



2020-2021 Season
University of Texas at San Antonio
Cheerleading Tryout Information Packet

Welcome to University of Texas at San Antonio. Thank you for your interest in the UTSA Spirit Program. We encourage everyone to read all the information contained in this packet. Please take note of all dates, deadlines, times, and locations.

VIRTUAL TRY OUT

Information packet and tryout video must be submitted by May 18th, 2020.

Tryout Packets must be scanned and sent to Gabriel.ortiz@utsa.edu

Video Tryouts must be submitted via e-mail. A YouTube link would work best!

Please send Packet and Video Link in same e-mail!

Register online:

www.UTSAcheer.com

Tryout Fee: \$40.00

Contact Information

Spirit Coordinator: Gabriel Ortiz

Phone: 575-644-1495

Email: Gabriel.ortiz@utsa.edu

Physical Mailing Address:

ATT: UTSA Cheerleading

One UTSA Circle

San Antonio, TX 78249

Deadline:

The information packet, video, and payment must be submitted to the spirit coordinator no later than

May 18th 2020 by 5:00pm.

Scan, send via email and submit YouTube Link



**Spirit Program Tryout Application
2020-2021**

Name: _____ Age: _____

UTSA Banner ID number (@#): _____ DOB: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Year in School for 2019-20 Season: FR SO JR SR GRAD

Major: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

T- Shirt Size: _____ Shorts Size: _____ Brief Size: _____ Adidas Shoe Size: _____

Sports Bra Size: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ Gender: _____

Warm up Jacket Size: _____ Warm up Pants Size: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Email: _____

*Must be able to access contact info throughout the year. Updates will be sent via email.

Current Coach/Advisor(s): _____

Coach/Advisor(s) Contact Info: _____

High School: _____ All-Star Program: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Number(s): _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number(s): _____

Name: _____

Experience/Skills

Cheerleading Experience

High School:

All-Star:

College:

List **Consistent** Standing and Running Tumbling Skills on hard cheer floor (No Spring):

List Stunting abilities and Stunt Position Preferred: _____

Top Person Experience/Skills:

Tosses Skills:

Basing Experience/Skills:

List any Major Injury/Medical Issues:

Medical Insurance Company: _____

Policy #: _____

Signature Page

I have read and understand all the requirements and regulations regarding the UTSA Cheer Tryouts and I agree to abide by them. I also agree to abide by the decisions of any judges involved in the tryout process, as well as the decisions of the UTSA coaching staff and spirit coordinator. The decisions of the UTSA coaching staff and spirit coordinator are final and cannot be disputed. There will be no refunds once payment is rendered. I understand the proper chain of command and will abide by this when communicating any questions or concerns. I understand that I am an adult and will communicate with the coaching staff and spirit coordinator prior to any other University staff, facility, or administration. I have read and understood the minimal requirements and realize that these requirements are in place to secure a solid foundation for a collegiate program. I realize that each member of the spirit program must tryout each year to attain a position within the program. I understand my responsibility regarding the time commitment and the financial obligation required. The Answers on the application are true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby waive University of Texas at San Antonio, the athletic department, the trustees of UTSA, UTSA coaching staff, any judges, or tryout assistants of any responsibility or liability in the event of an injury suffered during the tryout process. I further state that I take full responsibility for any injury, including death that may be a result in my participation, and that I will not hold University of Texas at San Antonio or its staff responsible for any injury, aggravation of preexisting injuries, or even death during this tryout. I warrant that I am physically able to perform this tryout, and that I have no known physical conditions, which could be materially worsened or aggravated by my participation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If under the age of 18 years old at the date stated above, a parent of legal guardian's signature is required:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please attach a recent photo with application.
Photo will not be returned.



Eligibility

- Current UTSA Student. Proof of acceptance must be provided.
- Current High School Senior or Transfer Student: Candidates who have been accepted to UTSA or enrolled in classes.
- Each member must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher in order to remain eligible to cheer.
- Each member must enroll in minimum of 12 credit hours to remain full time. Graduate students must enroll in a minimum of 9 credit hours

Fees

- All forms in tryout packed filled out completely with \$40.00 application/tryout fee paid to UTSA Cheerleading.
- UTSA Cheer has a history as a competitive program. The program attends NCA College Camp and Nationals. Reminder: The program's first priority is to support UTSA Athletics and represent oneself as an ambassador to the University. Competition at Nationals is not guaranteed each year and must be earned. Any cost of these camps, clinics, events or competition will not covered by the University. Each cheerleader is responsible for fundraising costs or paying such fees if granted the opportunity to compete.
- All Fundraising opportunities will be made mandatory throughout the season.

