WVU Feature Twirler Auditions 2026

Auditions for the WVU Feature Twirlers will be a two-step process. Applicants must submit a video of their twirling skills by **February 6, 2026 at 11:59PM.** Videos will be reviewed and the final applicants will be invited back for the on-site auditions at the WVU campus.

Twirlers who have previously been members of the WVU Mountaineer Marching Band are required to re-audition each year, meaning all positions are open. The number of twirlers selected for 2026 will be based on the performance level of the applicants and the judges' decision in consultation with the Director of the WVU Marching Band. In previous years, between 1-5 twirlers have been accepted.

Video Audition

Individuals interested in auditioning for a position should complete the <u>Intent to Audition Form</u> and then follow the instructions below.

- Applicants need to send audition videos digitally via email providing a Youtube hyperlink
 - Please set the YouTube video to "unlisted" so it is not available to the general public.
 - The applicant's contact information (email address, mailing address, and phone number) must also be included.
- Applicants are asked to answer the 3 following questions (short answer; no more than one paragraph each) in an attached pdf file
 - 1) Describe your most memorable moment/time as a twirler.
 - 2) Why have you selected WVU to further your twirling career?
 - 3) What are your career goals?
- Resumes and/or letters of recommendation are welcomed, but not required.
- All materials (video link, answered questions, and contact information) should be emailed to Coach Alexis Kiesling no later than February 6, 2026. The email title should be "WVU Feature Twirler Audition Video 2026."

Email: kieslingalexis@gmail.com

Video Content

- A short introduction of the twirler
- Highlights the twirling and performance skills of the twirlers whether on-field performances, competitive performances, etc.
- Highlights different skill sets of the twirlers (multiple batons, novelty, gymnastics, etc.)
- The video should be no longer than 5 minutes

On-Site Auditions

- One baton routine (3 minute max.)
- Multiple baton routine (3 minute max.)
- Must wear a white top (tank top, t-shirt, etc.) and dark bottoms (pants, skirt, shorts, etc.)
- There will be a short interview with the judges after the performances