

Jackson State University
2017-2018 Cheerleading/Tumblers/Tiger Mascot Tryout Packet

Thank you for your interest in joining the Jackson State University Cheerleading and Tiger Mascot Program. Tryouts will be held June 7-9, 2017 in T. B. Ellis Gymnasium.

To try out, all of the following items must be submitted by the last day of tryout clinic no later than 5:30 pm: ***Note: Place all items in a manila envelope with your name on it.**

1. \$25 Application Fee Receipt
2. Application Form (see attachment)
3. Copy of Acceptance Letter (Incoming Freshmen only)
4. Headshot (Current Photo)
5. Copy of your academic transcript or spring semester grades.
6. Assumption of Risk, Release, Waiver of Liability Form
This waiver is necessary for any possible injuries you might sustain in tryouts. If under 18, you must have a parent sign the Minor Release form. JSU will not cover any expenses from injury at tryouts for incoming or returning candidates.
7. Release of Educational Data for University Honors and Elections (see FERPA attachment)

For questions regarding items needed to complete your packet, please contact the Head Cheerleading Coach, Shirley Harrison, directly at cheerleaders@jsums.edu.

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FITNESS REQUIREMENT

We do not have minimum or maximum height/weight requirements. There are, however, fitness requirements. Program participants must be in good physical condition to properly wear the uniform and to handle the intense physical training and performing.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum grade point average (G.P.A.) for all currently enrolled full-time JSU students trying out for Cheerleading is **2.7** (cumulative)
- Must have a letter of acceptance from Jackson State University (required for all incoming freshmen and transfer students)
- Headshot (current photo)
- Must turn in all items from the tryout packet by the last day of try-out clinic.
- Previous cheerleading/tumbler and tiger mascot experience (High school level minimum)
- Must have stunting ability/skills
- Tumbling – **Minimum back handspring (females, Minimum tuck (males)**
- Jumps: Toe Touch, Double Toe Touch, and Toe Touch/w Back hand spring, etc.
- Cheer/Chant/Dance Routine - taught during clinic
- Attire for clinic:
 - Female: black sports bra, black spunks or shorts, and a cheer bow. Hair half up/down.
 - Male: Black shorts (no logo), plain white t-shirt,
 - **Everyone must wear white cheer shoes.**
- Appearance for Tryout Day:
 - Female: look “game-ready,” with hair and make-up done as you would for a game. Wear a cheer bow with hair in a ponytail (**all the way up or half-up/down**).
 - No long nails or bright nail polish
 - Male: Clean white t-shirt, black shorts. You should be clean-shaven and well groomed.

JSU TIGER MASCOT GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum grade point average (G.P.A.) for all full-time currently enrolled JSU students trying out for Mascot is 2.7 (cumulative)
- Must have a letter of acceptance from Jackson State University (required for all incoming freshmen and transfer students)
- Headshot (current photo)
- Must provide black tights and black shorts for performance
- Bring two (2) clean, white T-shirts for performance day
- Performance Guidelines:
 - Never talk while in uniform
 - Perform a 2-3 minute routine with props and music (you must provide your own music)
 - Gesture to game situation questions asked by judges. Show spirit on and off performance area.

CONDUCT

- Candidates are expected to encourage and be supportive of other candidates.
- No food, beverages, or gum are allowed in the facilities other than water bottles.
- No videotaping of tryouts unless instructed by Coach.
- Dispose of any trash and help keep our facilities clean.
- All jewelry must be removed for tryouts and clinics.
- You will not be allowed to leave the mat to go to the restroom. Use the restroom before the clinic starts.
- Give 110% effort at all times.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

- The use of springboards and mini-tramps are prohibited
- Remember to stretch before and after performance
- Bring athletic tape, braces, wraps, etc. (if applicable)

Note: All candidates must turn in try-out packet items by the last day of try-out clinic no later than 5:30 pm.
Male and Female candidates will be judged on separate criteria.
All tumbling must be performed without the use of a spotter.
Cuts can be made during any day of try-out clinic.

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APPLICATION FORM

Please print the following information **clearly**. All information must be accurate and complete.

Candidate Name: [Click here to enter text.](#) **Student ID#:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

Last, First Middle

Email: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Cell #: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Home #: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Cumulative GPA: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Local/Campus Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Street/City, State, Zip

Home Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Street/City, State, Zip

DOB: [Click here to enter text.](#)

MM/DD/YYYY

Gender: [Choose an item.](#)

Classification: [Choose an item.](#)

Height: [Choose an item.](#)

Weight: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Shoe size: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Skirt/Pants Size: [Click here to enter text.](#)

T-shirt: [Choose an item.](#)

Shorts: [Choose an item.](#)

WHO TO NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

Name: [Click here to enter text.](#) **Relationship:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

Mailing Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Street/City, State, Zip

Cell #: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Home #: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Work #: [Click here to enter text.](#)

EXPERIENCE:

1. Have you ever been a member of a High School Level cheerleading squad? [Choose an item.](#)
2. Did you serve in a leadership capacity? [Choose an item.](#)
3. Are you a: [Choose an item.](#)
4. List stunts performed: [Click here to enter text.](#)
5. List tumbling skills: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Are you willing to abide by the rules, regulations, and constitution for the Jackson State University Cheerleaders/Mascot? [Choose an item.](#)

(Signature)

(Date)

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Please attach

Current Photo here →



Why do you want to be a member of the JSU Cheerleader /Tumbler and Tiger Mascot Program and what strengths you'd bring to the team other than your skills or your love for collegiate cheer performance?

