



2021-2022 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 '21 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. Team members in poor academic standing will be ineligible to compete and/or partake in games and other events.

- DO I NEED TO LIVE ON CAMPUS?

No. There is no requirement to live on campus. We have team members each year who are commuters. Cheerleaders are expected to make all events regardless of where they reside.

- ARE THERE SEPARATE TEAMS FOR GAMES AND COMPETITIONS?

Regardless of their competition status, ALL members of CCSU Cheerleading cheer at home Football, Men's Basketball, and Women's Basketball games.

- AM I GUARANTEED A COMPETITION SPOT?

We are growing our program to allow for more opportunities for team members to "make mat." However, being a part of the CCSU Cheer program does not guarantee you a spot on the competition floor – your talent, effort, and dedication to the team help earn you a spot.

- ARE MALES ELIGIBLE TO TRYOUT?

Yes! We have both an All Girl and a Co-Ed team within our program.

- I DO NOT TUMBLE, CAN I STILL TRYOUT?

Yes. Non-tumblers are encouraged to tryout, however, cheerleaders who demonstrate strong tumbling skills will have an advantage over those who do not possess any. Cheerleaders without tumbling but excel in all other aspects of cheerleading (stunting, jumps, motions, etc.) will 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 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 – we are not a social club. Athletes from other sports are encouraged to tryout. However, candidates who do not demonstrate a strong understanding or foundation in the fundamentals of cheerleading and/or gymnastics will have a harder time making the team.

- DO YOU OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHEERLEADING?

CCSU does not offer any scholarships specifically for cheerleading.

- HOW OFTEN ARE PRACTICES?

We practice three days a week – our schedule varies from year to year, but typically practices are Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Cheerleaders are expected to weightlift and do extra workouts outside of practices as well.