

# Booker T. Washington Cheerleading Tryout Information 2025–2026

There is a **MANDATORY** pre-tryout meeting for **parents and cheerleader candidates** on  
**Thursday, April 10th at 6:00 pm in the library**

**ALL** paperwork must be completed AND turned in by this the meeting including uploads to Athletic Clearance.

## BTWHS Cheerleading Objectives:

- 🐾 To encourage spirit and pride in Booker T. Washington High School
- 🐾 To develop athletic and leadership skills
- 🐾 To be a crowd leader at football games, basketball games, pep rallies, etc.
- 🐾 To be a top performer in the classroom as well as on the sidelines and competition floor
- 🐾 To develop lifelong values and skills through leadership opportunities

## Tryout Dates and Times

**Monday, April 14th – Thursday, April 17th 2025**

**Current Washington Students 3:20 – 5:20**

**Incoming Freshman 5:30 – 6:45**

As a BTWHS Cheerleader, not only do you represent the teams that you cheer for on the sidelines, but you also represent our school. You are expected to do your best to maintain the highest grades possible, exhibit excellent behavior on and off campus, and be someone others consider a positive example. The expectation is that BTWHS cheerleaders will demonstrate the ability to balance academics and the heavy load of cheerleading practices, games, and other related activities. BTWHS cheerleaders must be committed to the highest level of athleticism, training, and performance.

Many of Washington's sports **do not allow** athletes to miss practices; therefore, as a cheerleader, you cannot participate in other sports whose season takes place during ours unless you receive prior approval. **As a Washington High School Cheerleader, you must fulfill ALL responsibilities and expectations of the program before those that occur from participation in other activities.**

## Required Paperwork for tryouts:

- Application \*
- Physical (FHSAA form, EL2 - Turn in Original) \*\*
- NFHS Learn Certificates (3 training videos) \*\*
- Drug Screening Consent \*\*
- Code of Conduct/Sportsmanship
- 3rd quarter Report Card (8th graders ONLY) \*

Candidate screenings: Attendance, GPA, Dean's Office

\*Must be turned in at Pre-tryout Mtg.

\*\*Must be completed in Athletic Clearance

Any individual who quits or is removed from the BTWHS Cheer Program **MUST** sit out a year. **Eligibility is subject to approval from the coach and principal.**

Any athlete with an unpaid balance may not try out unless the **balance is paid in FULL before the Paperwork Deadline, April 10th, 2025!** Also, any senior with an unpaid balance at the end of the season will have a hold placed on their account and **will not be permitted to walk at graduation until the balance is paid.**

## FITTINGS will be Wednesday, April 23rd

**A parent/guardian must attend fittings with each athlete!!**

**\$250 DEPOSIT is DUE at the MANDATORY parent/athlete meeting on  
Monday, April 28th, 2025, at 6 pm!**

**A payment schedule will be provided at the meeting.  
Competition fees will not be assessed until the fall.**


Athletes **will not** be able to raise excess funds this season for next season. At the end of the season, positive balances will **NOT** transfer to the next season.


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## Summer Practices:

All athletes will attend REQUIRED summer practices. We will practice a minimum of two times per week. UCA Cheer Camp AND Choreography will also take place in the summer.







## Time Commitment:

 **May to August:** Summer training for football, UCA Cheer Camp, choreography, weekly practices, and program fundraisers and community service events.






 **August to mid–February:** Football and Basketball games, Pep rallies, after-school practices for games and competition, competitions (weekends), fundraisers, and community service events.

## Tryout Procedures:

### WHAT to WEAR?

-  a PLAIN WHITE shirt
-  ROYAL BLUE or BLACK shorts
-  solid, white crew socks
-  Cheer or athletic shoes.
-  Hair MUST be up in a ponytail.
-  NO JEWELRY!!

### WHAT to EXPECT?

-  Cheer, Dance, & Band Dance
-  Toe Touch & Jump of choice
-  Standing Tumbling/Running Tumbling
-  Stunting
-  1–mile run


**Female Candidates:** Motions and motion placement, jumps in a cheer, standing and running tumbling (optional), all-girl or co-ed stunting, dance skills

**Male Candidates:** Motions with cheer/chant and use of a megaphone, standing and/or running tumbling, coed stunting (prefer toss to hands, toss extension, J-up to hands or walk-in to hands, basket tosses)

## Individual Financial Expectations:

Each athlete is expected to raise \$500 in sponsorships for the Washington Cheer Booster Club. If the funds are not raised through sponsors then the fees must be paid. These funds are due by Monday, August 4th, 2025.

### +++ All prices are estimations +++

 Cheerleading uniform (Bundle includes skirt, 2 tops, and a pair of sleeves) -\$300

#### \*NEW UNIFORMS this season\*

-  Additional Sleeves -\$30
  -  Blue Pleated Skirt -\$80 \*\*
  -  White Long sleeve “Wildcats” Top -\$175 \*\*
  -  2-3 T-shirts/tanks and Pullover/Jacket -\$100
  -  Bows - (blue, white, black and pink) -\$15
  -  Outfit Bundle (collared tank and skirt) -\$70
  -  2 sets of custom socks -\$40
  -  Varsity Spirit Shorts Bundle (3 pair) -\$95
  -  Varsity Sports Bra Bundle (3 bras) -\$65
  -  3pk Crew, Solid White Socks -\$15
  -  Royal Briefs -\$20 \*\*
  -  Poms (Blue and White) -\$40 \*\*
  -  Back Pack (NEW) -\$120
  -  Rain Jacket - \$35 \*\*
  -  Cheer Shoes (NEW) -\$115
  -  Warm-up jacket -\$140 \*\*
  -  Warm-up pants -\$85 \*\*
  -  32” Meg. (graphics & bag, VARSITY ONLY) -\$100
  -  UCA Summer Camp - \$500
- \*\* returners have these items already**
-  Competition Choreography & Music -\$350
  -  Competition registration fees -\$200 \*\*\*
  -  Regional/State (Varsity ONLY) -\$200 \*\*\*
  -  UCA Nationals Costs -\$1000 \*\*\*
- \*\*\* Competition fees, assessed in the fall**
- Additional t-shirts, shorts, pink game wear, etc., purchased as needed.