event Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Program AD \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-member contestant fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$5.00 – pay only if NOT a USTA member)

Surcharge (per team) \$ 8.00

Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE CLASSIC

- Performed to your own music.
- Time limit – 2-2:30 minutes max.
- May use one or more batons.
- Age divisions are split into four groups–
  - Elementary School K-5
  - Middle School 6-8
  - High School 9-12
  - Collegiate – for anyone enrolled in undergraduate or graduate level courses

## RULES & REGULATIONS

- This is a USTA sanctioned contest with USTA rules, regulations, judges and music.
- Only baton events are sanctioned by the United States Twirling Association.
- Non-sanctioned events will be noted with an asterisk on the entry form.
- No refunds for any reason (other than cancellation of the entire event). Postponement due to weather is NOT a cancellation.
- Neither contest directors or contest facilities will be responsible for accidents, injuries or loss of property.
- Program will be emailed to coaches only to check for errors.
- Contestants will compete at the age they are as of August 31<sup>st</sup> of contest year.
- There is a non-member fee of \$5.00 for individuals. USTA memberships may be purchased at [ustwirling.com](http://ustwirling.com)
- Set system will be utilized. See program, note set, and lane for each event entered.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.
- Rule changes made by USTA Board of Directors will automatically go into effect at proper time and take priority over those stated.
- Entering more than one level: Effective September 1, 2019, athletes may only enter one level up from their current level in a particular event. For example, a Beginner athlete may enter Intermediate, not Advanced, since that would be two levels up.
- Group/Freestyle comments will be provided via digital recording and emailed to coaches (or scoresheets).
- Music for groups/freestyles must be emailed to [twirlp@yahoo.com](mailto:twirlp@yahoo.com) prior to competition.
- Team/corp age division is determined by averaging age of members. You may enter older division if at least one member is in that division.
- Athlete may be a member of more than one team/corp, but team must be in separate categories. Athlete cannot compete against self.
- If team/corp member cannot perform on contest day and it changes category entered, team may perform for Evaluation only.
- SMOKING PROHIBITED anywhere on school property and at USTA competitions.
- A 1<sup>st</sup> place win is a “win” with more than one athlete in each category.
- Novice – contestant/group who has won less than 3 competitive first place awards in that event.
- Beginner – contestant/group who has won less than 5 competitive first place awards in that event.
- Intermediate – contestant/group who has won less than 10 competitive first place awards in that event.
- Advanced – contestant/group who has won 10 or more competitive first place awards in that event.
- USTA recognizes all other twirling organizations 1<sup>st</sup> place wins, except USTA Strut.
- The main goal of USTA is the development and promotion of *Good Sportsmanship*. Therefore, athlete/group may enter one level above current classification.
- Critique events – comments will be provided via digital recording and emailed (or scoresheets).
- Contest director has the right to combine/divide age groups as entries warrant.
- In the event of a discrepancy, the judge's master is final.
- Age groups and awards may vary slightly at the discretion of the Contest Director.
- \$30.00 NSF fee for returned checks.
- You may evaluate no more than 2 levels of Compulsories or Movement Technique at any event.
- The Needville Middle School & High School twirlers will accept donations for door admission at the concession stand. Please support their concession stand as well for fundraising efforts.

*State Championship*  
**STATE T-SHIRT ORDER FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group/Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

**T-shirt - \$20.00**

**Tank - \$22.00**

T-Shirts are a 50/50 blend. Tanks tend to run small

Child: Small T-Shirt \_\_\_\_\_ Tank \_\_\_\_\_

Child Medium T-Shirt \_\_\_\_\_ Tank \_\_\_\_\_

Child Large T-Shirt \_\_\_\_\_ Tank \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Small T-Shirt \_\_\_\_\_ Tank \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Medium T-Shirt \_\_\_\_\_ Tank \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Large T-Shirt \_\_\_\_\_ Tank \_\_\_\_\_

Adult XL T-Shirt \_\_\_\_\_

Adult XXL T-Shirt \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of T-Shirts CS-AXL \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of T-Shirts XXL \_\_\_\_\_ x \$22.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Tanks ordered \_\_\_\_\_ x \$22.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Email tishrt orders to:  
texasstatetwirlingcouncil@gmail.com

PayPal payment  
[www.paypal.com/paypalme/USTAtxstatetwirling](http://www.paypal.com/paypalme/USTAtxstatetwirling)

# State Championship PROGRAM AD

Show your support to your athletes by taking  
out an ad in the State Program!

