



Cheerleader of the Year / All-State Squad Competition

Attention GCCA Coaches:

The GCCA is proud to recognize excellence in our sport! Please nominate your best senior cheerleaders for the Georgia All-State Cheerleading Squad / Cheerleader of the Year Scholarship Competition. Following are the guidelines for the nomination and competition process. Please read them fully and clear all dates on your calendar before completing your nomination form. Direct questions to Stacey Schmuhl (770)595-3101 or sschmuhl@henry.k12.ga.us

1. Nominees must be in the 12th grade (2017-2018) with a 3.5 or 85% GPA. GPA should be listed as your guidance/records department recognizes it. Students must be bona-fide members of the nominating coach's high school cheerleading team. (Athletes do not necessarily have to be on the competitive team at the high school.)
2. Coaches must be a member of the GCCA **and** the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association (GACA) in order to nominate their senior cheerleaders for All-State/COTY. Membership will be checked and nominations and scholarship applications will be invalidated if the nominating coach is not a member of both the GACA and the GCCA.
3. Deadline for nominations from coaches: Nominations must be **RECEIVED BY May 1st**. The nomination fee by this date is \$10.00. There is a second **RECEIVED BY** deadline for nominations on **May 15th**— with a nomination fee of \$25.00. Nomination forms must be received by one of these dates with a check for the correct amount (payable to GCCA). No nomination forms will be accepted by fax or without the correct nomination fee. The nomination is not considered official until the coach has received a confirmation by email from the All-State/COTY committee.
4. After the coach receives confirmation, he/she may download the application for the applicant. The application form may be accessed online from the GCCA Website: www.georgiacheer.com.
5. Deadline to return all completed applications: **Application packets must be RECEIVED by JUNE 10th**. NO EXCEPTIONS! The nominating coach is required to send **four (4)** completed, stapled sets (one original and three copies) of the scholarship application packet to the address below. It is acceptable to make copies of the original. Single scholarship applications will not be valid. Please check copied sets to make sure they are stapled and all pages are clearly copied. Upon receipt of the scholarship application packet, a confirmation will be sent to the nominee's coach.
6. The scholarship application only requires that **two (2)** letters of recommendation be sent with the application. Candidates will be penalized if more than 2 letters of recommendation are sent in. Letters of recommendation should also be copied (3 copies and 1 original). It is acceptable to open sealed envelopes to make these copies.



7. Scholarship applications will be judged by an unbiased selection committee, and the forty (40) highest-scoring nominees will be invited to the Interview and Performance portion of the selection process to be held on **Saturday, August 5th** at Columbus State University in Columbus, GA. Additional information regarding the competition will be emailed to the athlete's coach. All nominating coaches will be notified (e-mail or fax) of the 40 competing cheerleaders by July 1st. Please call the number listed above if you have not received the competing list of 40 by July 1st. Please do not call on or before July 1st.

8. FYI: In the performance portion of the competition, **each candidate is required to perform all three of the following elements: jumps, tumbling, and stunting.** Stunts should be done with partners who are members of the competitor's current high school competition, football, or basketball cheer squad only. Coaches are required to send in a copy of the GHSA eligibility form in order to show that all stunt partners are members of the school cheerleading squad. The eligibility form should have the GHSA approval notification on it. Stunt partners may not say any words or perform any cheer motions with the COTY/All-State candidate. Competitors are to perform a routine not to exceed two minutes total time. There is no time limit on music. Other required elements include cheer, chant, and dance. Competitors are to adhere strictly to all National Federation / GHSA safety and performance rules. Deductions will be taken for violations.

9. After the interview and performance competitions, scores will be added, and the top sixteen (16) candidates will be designated as members of the Georgia All-State Cheerleading Squad. Scores are based on the following:

Application: 25%
Interview: 25%
Performance: 50%

10. The All-State Squad will be introduced at the conclusion of **both** Saturday sessions of the Georgia State Cheerleading Championships in Columbus, GA. The Cheerleader of the Year will be announced after the **second** session. All selected members are **required** to be on site for the introductions at the conclusion of **both** sessions. Failure to attend invalidates selection of the individual.

Please mail all nominations to:

Stacey Schmuhl
8093 Revere Drive
McDonough GA, 30252



**Cheerleader of the Year / All-State Squad
Nomination Form**

(Please type. Complete a separate nomination form for each athlete.)

Athlete's Name: _____

Athlete's Address: _____

Athlete's Preferred Phone: (_____) _____

Athlete's Email: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

School Fax: (_____) _____

School Phone: (_____) _____

Nominating Coach's Name: _____

Coach's Summer Address: _____

Coach's Preferred Phone: (_____) _____

Coach's Email: _____

(The address you will be using May-August)

Are you a member of the GCCA*? _____ GACA*? _____

*Please note that the nominating coach must be a member of the GCCA and the Georgia Athletic Coaches' Association (GACA) in order to nominate senior cheerleader(s) for the COTY/All-State Cheerleading Squad.

Which deadline are you meeting? May 1st (\$10) _____ May 15th (\$25)* _____

**NO nominations will be accepted that are received after May 15th.*

Coach's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please mail nomination form and correct fee (payable to GCCA) to:

**Stacey Schmuhl
8093 Revere Drive
McDonough GA 30252**

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