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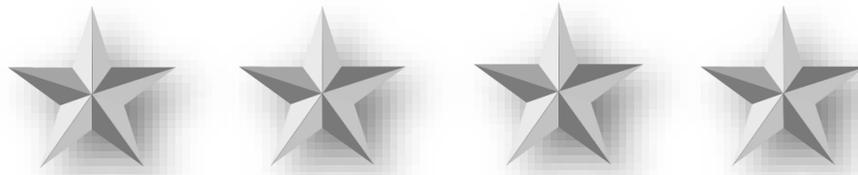
**STOCKTON
SILVER STARS**



**DANCE OFFICER
TRYOUT PACKET**

Application Binder Due:

April 15, 2020 by 4:00 p.m. to Coach Barr at WHJS



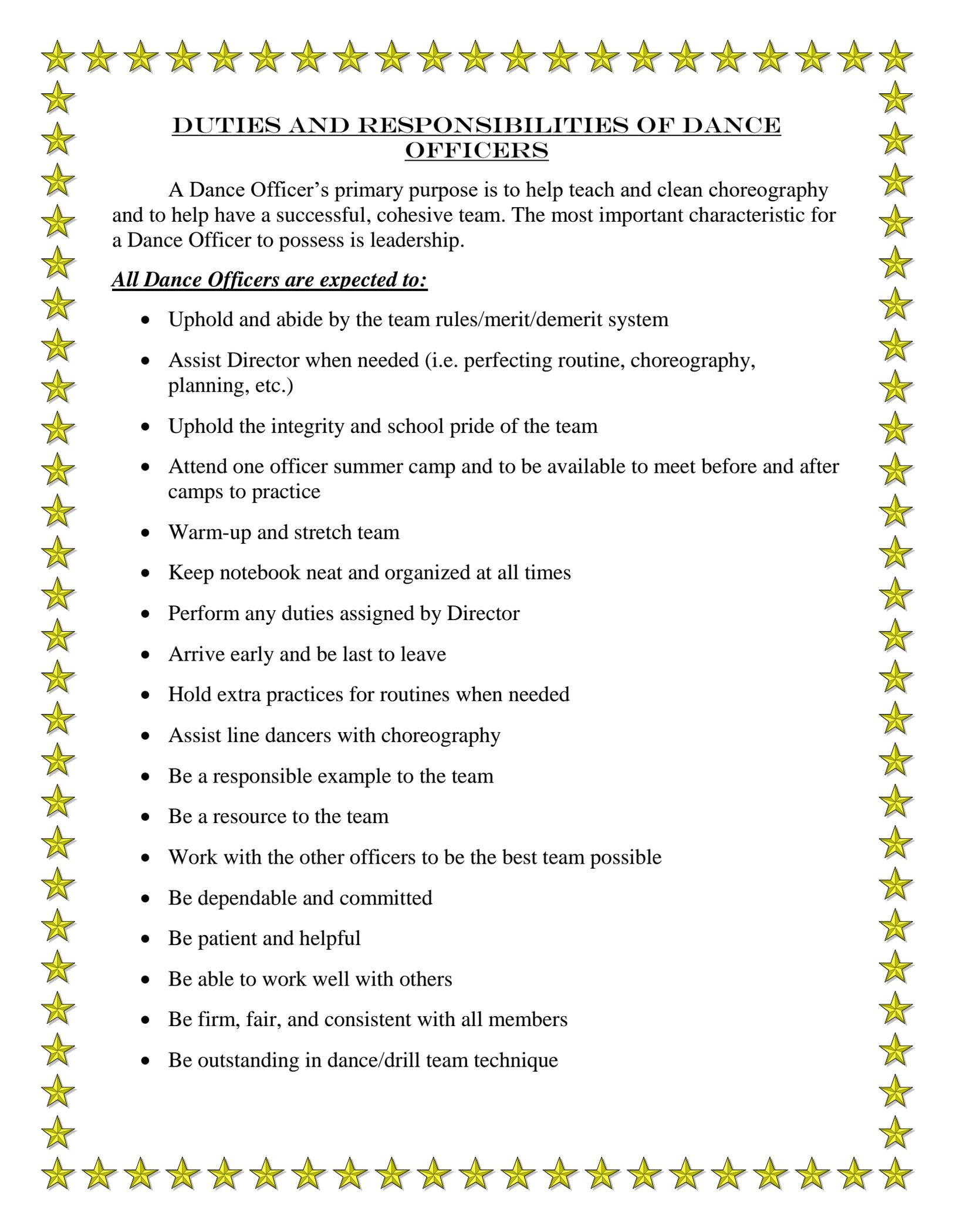
DEAR DANCE OFFICER CANDIDATES,

Congratulations on making the decision to audition for Officer. If selected for Officer, it will be one of the biggest honors you will receive as an active member of the Silver Stars. Along with this honor also comes a lot of hard work and responsibility. You will be expected to set a good example in all respects, and you must be at your best at all times. You will keep many long hours and be expected to fulfill all duties and obligations set forth for an Officer position. I tell you these things not to scare you, but to remind you that for everything good, you must put forth your best effort.

Attached to this letter you will find all of the Officer candidate requirements, notebook information, and parent/officer contract. Read through all of the material with your parents to be sure you understand what is expected of you should you make Officer. Your notebook in its entirety is due April 15, 2020 by 4:00 pm. NO late application notebooks will be accepted. The requirements and procedures hopefully allow not only the best dancers--but the best leaders--to be selected.