<b>Business Card:</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>1/4 Page Ad:</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>1/2 Page Ad:</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Full Page Ad:</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

Name of Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit all print quality pictures or art work ready to be  
photocopied. We can also print your business card as  
part of your ad. *Show ad on a separate sheet as it should appear.*

Circle one: Business Card Ad      1/4 page Ad      1/2 page Ad      Full Page Ad

Amount enclosed with Ad: \_\_\_\_\_

Ads are DUE with State Entry March 27, 2024

Email ads: [texasstatetwirlingcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:texasstatetwirlingcouncil@gmail.com)

PayPal payment:

[www.paypal.com/paypalme/USTAtxstatetwirling](http://www.paypal.com/paypalme/USTAtxstatetwirling)

# Catherine Lewis Memorial Essay Scholarship



Catherine Golden Lewis was a life-long resident of Sulphur, LA. She was fascinated with baton twirling during her younger years and often laughed as she told the story of how she ended up a drummer instead of a twirler because of a silly waist wrap that flew across the gym floor at her one and only audition for high school majorette. By the time she made it back from retrieving her baton from that waist wrap at the beginning of her routine, unfortunately the music was over, and so were her dreams of becoming a majorette. However, she felt blessed to spend all of her adult life around our sport because of her daughter, Lori, who began lessons at 3 years old and is still involved today, and her granddaughter, Emily, whom she cherished and was truly her biggest fan. Catherine was extremely creative and made some beautiful costumes and pageant dresses over the years, and she supported every twirler with love and compassion at every opportunity.

She is dearly missed, but her legacy will live on through our essay competition which is designed to help all twirlers become better communicators and instill the values of sportsmanship and camaraderie that are most important in any activity. Thank you all for participating and please remember that your twirling teacher and supporters care far more about you than the reach of your twirling success.

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Junior (0-14) Writing Prompt - How would you describe baton twirling to your friends that may not have heard of our sport?

Senior (15 & over) Writing Prompt - How will baton twirling prepare you for your future as an adult?

Scholarship - \$150

Due April 7th

submit to [staceelynngomez@gmail.com](mailto:staceelynngomez@gmail.com)

200-500 words

Winner Awarded at State

## **CATHERINE LEWIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY**

- To be awarded at the State Championship
- The Catherine Lewis Memorial Essay Competition will award \$150 scholarships to one junior athlete ages 0-14, and to one senior athlete ages 15 and over.
- Essays are due by April 7th to [staceylynnngomez@gmail.com](mailto:staceylynnngomez@gmail.com)
- Will be judged by a panel of 3, including Jeffrey Lewis, son of Catherine.
- Essays should be between 200-500 words and can be typed or handwritten.

**Junior Writing Prompt (0-14 yrs)** - How would you describe baton twirling to your friends that may not have heard of our sport?

**Senior Writing Prompt (15+ yrs)** - How will baton twirling prepare you for your future as an adult?

**WAIVER/INDEMNITY OF LIABILITY:** I agree to assume the risk of any injury that may happen to me (or my child) as a result of participation in a USTA sanction event. I further agree to indemnify and hold the United States Twirling Association, Texas Twirling Council, Louisiana State Twirling Council, Needville ISD, and their agents, or employees harmless from any loss sustained as a result of injury to me (or my child) as a result of participation in USTA events. I have read the "Parents/Legal Guardians Responsibilities" in Section 1 of the current edition of the USTA Information, Procedures and Rules manual. As a condition for USTA's acceptance of my (or my child's) entry in a USTA event, I agree to abide by and perform each of the duties set forth in that Section. By participating in a USTA event, I give USTA permission to use photos and video of myself (or my children) taken in conjunction with a USTA event.

Signed (by Parent/Guardian if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_