



# ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Fall 2021 Mascot Application

### PURPOSE

Alvin Community College's Dolphin mascot, Blue, represents the college as an ambassador and entertainer during events held on-campus and in the community. Blue is generally accompanied by an "escort" who is responsible for controlling crowds and promoting fan interaction.

### PROGRAM STRUCTURE:

The College Recruiter will be responsible for the administration of the entire program including, but not limited to, the scheduling of performances, communication with those requesting appearances, all correspondence, updating the Mascot website, budget and administrative reports. All Mascot team members (Mascot and Ambassadors) will report and work directly with the College Recruiter

### EXPECTATIONS:

Team members will take 30-minute breaks between appearances (lasting approximately 15 – 20 minutes, depending on weather/temperature conditions). At no time is a member of the ACC Mascot Program allowed to take a costume home or store it in a location other than the Recruitment Office, unless notified by the College Recruiter.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Enthusiasm
- Creativity
- Physically capable of performing required movements and activities
- Ability to positively interact well with children
- Responsibility
- Spontaneity
- Self-discipline

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be enrolled in at least six (6) hours during the Fall 2021 semester
- Must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Must have a reliable form of transportation
- Must be available to work some evenings and weekends

### COMMITMENTS:

- Minimum of 40 hours of service per semester
- Attend required training sessions and monthly meetings
- Be reliable to scheduled time commitments
- Display a positive and cooperative attitude at all events and meetings

### **SAFETY GUIDELINES:**

- Be aware of the limitations of the costume.
- Team members must set parameters in the performance area and stay away from dangerous, unstable areas.
- All members must have proper training before attempting any form of gymnastics (tumbling, partner stunts or pyramids).
- All stunts performed with or without assistance should be practiced in the following order prior to performance: out of uniform, with cumbersome parts (feet, head, hands) and in full costume.
- Team members must recognize their specific ability level and must limit their activities accordingly.
- Must keep properly hydrated during and after performances.
- Must bring a set of clothes to change into after performances.

### **UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE:**

- Because of the expense of the costumes, team members **MUST** treat the costumes with the utmost care and properly clean the costumes.
- Specific rules of care will be provided to all mascots at the beginning of the semester
- Under absolutely no circumstance may the costumes (or pieces thereof) be used for personal or recreational use. Violation could result in dismissal from the Mascot Program.
- If the costume is lost or damaged (beyond the normal wear-and-tear expected), the team member will be held responsible for the cost of the repairs and/or replacement. The cost to replace a costume is estimated to be \$3,500.00. Necessary repairs to a costume need to be communicated to the College Recruiter immediately in order that the repairs may be made in time for the next scheduled event. It will be the responsibility of the College Recruiter to schedule the costume for repairs/cleaning.
- The Recruiting Department will be responsible for any costs associated with the upkeep and care of the Mascot costumes or props. Mascot performers are responsible for making sure a clean costume is always available for the next scheduled appearance and keep an accurate record of the costume's cleaning schedule.

### **LIABILITY:**

- Medical Insurance and Expectations: Team members are responsible for having insurance (College coverage or other primary coverage) to practice or perform in the Mascot Program. Forms for the ACC coverage can be obtained from the Enrollment Services Center before team members' are permitted to practice or perform. All team members are mandated to complete and return the Report of Medical History Document to the health center (form in which needs to be completed by a practitioner prior to arriving on campus). All team members must complete and sign all required forms including but not limited to: Acknowledgment of Risk and Release of Liability.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 27, 2021**  
**TRYOUTS WILL BE HELD ON: August 31 &**  
**September 1, 2021**

## **MASCOT APPLICATION**

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

ACC STUDENT ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

NAME OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST NAME FIRST MIDDLE NICKNAME

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE NUMBER(S):

CELL: \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

(EMAIL IS THE OFFICIAL FORM OF COMMUNICATION FOR ACC AND THE MASCOT PROGRAM)

MOST RECENT GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ MAJOR/DEGREE (AREA OF STUDY): \_\_\_\_\_

Class Status: \_\_\_\_\_ How many semesters remaining at ACC? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a fan/friend/follower of ACC? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently in a club/organization on campus? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill in the times you are *available* in the chart below:**

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	

### **EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

Not Employed \_\_\_\_\_ Part-Time \_\_\_\_\_ Full-Time \_\_\_\_\_

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

Hours Per Week: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have dependable transportation? \_\_\_\_\_ Can you travel? \_\_\_\_\_

What made you interested in this position?

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What qualities make you a good choice to become the next mascot?

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Are there any obligations that may hinder you from being available on weekdays or weekends for College and community events? If so, please list them below.

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Are you aware of the time commitment that comes along with being Blue?

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Do you have any physical conditions that would limit your ability to perform as Blue?

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**SELECTION PROCESS:**

- It is suggested that students wear a t-shirt, athletic shorts, and athletic shoes under the costume for the performance. If your hair is long, it must be put up and secured. No exposed jewelry or body piercings will be allowed.
- Candidates will be asked to prepare a 60 - 90 second skit.
- Candidates will also be asked to perform a number of movements/actions, some to music and some without music.
- The tryout will include an interview with members of the selection committee.

Secrecy is one of the biggest issues with the character Blue. If you are selected as the next Blue you are not allowed to tell anyone. The College Recruiter and current Student Ambassadors are the only individuals allowed to know who's behind the mask. Close friends, professors and family members do not need to know that you are participating in an interview or tryout. The position you are applying for has become a tradition at Alvin Community College, which will add to the already rich community tradition that ACC possesses.

Will this be a problem keeping Blue's true identity a secret? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_

The information given in this application is to be used for consideration for the Mascot Program and is correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby waive my right to inspect and review the confidential evaluation provided by the designated references. I also understand and agree that the decision made regarding my application by the selection committee will be final. By completing this application, you indicate that you have read, understand and can meet all of the qualifications necessary to participate in the Mascot Program. Failure to disclose any pertinent information regarding your qualifications nullifies your application/admittance to the program.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date