Respectfully,

Coach Barr

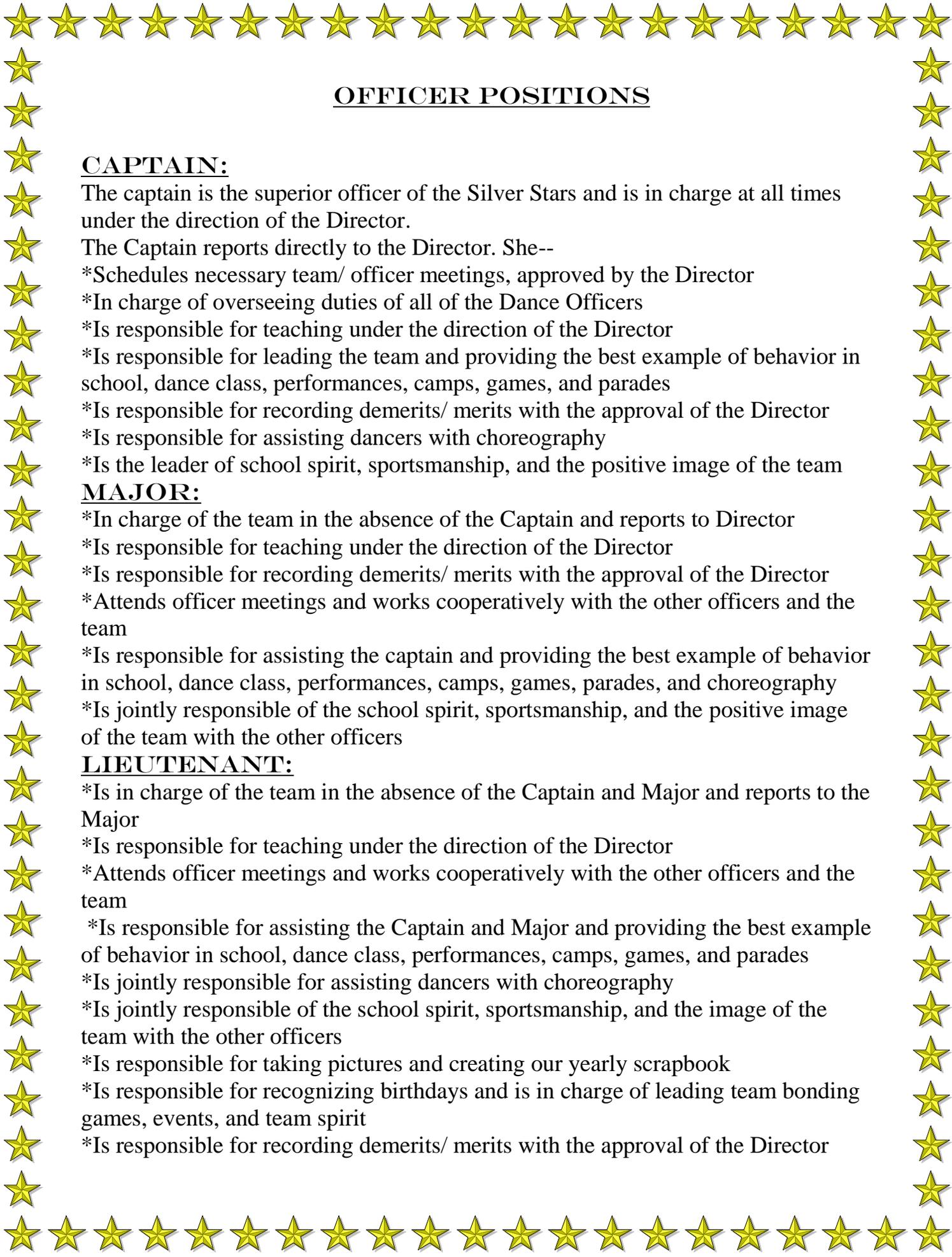


DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DANCE OFFICERS

A Dance Officer's primary purpose is to help teach and clean choreography and to help have a successful, cohesive team. The most important characteristic for a Dance Officer to possess is leadership.

All Dance Officers are expected to:

- Uphold and abide by the team rules/merit/demerit system
- Assist Director when needed (i.e. perfecting routine, choreography, planning, etc.)
- Uphold the integrity and school pride of the team
- Attend one officer summer camp and to be available to meet before and after camps to practice
- Warm-up and stretch team
- Keep notebook neat and organized at all times
- Perform any duties assigned by Director
- Arrive early and be last to leave
- Hold extra practices for routines when needed
- Assist line dancers with choreography
- Be a responsible example to the team
- Be a resource to the team
- Work with the other officers to be the best team possible
- Be dependable and committed
- Be patient and helpful
- Be able to work well with others
- Be firm, fair, and consistent with all members
- Be outstanding in dance/drill team technique



OFFICER POSITIONS

CAPTAIN:

The captain is the superior officer of the Silver Stars and is in charge at all times under the direction of the Director.

