

*University of Maryland Presents...*



*Application Packet*

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Dear Prospective Team,

The Maryland Minza Executive Board is ecstatic to welcome you to Maryland Minza 2017! We are honored to be the first Bollywood-Fusion competition in the state of Maryland. The entire Minza Executive Board has been working hard to ensure that it will be an unforgettable weekend. This year our competition is scheduled to be on **Saturday, November 4th, 2017 at 6 P.M.** at the **Kay Theatre** located in **The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center** in **College Park, Maryland.**

Before we proceed to explain the logistics of our competition, we would like to note that since this competition is new, some of the details may change over time as we start to finalize them. You are currently viewing Minza's Application Packet. Specific instructions and due dates are included in this packet.

**For the Summer/Early/Late Deadline Application, your team should submit the following:**

- ★ **Team information**
- ★ **Audition Video**
- ★ **Application Fee**
- ★ **Supplemental past performance video (optional)**

The application can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/TSAlink18>. Application fees can be sent via venmo to **@MarylandMinza**. The **Summer Deadline**, with an application fee of **\$30**, is **July 25th, 2017**, the **Early Deadline**, with an application fee of **\$55**, is **September 22nd, 2017**, and the **Late Deadline**, with an application fee of **\$65**, is **September 29th, 2017**. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Registration Chairs, Kesha Patel and Shay Kayamboo, at [mminzareg@gmail.com](mailto:mminzareg@gmail.com) and [marylandminza@gmail.com](mailto:marylandminza@gmail.com), or via phone at (302) 824-8636 and (443) 572-9135. We look forward to viewing your application and we appreciate your interest in Maryland Minza 2017!

Sincerely,  
Kesha Patel & Shay Kayamboo  
*Registration Chairs 2017-2018*  
Maryland Minza Executive Board

Sonia Arya, Meghana Annadata, & Neha Gupta  
*Directors 2017-2018*

Maryland Minza Executive Board



## Application Process

**Part 1:** Fill out the application at <http://tinyurl.com/TSAlink18>.

- ★ Team information (for summer deadline, include by LATE Registration deadline)
- ★ Audition video (for summer deadline, include by LATE Registration deadline)
- ★ Supplemental performance video within the past year (optional)
  - Approximately 1-2 minutes
  - Competition performance and non-competition performance videos are allowed
  - Supplemental videos will only improve your application's standing. Be sure that the supplemental shows your team's capability, for we will consider it an extension of your audition video. Some teams thrive on production, so the supplemental allows us to take that into consideration.
  - **Include by July 25th if applying by SUMMER Deadline**

**Part 2:** Pay your registration fee (non-refundable) to @MarylandMinza via Venmo. Please include your team name in description.

- ★ \$30 Summer
- ★ \$55 Early
- ★ \$65 Late

**Part 3:** Send a copy of each roster member's school ID and driver's license to [mminzareg@gmail.com](mailto:mminzareg@gmail.com).

Deadline	Date	Application Fee
Summer	July 25 11:59 PM EST	\$30
Early Deadline	September 22 11:59 PM EST	\$55
Late Deadline	September 29 11:59 PM EST	\$65

- ★ **ALL THREE PARTS OF REGISTRATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE RESPECTIVE EARLY AND LATE DEADLINES IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE**



## Team Requirements

- ★ Teams must have a minimum of 10 dancers and cannot have more than 22 members (includes dancers and non-dancers).
- ★ At least 75% of the team must be currently enrolled students at the university they are representing.
- ★ The remaining 25% can be alumni or community members.
- ★ This application must be filled out by the person serving as the primary contact for the team. This can be a team captain, manager, or team member.