[Click here to enter text.](#)

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ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

(Minors' form: to be completed by parent only if tryout participant is under the age of 18)

I, [Click here to enter text.](#), am a parent/legal guardian of [Click here to enter text.](#), and give my consent for my minor child to participate in tryouts and/or activities (hereinafter collectively referred to as Activity) conducted and/or sponsored by the Jackson State University Cheerleading Squad. I understand that participation in cheerleading, gymnastics, tumbling, dance, and related activities involves certain risks, and may result in unavoidable injuries due to the height, rotation, and motions involved in a unique environment. The injuries may include muscle strains and tears, broken bones, and severe injuries including, but not limited to, permanent paralysis, or even death. I am fully aware of the risks and possibility of injury involved and acknowledge that I am assuming the risk of such injury by my child's participation in the Activity.

I further acknowledge that I have health insurance and will be responsible for any and all medical and related bills that may be incurred by my minor child for any illness or injury that he/she may sustain during the Activity.

I further acknowledge and authorize the employees or agents of the Jackson State University Cheer Squad, JSU Athletics or Jackson State University to act according to their best judgment in any situation requiring medical attention, whether an emergency or not.

Knowing these facts and in consideration of my minor child's participation in the Activity, I agree to release and hold harmless Jackson State University and its officers, directors, Board of Trustees, representatives employees, coaches, and agents and the coaches and support staff of the JSU Cheerleading Squad, from any and all liability for negligence or any other claim, demand, action, judgment, loss, liability, cost and expenses (including without limitations, attorney's fees and costs) arising out of or in connection with the Activity, whether directly or indirectly, including, but not limited to, any illness, injury, damage or loss to person or property that my minor child may incur or sustain during the Activity.

I further acknowledge and authorize the Jackson State University Cheerleading Squad the right to photograph my minor child and use the photo and/or other digital reproduction of him/her or other reproduction of his/her physical likeness for publication processes, whether electronic, print, digital or electronic publishing via the Internet.

I acknowledge that I have read this Assumption of Risk, Release, and Waiver of Liability in its entirety and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this Release contains an acknowledgement of my voluntary and knowing assumption of the risk of illness or injury for my minor child. I further acknowledge that I have signed this document voluntarily and of my own free will.

Parent's Signature

Date

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Applicant Signature

Date

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RELEASE OF EDUCATIONAL DATA FOR UNIVERSITY HONORS AND ELECTIONS

Many of the honors that are rewarded to students of the University are based in part on confidential information that cannot be released without the consent of students due to Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (Buckley Amendment).

It is also necessary to have some confidential information in order to determine those students who are eligible to run for various offices and positions. Faculty members with a legitimate educational interest are entitled to view and receive confidential information (such as grade point averages). However, students are not permitted to view or receive records of other students without the consent of the owner of the records. The same is true for most other parties associated with awards organizations (such as Who's Who).

All students who wish to be considered for such awards and elections would be better served if they gave their consent for the release of their educational records to parties charged with the responsibility of making decisions concerning such awards and honors.

All students who so desire is being asked to indicate below by checking the function to which he/she is willing to have confidential information released.

FUNCTION	YES	NO
1. Election to Office in Student Organizations	_____	_____
2. Candidate for Miss JSU Contest	_____	_____
3. Sports Organizations	_____	_____
4. Who's Who	_____	_____
5. Honor Societies	_____	_____
6. Fraternity and Sorority Membership Intake	_____	_____
7. Academic Honor Roll	_____	_____
8. Committee on Student Affairs	_____	_____
9. University Committees	_____	_____
10. Financial Aid/Employment Applications	_____	_____

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE STATEMENT AND I AM WILLING TO WAIVE PRIVACY OF MY EDUCATIONAL RECORDS FOR THE PURPOSE(S) CHECKED "YES".

Signature of Applicant

Student ID Number

Date

Witness: _____

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TRYOUT SCHEDULE

June 7-9, 2017

5:30pm-8:00pm

T.B. Ellis GYMNASIUM

Wednesday: 5:30 – 6:00 Registration/Turn in try-out packet items
6:00 – 6:50 Warm Up/Jumps/Tumbling
6:55 – 7:45 Learn Cheer/Chant/Dance
7:50 – 8:20 Stunt
8:20 – 8:30 Review/Dismiss

Thursday: 6:00 – 7:00 Warm Up/Review all material
7:00 – 8:00 Stunt/Report Stunt Groups
8:05 – 8:30 Review/Mock Tryout/Dismiss

Friday: 10:00am – 11:30 Stretch/Individual Warm Up & Review
11:30 – 12:00pm Distribution of tryout numbers
12:00– Tryouts

Note: The 2017-2018 JSU Cheer Team will be announced on the Instagram page or posted on the website on the same day. Results will not be discussed at try-outs.

If selected, JSU Cheerleaders/Tumblers and Tiger Mascot must (no exceptions):

- **Provide a copy of a recent physical signed by a doctor.**
- **Attend conditioning and cheer camp prior to the start of school.**

****If you do not have on-campus housing, you will be responsible for your own housing.****