



BECOMING A LIBERTY UNIVERSITY CHEERLEADER

GENERAL INFORMATION

OPEN SPOTS: We allow current team members to keep their spots from year to year and therefore only fill open spots when current members do not return to the team, as in the case of graduating seniors.

COED ONLY: We are only recruiting men and coed flyers (no female bases).

TUMBLING REQUIREMENT: Women are required to have a solid standing tuck as well as running tumbling ending in a tuck (fulls preferred). Standing and running tumbling is preferred for men.

STUNTING REQUIREMENT: We are seeking recruits who have the potential to become contributing team members – those who will continue to excel at coed partner stunting, regardless of their current skill level, rather than stifle the progress of their teammates. Game-day skills include basic stunts (e.g., extension, liberty, cupie), and competition skills include elite stunts (e.g., inversions).

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: We are seeking those with a high level of athleticism, a coachable attitude, a good work ethic, a competitive drive, a team-first mindset, and an outgoing personality and mature disposition. Liberty University cheerleaders must be both ambassadors for the university and ambassadors for Christ, and they must put the goals of the team above their personal goals.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

We no longer hold a traditional tryout but instead recruit directly to the team. Recruits are welcome to visit anytime, but our coaches do most of their scouting throughout the year at college combines and cheerleading competitions as well as on social media. Athletes who are interested in our program should fill out the online recruiting questionnaire at our website to tell us more about themselves. There is also a place to upload a skills video. Our coaches will evaluate the recruit's skills and provided feedback based on the needs of the team for the upcoming season. If someone has the skills we are seeking in our efforts to create both a balanced and successful team, then the coaches will schedule a time for the recruit to visit campus to meet coaches and team members and to experience life here at Liberty University.

While on campus, recruits may tour athletic facilities, attend practices, participate with the team, and interview with the coaches to discuss the recruit's academic, athletic, and professional goals as well as the recruit's spiritual beliefs. The coaches are interested in recruits who will be a good fit for Liberty University and for our program. Skills are important, but skills must also be accompanied by Christian character. After the visit, the coaches will follow up with the recruits to offer them a position on the team or to make recommendations for another cheerleading program that may be a better fit. The offer may include a partial scholarship and a date when the offer must be accepted. The coaches' goal is to have recruits sign with the team in the fall or early spring in order to secure the team's roster and the recruits' college plans.