Time Obligation

- Summer Practices will be Mandatory. Camp attendance is Mandatory. Practice dates will be determined at the coach's discretion.
- Game day is a major focus for the UTSA spirit program. All home football games are mandatory and we have opportunity to travel to select away athletic events.
- Holidays and Vacations are determined accordingly to the season games, playoffs, competitions, tournaments, and bowl games.

Team Requirements

- Each member must pass a physical examination.
- Each member must pass a skill and fitness exam each semester.
- Each member will be required to abide by the policies and procedures.
- Each member will be required to attend team workouts and team tumbling.
- Each member will be required to fundraise and pay any required fees.

Safety

- ACCA safety rules are applied to all athletes.
- No jewelry of any kind is allowed.
- Must be medically cleared to participate in tryouts.
- Skills will be requested on dead mat.

Attire

- Hair up out of the face with a bow of your choice. Full Game day/Comp make up. Natural make up. No excessive glitter.
- All Black Attire. Black Sports Bra (female), Black Shirt, (Male), Black Shorts Shoes must be worn the whole time.
- Tattoos must be covered or hidden.

Minimal Skill Requirements- Tumbling

- ALL SKILLS ON DEAD FLOOR
- Standing- Standing Tuck.
- Jump connected to back handsprings to a tuck/layout/full. Multiple/whipped Jumps to Back Tuck and handsprings to layouts/fulls.
- Running- Round off handspring Layout/full's. Specialty Skills.

Minimal Skill Requirements- Stunting

- Flyers- must be able to pull multiple body positions. Full up, around, and working double down. Also, willing to base as needed.
- Female Bases- must have stunting experience with advanced stunting skills such as full ups, double downs, inversions, tick tocks, and other elite skills. Must be willing to base in multiple positions.
- Males- Must have a toss hands. Preferred extension/libers. Preferably, libers and other elite toss skills. Male Stunters- must be open to learn tumbling skills. Male Tumblers – encouraged to have a full or higher.

Cheer/Motions/Dance

- Will be located in links under Video Tryouts

Interview

- Those who make the final cut may be selected for an interview process.

Medical

- Must attach a recent physical within the last 6 months signed by a doctor.
- Must attach a copy of your insurance card front and back.
- Must be medically cleared in order to be officially selected onto the roster.

The Tryout Process

- Due to our current Pandemic, we will be doing a special tryout process this season. See Below for all steps needed
 - Submit a google form request:
 - Register online at UTSAcheer.com
 - Gain Access to our tryout BAND group
 - Submit Video and tryout Packet by May 18th.
 - If you pass the initial video portion, you will be invited to an in-person tryout at a later date when our institution allows us to. You will be notified ahead of time to make proper arrangements.
 - After in person tryout, the team roster will be made for those who meet all requirements.
 - A team meeting will follow the team roster announcement.

Video Tryout Information

- Videos will be reviewed only if they are received prior to May 18th 2020.
- Video Tryout Video Must be submitted by Private YouTube Link with Packet
- Video Tryout must include the following items:
 - **A brief intro** about who you are and why you want to be a UTSA cheerleader. We love to see personality shine through! Have fun with it!
 - **Your best stunting videos** from the past 90 days. Show all positions you are elite in! We love versatile athletes!
 - **Your Best Running Tumbling Passes** from the Past 90 days. Show us a variety of elite skills! Must be on DEAD MAT!
 - **Your best Standing Tumbling Passes** from the Past 90 days. Must be on DEAD MAT!
 - **Our School Fight Song!** The link can be found in our tryout BAND group
 - **A Tryout Cheer!** The link can be found in our tryout BAND group
- **We will ask to see all skills shown in your video at our in person tryout to validate and ensure all skill requirements are assessed.**



TRYOUT CHECKLIST

Register

_____ Fill out google form and join BAND group for more information

_____ Register online at UTSAcheer.com and send in a complete tryout packet **AND** YouTube link to the Spirit Coordinator by the May 18th deadline.

Payment

_____ Tryout fee of \$40.00 paid to UTSA Cheer. Submit payment online prior to the May 18th Deadline.

Acceptance Documentation

_____ Attach a document letter or document to show your acceptance to UTSA.

Medical Forms

_____ Attach a copy of your insurance card (front and back).

_____ Attach a copy of a recent physical within the last 6 months signed by a doctor.

Photo

_____ Recent photo of yourself attached to application that will not be returned.

Attire

_____ Proper All Black attire to be worn. Black Sports Bra, Black- T shirt (males), Black Shorts, with bow. Tattoos are to be covered. NO JEWELRY.

Dates, Location and Times

_____ Dates, location and times understood.

In Person tryout :

Dates: TBD

Time: TBD

Location- UTSA Convocation Center—One UTSA Circle, San Antonio, TX 78249