The Captain reports directly to the Director. She--

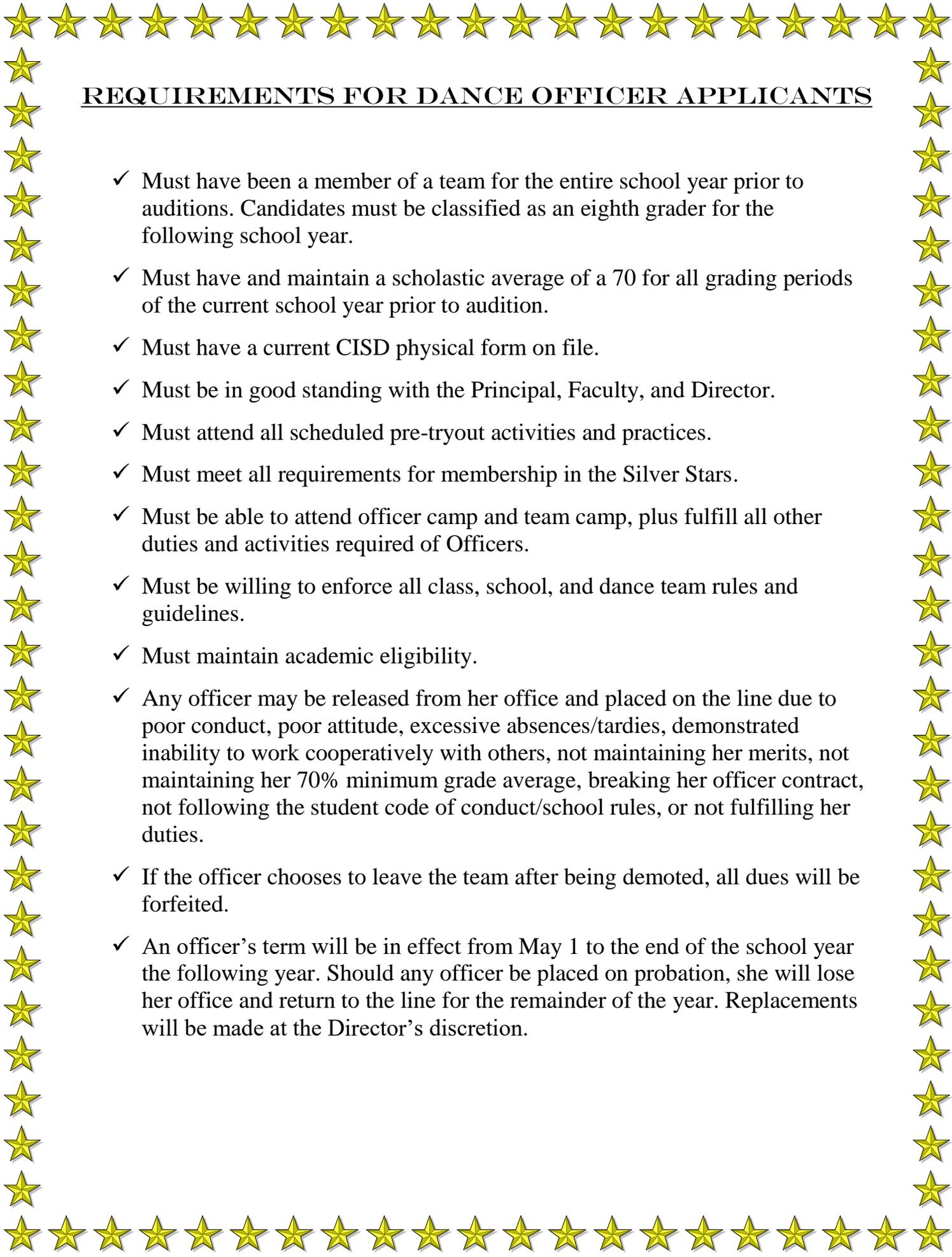
- *Schedules necessary team/ officer meetings, approved by the Director
- *In charge of overseeing duties of all of the Dance Officers
- *Is responsible for teaching under the direction of the Director
- *Is responsible for leading the team and providing the best example of behavior in school, dance class, performances, camps, games, and parades
- *Is responsible for recording demerits/ merits with the approval of the Director
- *Is responsible for assisting dancers with choreography
- *Is the leader of school spirit, sportsmanship, and the positive image of the team

MAJOR:

- *In charge of the team in the absence of the Captain and reports to Director
- *Is responsible for teaching under the direction of the Director
- *Is responsible for recording demerits/ merits with the approval of the Director
- *Attends officer meetings and works cooperatively with the other officers and the team
- *Is responsible for assisting the captain and providing the best example of behavior in school, dance class, performances, camps, games, parades, and choreography
- *Is jointly responsible of the school spirit, sportsmanship, and the positive image of the team with the other officers

