

# Prescreening Tips

Prescreens are now being accepted! The time has come to choose material that showcases your talents and allows us to see you in the best light possible. Here are some helpful tips for submitting prescreens.

**1. Apply first.**

Before submitting your prescreen, you must first apply to Shenandoah University.

Apply here: <https://www.su.edu/admissions/apply-now/>

**2. Submit as early as possible.**

Although prescreens will still be accepted through December 1, the Office of Admissions strongly recommends submitting your prescreen by October 31. Due to a limited number of audition times, an earlier submission will ensure appointment availability. Prescreen results are released on a rolling basis, so an earlier submission will also ensure that you receive your results more quickly.

**3. Choose material that is right for YOU.**

We want to see who YOU are! Choose material that you connect with strongly, that is also type-appropriate and age-appropriate. Make sure you love the material you are performing; if you don't love the material you are choosing to perform, your performance will most likely suffer.

**4. Dress appropriately.**

Wear something that fits your personal style, but also shows professionalism.

**5. Choose the right location.**

Sound is an extremely important part of your prescreen, so making sure that the space you film in has well-balanced acoustics and a simple background to ensure we see you at your best. We HIGHLY recommend watching your videos on a computer before you submit them, as the sound or picture may appear different on your phone or camera than on a computer screen.

**6. Use live accompaniment, if possible.**

We recommend recording your prescreens with live accompaniment as opposed to a recorded track, as this is how you will be auditioning in person.

**7. Choose your "Wild Card" wisely.**

This is your chance to show the faculty what you uniquely bring to the table. Be creative and think out of the box, but make sure it showcases another area of your talents that sets you apart in a positive way. Unsure of whether your "Wild Card" is appropriate? Don't be afraid to email us and ask!

**8. Optional means OPTIONAL!**

Remember, both the "Wild Card" and dance portion of the prescreen are optional! This means you do not have to include those items in your video audition. In fact, if you feel your dancing ability and/or your "wild card" will not help your chances of admission, do not include it. However, if you consider yourself a strong dancer and/or would like to showcase something that is not in the minimum prescreen requirements, by all means send in those videos!

Be sure to follow our [Audition Guidelines](#) while preparing your prescreens. They detail exactly what you need to know in order to prescreen and audition successfully at Shenandoah!

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Office of Admissions at (540) 665-4581 or [auditions@su.edu](mailto:auditions@su.edu).