## Audition Video Guidelines

- ★ The audition video must be **1-4 minutes long**.
- ★ The audition video must be **one continuous take from a fixed angle** with good visual and sound quality.
- ★ The audition video must show the full body of at least 75% of the performers on roster.
- ★ At least 75% of the competing team members must be present in the audition video.
- ★ **Stunts, gimmicks, and tricks are NOT allowed.**
- ★ Any video containing anything team or university affiliated, including, but not limited to, clothes, banners or markers, will be automatically disqualified.
- ★ The only audio permitted in the video is the audition mix. Any mention of team name or university will disqualify the applicant. Additionally, **do not add any text to the video.**
- ★ A performance video from **less than a year prior to registration** may be sent as a supplement to the audition video, but not as a replacement.
  - If a supplementary performance video is sent, an optional written explanation may be included as well to inform the executive board what they believe the performance video shows and how it adds to the overall application. The explanation cannot exceed 250 words.
- ★ Performers should be color coordinated in non-school colors.
- ★ The routine performed in the audition video must be representative of the routine that is to be performed at Maryland Minza 2017.



## Team Acceptance

After the application period has ended, the Maryland Minza Executive Board will review all audition materials from eligible teams and select 8 of the teams. Teams will be notified of their acceptance/rejection or waitlist status no later than **October 1st, 2017**.

If your team is accepted, you must confirm your spot within **48 hours** of notification. Once confirmed, your team will receive the Registration Packet and will be responsible for paying registration fees for each roster member. Further information regarding competition requirements and performance deadlines will be included in Registration Packet.

If your team is waitlisted and an accepted team declines, drops, or is disqualified, you will be notified immediately and given 48 hours to confirm your spot.

## Competition Format

- ★ 8 teams from across the nation will be selected to compete.
- ★ Each team will showcase their interpretation of the South-Asian fusion dance style, which is composed of many different dance types such as Bhangra, Hip Hop, Bharatanatyam, Bollywood, etc.
- ★ Teams have the freedom to fuse together a combination of any dance styles they may choose. Bollywood is expected to be INCLUDED, but beyond that, there is room for variation.
- ★ Teams will be given a total of 10 minutes of stage time, which includes a 5-8 minute performance in addition to approximately 2 minutes for introduction video and stage set-up.
- ★ Teams are encouraged to weave a theme or story throughout their routine. This may range anywhere from a concept, such as the four elements (Earth, water, fire, air), to a movie, such as Mulan, to a social issue, such as homosexuality, to an entirely made up story, and anywhere in between.
- ★ Creating a theme, props, costumes and set can be essential to bringing everything together and bringing everything to life.
- ★ Each team is required to have a name and introduction video to precede their routine which must also fit within their allotted time limit of 10 minutes. Disregard of the time limit will result in a penalty in their overall score.
- ★ At the end of the competition, after judges deliberation, the top three teams will be announced.



## Tentative Schedule

Friday, November 3th	Saturday, November 4th	Sunday, November 5th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Team Arrival &amp; Registration</li> <li>★ Dinner</li> <li>★ Official Mixer</li> <li>★ Props Set-Up</li> <li>★ Practice Time (optional)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Props set-up</li> <li>★ Breakfast</li> <li>★ Pre-Stage Rehearsal Holding Room</li> <li>★ Stage Rehearsal</li> <li>★ Post-Stage Rehearsal Holding Room</li> <li>★ Lunch</li> <li>★ Competition</li> <li>★ Dinner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Final Thank You</li> <li>★ Team Departure</li> </ul>

## Final Checklist for Registration

- \_\_\_\_\_ Online application form filled out (<http://tinyurl.com/TSALink18>)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Audition Video (and or supplemental video) uploaded to the Dropbox folder provided on common application by respective deadline
- \_\_\_\_\_ School IDs AND Driver's license pictures, emailed to [mminzareg@gmail.com](mailto:mminzareg@gmail.com) **IN ONE** consolidated document
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Summer Application Fee, venmo to @MarylandMinza
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$55 Regular Application Fee, venmo to @MarylandMinza
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$65 Late Application Fee, venmo to @MarylandMinza





**Thank you for your interest!**

**Maryland Minza | November 4th, 2017**