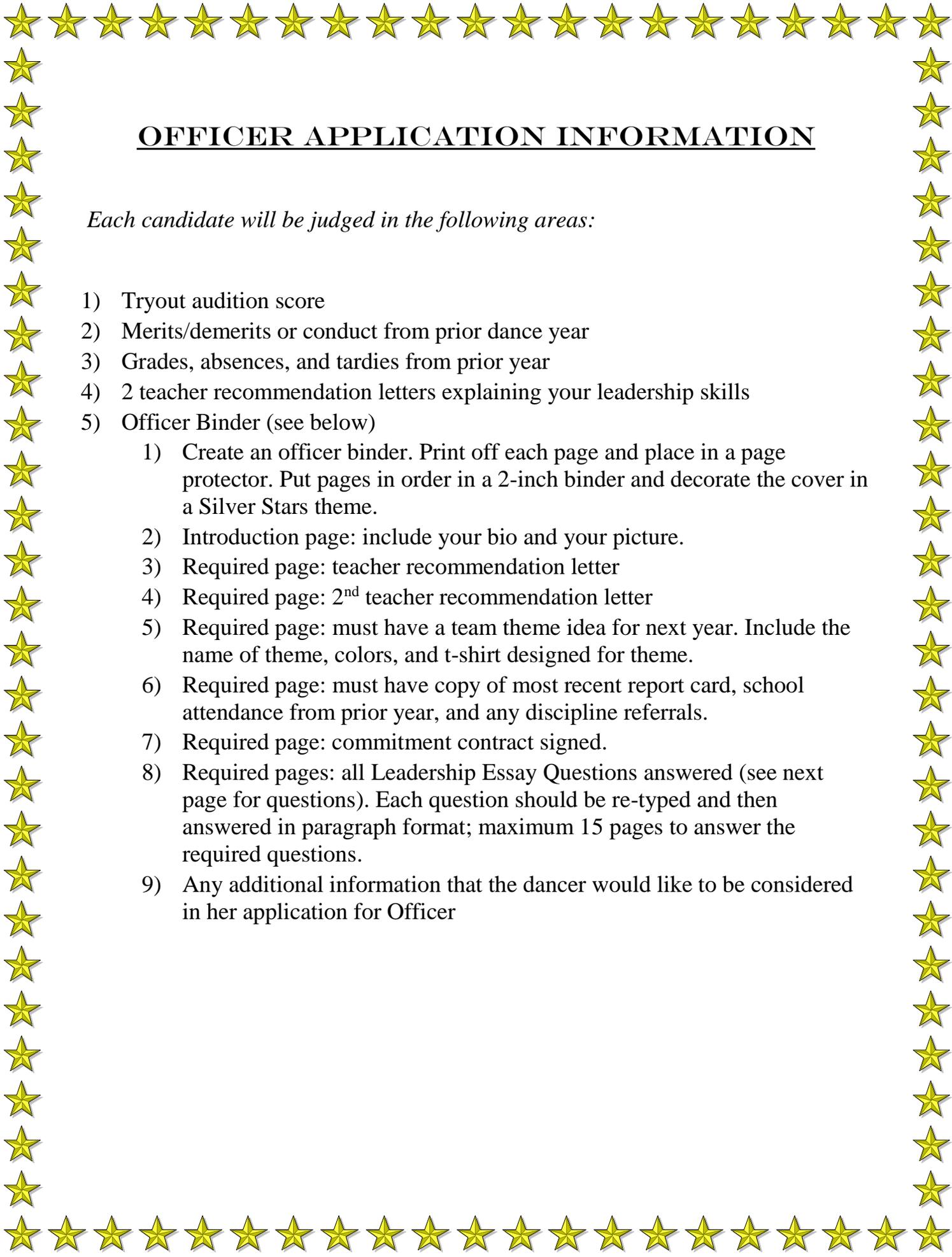
LIEUTENANT:

- *Is in charge of the team in the absence of the Captain and Major and reports to the Major
- *Is responsible for teaching under the direction of the Director
- *Attends officer meetings and works cooperatively with the other officers and the team
- *Is responsible for assisting the Captain and Major and providing the best example of behavior in school, dance class, performances, camps, games, and parades
- *Is jointly responsible for assisting dancers with choreography
- *Is jointly responsible of the school spirit, sportsmanship, and the image of the team with the other officers
- *Is responsible for taking pictures and creating our yearly scrapbook
- *Is responsible for recognizing birthdays and is in charge of leading team bonding games, events, and team spirit
- *Is responsible for recording demerits/ merits with the approval of the Director



