



## **2018-2019 TRYOUT FAQ**

- **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO TRYOUT FOR THE CHEERLEADING TEAM?**  
All members of the team must be CCSU students who are enrolled in at least **9 credits** for the Fall '18 semester. Graduate students may be registered in fewer classes. Men and women are welcome.
  
- **ARE THERE ANY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS?**  
Cheerleaders are required to remain in good academic standing, maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.0.
  
- **DO I NEED TO LIVE ON CAMPUS?**  
NO. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO LIVE ON CAMPUS – WE HAVE A NUMBER OF TEAM MEMBERS EACH YEAR WHO ARE COMMUTERS. CHEERLEADERS ARE RESPONSIBLE AND EXPECTED TO MAKE ALL PRACTICES REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY RESIDE DURING THE YEAR.
  
- **ARE THERE SEPARATE TEAMS FOR GAMES AND COMPETITIONS?**  
ALL members of CCSU Cheerleading cheer at all home Football, Men's Basketball, and Women's Basketball games – there is NO competition only team, however, not all team members will be permitted to compete.
  
- **I CANNOT MAKE THE TRYOUT DATE, CAN I SUBMIT A VIDEO INSTEAD?**  
Our tryouts are designed to see the candidate's abilities to interact with new team members, perform under pressure, and to learn new techniques/skills from our coaches. All potential cheerleaders should make every effort to be present for tryouts. However, if you absolutely cannot make tryouts, for instance you are in Japan, please contact us at [CCSUCheer@gmail.com](mailto:CCSUCheer@gmail.com) to discuss further options including video submission.
  
- **ARE MALES ELIGIBLE TO TRYOUT?**  
YES! WE HAVE HAD MALE CHEERLEADERS IN THE PAST AND ARE HOPING TO BUILD AND DEVELOP A CO-ED SQUAD WITHIN OUR PROGRAM.
  
- **I DO NOT TUMBLE, CAN I STILL TRYOUT?**  
Yes. Non-tumblers are still encouraged to tryout, however, cheerleaders who demonstrate strong tumbling skills will have an advantage over those who do not possess, at the least, a standing backhandspring. Cheerleaders who excel in all other aspects of cheerleading (stunting, jumps, motions, etc.) can still be considered for the team.
  
- **I AM A FORMER GYMNAST, BUT HAVE NO EXPERIENCE CHEERLEADING, CAN I STILL TRYOUT?**  
Successful candidates will have some experience in all aspects of cheerleading, however, gymnasts are welcome and strongly encouraged to tryout as concepts translate well into cheerleading.

- **I ONLY HAVE EXPERIENCE AS AN ALL-STAR CHEERLEADER, WILL THIS HURT MY CHANCES OF MAKING THE TEAM?**  
While learning cheers and chants will be an adjustment at first, your chances of making the team should not be affected.
  
- **I HAVE NO EXPERIENCE IN CHEERLEADING OR GYMNASTICS, AM I ALLOWED TO TRYOUT?**  
The CCSU Cheerleading Team executes elite level stunting and tumbling skills. Candidates who do not demonstrate a strong understanding or foundation in the fundamentals of cheerleading and/or gymnastics will not be considered for the team. Athletes from other sports are encouraged to tryout.
  
- **DO YOU OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHEERLEADING?**  
CCSU does not offer any scholarships specifically for cheerleading.
  
- **WILL TRYOUTS LAST THE ENTIRE TIME?**  
While there is an end time set for tryouts, this time is an approximation with the opportunity for the event to end earlier. Candidates will be made aware within an hour before the end of tryouts to contact any necessary rides.
  
- **WHEN SHOULD I ARRIVE TO TRYOUTS?**  
Candidates should arrive AT LEAST 20 minutes beforehand to ensure all forms are submitted/filled out.