Alfred University
Mascot Tryout Information
2013-2014

The mascot will be expected to perform both with, and independently of, the University’s spirit groups (cheerleaders, pep band, dance teams, etc.) and also interact with a broad range of fans, friends and alumni.

To portray the Alfred University Saxon warrior mascot, you must be:
• enrolled as an AU student in good academic standing
• willing and able to represent the Saxons at a wide range of events, including, but not limited to, athletic contests
• in good health and physically able to run, dance, tumble, etc.
• able to improvise and animate
• outgoing and good with children
• able to work long hours, weekends and occasional holidays and in inclement weather

The position requires a degree of physical activity that includes, but is not limited to, running, dancing, tumbling, etc. Additionally, experience in theatre or acting will be considered an asset.

Identities of the student leaders selected to wear the costume remain a secret, even on campus. Therefore, you must agree not to disclose your role as mascot.

Expectations
We will be looking for someone who is:
• entertaining and funny
• a performer
• friendly and engaging with a crowd
• spirited and enthusiastic

Mascot Tryout Process
• Complete an application
• Provide two names and contact information for references
• Participate in a personal interview
• Selected contestants must perform a 2-minute skit/dance
  ▪ Contestants are judged on creativity, themes, prop usage, character development, audience engagement and overall impression.
  ▪ Each skit may be no longer than 2-minutes with an additional 1 minute for set-up and 1 minute to break down.
All written applications and letters of recommendation will be reviewed first by the selection committee. One all applications have been reviewed, students will be selected for interviews with the committee. After the interviews, students will be requested to attend a final try-out by performing a skit.

2013 Tryouts
For those students selected to move onto tryouts must commit to attending this year’s Alifie’s Award ceremony:

Saturday, May 4, 2013
8 PM
Homes Auditorium

Participants will perform in a random order that will be pre-selected throughout the ceremony.

If selected for a final try-out, be sure to dress in a manner which will allow you to demonstrate your athletic/dance skills AND obscure your identity since the mascot identity must remain a secret.

If you are selected to participate in the tryouts but are unable to attend the Alfies for an in-person try-out, you may also submit a video for your skit/dance. The video must adhere to the same conditions. Videos submitted will also be played during the Alfie Awards.