REQUIREMENTS FOR DANCE OFFICER APPLICANTS

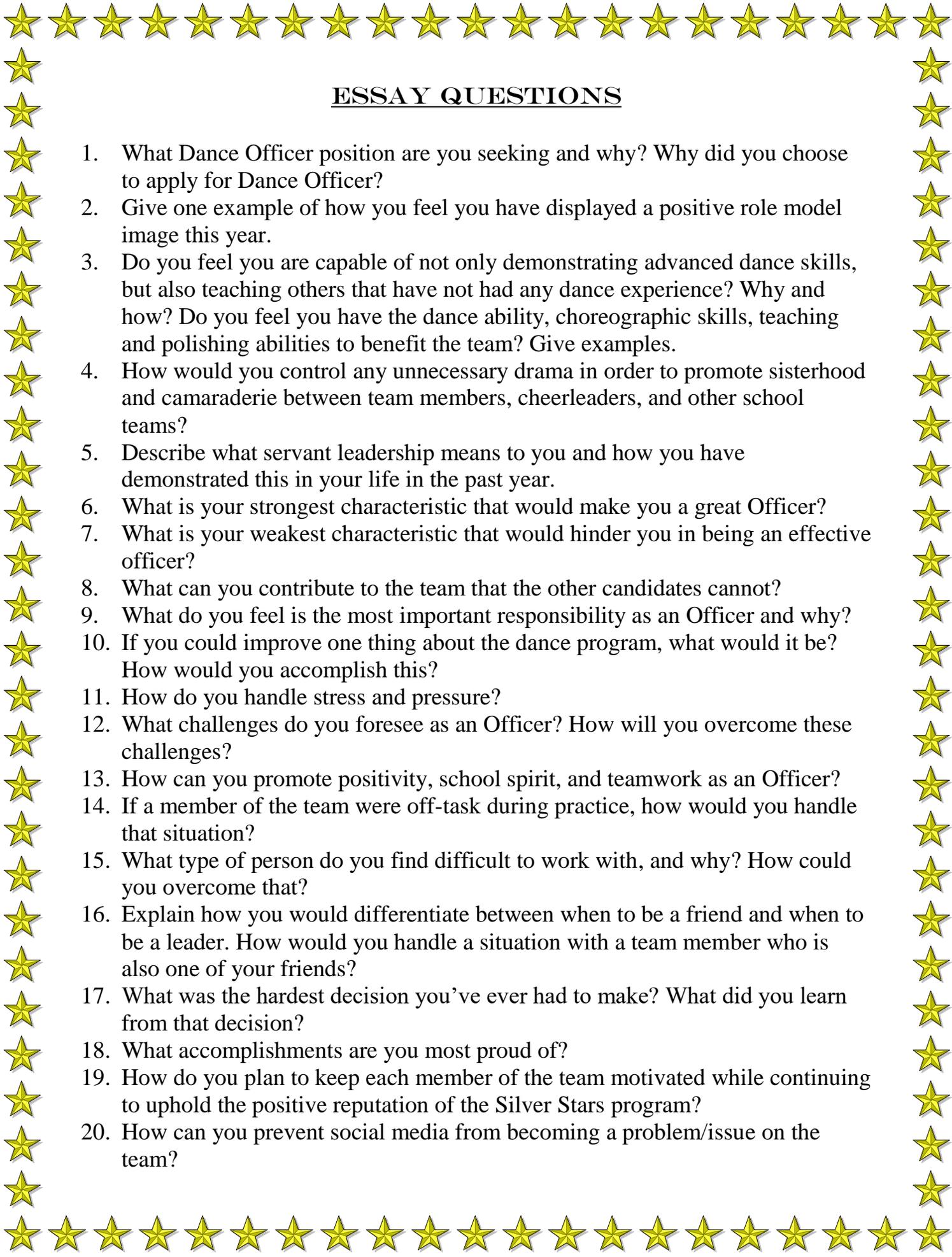
- ✓ Must have been a member of a team for the entire school year prior to auditions. Candidates must be classified as an eighth grader for the following school year.
- ✓ Must have and maintain a scholastic average of a 70 for all grading periods of the current school year prior to audition.
- ✓ Must have a current CISD physical form on file.
- ✓ Must be in good standing with the Principal, Faculty, and Director.
- ✓ Must attend all scheduled pre-tryout activities and practices.
- ✓ Must meet all requirements for membership in the Silver Stars.
- ✓ Must be able to attend officer camp and team camp, plus fulfill all other duties and activities required of Officers.
- ✓ Must be willing to enforce all class, school, and dance team rules and guidelines.
- ✓ Must maintain academic eligibility.
- ✓ Any officer may be released from her office and placed on the line due to poor conduct, poor attitude, excessive absences/tardies, demonstrated inability to work cooperatively with others, not maintaining her merits, not maintaining her 70% minimum grade average, breaking her officer contract, not following the student code of conduct/school rules, or not fulfilling her duties.
- ✓ If the officer chooses to leave the team after being demoted, all dues will be forfeited.
- ✓ An officer's term will be in effect from May 1 to the end of the school year the following year. Should any officer be placed on probation, she will lose her office and return to the line for the remainder of the year. Replacements will be made at the Director's discretion.



