

GCCA Team of the Year TIPS for Applicants

Georgia's premier award to recognize those hard working, committed, and successful programs throughout the state – whether you are a spirit or a competitive squad!

The GCCA has always been dedicated to recognizing outstanding athletes and coaches, and now we are on the quest for the most outstanding overall cheerleading program in Georgia. Cheerleading is about athletics, academics, and service to the community. This award takes each aspect into consideration when seeking to recognize the top program in our state. Nominate your team for this prestigious award today!

General Info:

- There is NO fee to apply for Team of the Year
- There are 3 parts to the competition.

Timeline:

- August/September- make decision to apply and get busy planning
- December 5 - Nomination form is due
- January 5 – Application is due
- January 10 – Top 3 Teams notified
- February 5- Video OR Portfolio is due

Planning Ahead:

- Decide early if you would like to nominate your team
- Know your strengths and weaknesses
- DO NOT TRY AND COMPLETE EVERYTHING YOURSELF!!!
- Find someone to take on the AV duties (unless that is you)
- Set a schedule for collecting all footage/photos/etc... that fits **YOU!**

Know your team:

- Does this particular group of kids fit the requirements?

- Brainstorm with team to choose team philosophy, motto, and how you will creatively define SUCCESS
- Whatever you do... BE POSITIVE!

Delegate responsibilities:

- Choose ONE area you most comfortable with and complete it- Keep in mind you will need to oversee the entire process
- Utilize assistant cheer coaches in key areas
- Involve trustworthy cheer parents to assist you in community projects
- Use Senior team members to complete specific pages of your portfolio or sections of your video
- Secure a qualified “proof reader” for your team essay (hint, hint- English Department)

Community Involvement Ideas

- Running 5K as a team OR hosting a 5K to raise money for a charity
- Relay for Life teams
- Special Olympics volunteers
- Nursing home volunteers
- Youth Clinics
- Animal Shelter charity fund raisers
- Open House volunteers
- Cheerleader Reunion
- Samaritan’s Purse- Shoe box ministry during Christmas/Angel Tree/Toys for Tots
- Anything to show community involvement

Just keep in mind that you must have fun during this process.

Remember that while you are creating your portfolio/video – you are also creating memories.