Taylor University Cheerleading
Tryout Information
2017-2018

**Important Dates:**
- Tuesday, March 7th, 7:30-9:30pm  Clinic Session 1
- Thursday, March 9th, 7:30-9:30pm  Clinic Session 2
- Saturday, March 11th, 10:00am  Tryouts

**Tryout Information:** The Taylor University Cheerleading Squad consists of 12 to 20 members. Both male and female candidates are encouraged to tryout. The week of tryouts, two clinics will be held to teach material for tryouts and evaluate stunting. In addition, videos of the material will be available on YouTube. These videos will be posted the week of tryouts.

If you are a new student, you may attend tryouts or submit a skills video the day of tryouts. The skills video must include all the tryout requirements listed below.

Concerning tumbling, tumbling must be demonstrated on a dead mat, grass, track, or on a basketball court. Tumbling on a spring mat can be added as supplemental material but will not count for the tumbling requirement.

All video submissions must be submitted by the start of tryouts at 10am on Saturday, March 11th. All submissions should be sent to bria_howard@taylor.edu.

**Tryout Requirements:**

**STANDING TUMBLING:** Each candidate must show a minimum of a standing back handspring. Those with standing tucks, fulls, etc., are scored higher. A combination of jumps with standing tumbling is recommended, with an attachment of a series of standing tumbling being scored higher.

**RUNNING TUMBLING:** Each candidate must show a minimum of a running round off back handspring. Round off back handspring tucks/layouts/fulls will be scored higher. Choose tumbling passes that show the best of your ability and will be competitive against other candidates.

**JUMPS:** A toe touch, double toe touch, a right or left front, and a jump of choice must be shown.

**SIDELINE DANCE:** Candidates must present the sideline dance taught during the clinics. The sideline dance will be performed during games with the band or sound system.

**INDIVIDUAL CHEER:** Candidates are required to show the cheer taught during the clinic. The cheer score is based on correct movements, sharpness, voice, and presence. Spiriting after the cheer is recommended.

**INDIVIDUAL CHANT:** Candidates will choose one of the taught chants to perform. The chant will be scored based on correct movements, sharpness, voice, and presence. Spiriting after the chant is recommended.
STUNTING: Stunting is evaluated during the cheer clinics. The following stunts will be evaluated:

- Full extension
- Full liberty
- Full stretch/arabesque/scorpion/bow and arrow
- Full downs(double downs)

Tryout Appearance: All cheerleaders are required to wear modest-length, black athletic shorts, a Taylor University t-shirt, and cheerleading shoes. Candidates must be “game ready” for tryouts. A “game ready” appearance consists of makeup, bright red lipstick, and all hair tied up and off the face with a ribbon/bow (preferably white). No jewelry is allowed.

Required Forms: The following forms must be completed and turned in at tryouts. If submitting a skills video, the following forms must be sent through email along with the video:

- Tryout Application
- Liability Form

Contact Information:

Faculty Advisor: Bria Howard
bria_howard@taylor.edu

Captain: Brielle Tilson
brielle_tilson@taylor.edu
Taylor University Cheerleading Tryout Application

Name ______________________________________ ID#__________________________________

Address _____________________________________________ City ________________________
State_____________ Zip ____________

Cell Phone _______________________ Email ______________________________________

School Information:

2017-2018 Academic Year (circle one):   Incoming Freshman   Sophomore   Junior   Senior

High School (name, city, state) ______________________________________________________

College (if any other than TU) ____________________________________________________

Cheer Bio:

Years of experience:   _____ School   _____ All-star/competition

Position (check all that apply):   _____Back Spot   _____Base   _____Flyer

Commitment Agreement:

I, _______________________ (signature), commit to the Taylor University Cheerleading squad. This includes attending cheer camp, all practices, and all required games. As a fellow Christian athlete, I understand I am expected to show respect to my fellow squad members, my student captain, and my faculty advisor. I pledge to be in good academic, emotional, social and physical standing. I will strive to behave like Christ and will abstain from participating in any activities that fail to meet the standards found in Taylor’s Life Together Covenant. I am aware of the potential suspension or removal from the squad if I fail to meet these requirements. I vow to be an ambassador of Jesus Christ and Taylor University athletics by enthusiastically supporting its athletic teams and boosting fan morale.