OFFICER APPLICATION INFORMATION

Each candidate will be judged in the following areas:

- 1) Tryout audition score
- 2) Merits/demerits or conduct from prior dance year
- 3) Grades, absences, and tardies from prior year
- 4) 2 teacher recommendation letters explaining your leadership skills
- 5) Officer Binder (see below)
 - 1) Create an officer binder. Print off each page and place in a page protector. Put pages in order in a 2-inch binder and decorate the cover in a Silver Stars theme.
 - 2) Introduction page: include your bio and your picture.
 - 3) Required page: teacher recommendation letter
 - 4) Required page: 2nd teacher recommendation letter
 - 5) Required page: must have a team theme idea for next year. Include the name of theme, colors, and t-shirt designed for theme.
 - 6) Required page: must have copy of most recent report card, school attendance from prior year, and any discipline referrals.
 - 7) Required page: commitment contract signed.
 - 8) Required pages: all Leadership Essay Questions answered (see next page for questions). Each question should be re-typed and then answered in paragraph format; maximum 15 pages to answer the required questions.
 - 9) Any additional information that the dancer would like to be considered in her application for Officer



ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. What Dance Officer position are you seeking and why? Why did you choose to apply for Dance Officer?
2. Give one example of how you feel you have displayed a positive role model image this year.
3. Do you feel you are capable of not only demonstrating advanced dance skills, but also teaching others that have not had any dance experience? Why and how? Do you feel you have the dance ability, choreographic skills, teaching and polishing abilities to benefit the team? Give examples.
4. How would you control any unnecessary drama in order to promote sisterhood and camaraderie between team members, cheerleaders, and other school teams?
5. Describe what servant leadership means to you and how you have demonstrated this in your life in the past year.
6. What is your strongest characteristic that would make you a great Officer?
7. What is your weakest characteristic that would hinder you in being an effective officer?
8. What can you contribute to the team that the other candidates cannot?
9. What do you feel is the most important responsibility as an Officer and why?
10. If you could improve one thing about the dance program, what would it be? How would you accomplish this?
11. How do you handle stress and pressure?
12. What challenges do you foresee as an Officer? How will you overcome these challenges?
13. How can you promote positivity, school spirit, and teamwork as an Officer?
14. If a member of the team were off-task during practice, how would you handle that situation?
15. What type of person do you find difficult to work with, and why? How could you overcome that?
16. Explain how you would differentiate between when to be a friend and when to be a leader. How would you handle a situation with a team member who is also one of your friends?
17. What was the hardest decision you've ever had to make? What did you learn from that decision?
18. What accomplishments are you most proud of?
19. How do you plan to keep each member of the team motivated while continuing to uphold the positive reputation of the Silver Stars program?
20. How can you prevent social media from becoming a problem/issue on the team?

SILVER STARS DANCE OFFICER COMMITMENT
CONTRACT

OFFICER CANDIDATE:

By my signature, I, _____, understand the commitment and requirements for becoming an officer for the SJHS Silver Stars Dance Team. I agree to spend the time necessary to be successful and to foster a successful team should I become an officer. I agree to abide by the merit/demerit system, student code of conduct, and officer requirements, or I will forfeit my officer position and potentially be replaced by another candidate. If the officer chooses to leave the team at that juncture, all dues will be forfeited.

I understand that much time after practice, during the summer, and on weekends must be spent in fulfilling my duties as an officer. I shall conduct myself in such a manner as an officer to be credit to the organization and the school AT ALL TIMES. Finally, I agree to abide by the selection of Officers for the upcoming school year and agree to support them and their decisions.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

By my signature, I, _____, understand the commitment and requirements of my daughter for becoming an officer for the SJHS Silver Stars Dance Team. I give my permission for my daughter to audition for Dance Officer. I realize my daughter's duties as an officer will require much time after practice, during the summer, and on weekends and may incur additional cost. I realize my dancer will need to have a way to communicate with the other officers and the coach.

I also realize that she will be taking on a greater responsibility and will be relied upon to attend and support all dance team functions and activities. I understand that if my dancer does not follow the merit/demerit system and all officer requirements, my dancer will forfeit the Officer position and potentially be replaced by another candidate. If my dancer chooses to leave the team at that juncture, all dues will be forfeited. Finally, I agree to abide by the selection of Officers for the upcoming school year and agree to support their decisions.

Date: _____

Signature: _____