



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What are The Detroit Lions Cheerleaders?**

The Detroit Lions Cheerleaders:

- Perform at Ford Field for all Detroit Lions Home Games and lead fans with enthusiasm to create an energetic and exciting game day atmosphere.
- Act as team ambassadors and role models to the community through excellent performance on-field and off-field appearances throughout Michigan at community and charity events.

### **Is there an age limit?**

- This is no maximum age limit.
- Minimum age requirement is age 21 by July 1, 2016.

### **Are there any physical requirements?**

- No. We do not have a height to weight requirement, nor is there a maximum or minimum weight requirement. You should look well-proportioned in dancewear as a lean figure is demanded by our uniforms.
- Cheerleading is a physically demanding occupation and you should be in excellent physical shape and able to master a variety of different dance styles.
- You must be able to pass a physical exam demonstrating your health to perform the essential job functions. A drug test for recreational drugs which could interfere with your performance and/or endanger the safety of you or those around you is required.

### **What skills are required?**

- Dance, cheer, or gymnastics training is a plus. Detroit Lions cheerleaders are performers who dance using a variety of different dance styles. Our routines do not include vocals or stunts.
- While a high school diploma or G. E. D. is a requirement, additional consideration will be given to professionals and/or students pursuing an advanced degree.
- Successful applicants will be motivated self-starters who have effective communication skills and are poised and well-spoken.
- You must be able to work with others in a team environment and demonstrate an ability to take direction and learn choreographed routines quickly.

### **What is the time commitment if I make the squad?**

- Detroit Lions cheerleaders are expected to attend every rehearsal (approximately three hours, three evenings a week) and a full day on home game days (10 per year), including reporting to the stadium several hours before game time. Out of town travel to road games is not required, but may be requested for any post-season games.
- Pre-season training sessions, business seminars, photo shoots, etc. are also required.
- Each cheerleader should plan to be available for consideration to be booked on appearances throughout the year. Mandatory team appearances will be communicated in advance.

- You may not be employed or perform for any other professional or college dance or cheerleading team or be employed by an agency. Each Detroit Lions Cheerleader will be required to sign both a confidentiality and non-disparagement agreement and a non-compete agreement.
- We recommend candidates live within a reasonable driving distance of Detroit, Michigan such that you are able to attend practices and games on a timely basis.
- Although the job as a Detroit Lions Cheerleaders is a very big commitment, most cheerleaders hold other part time or full time jobs and/or attend college.

**How am I compensated and are there outside expenses?**

- Each cheerleader is paid hourly for rehearsals, game days and appearances.
- Uniforms are loaned to you for the duration of your employment. Other essentials and rehearsal gear may be provided.
- Detroit Lions Cheerleaders are expected to have dependable transportation and bear the expense of commuting to rehearsals and games. Mileage to community or charitable events is reimbursed at then-prevailing IRS rates.

**Are auditions open to the public?**

- No, auditions are closed to the public, family and friends.

**How many audition rounds are there?**

- There are four audition rounds. There are three dance / cheer performance only and one face-to-face interview session.

**What will the judges focus on and look for?**

- Dance technique and enthusiasm
- Showmanship and personality
- Dance skills
- Overall level of poise, energy and spirit
- Professional appearance and articulate verbal interview skills
- Attitude

**How should I wear my make-up?**

- Shades and style that compliment your natural beauty. Prepare to impress. Media will be present during the auditions, therefore, we recommend candidates prepare to be 'camera' ready.

**How should I wear my hair?**

- In a current hairstyle that complements your features and does not hide your face. Style to impress. Media will be present during the auditions, therefore, we recommend candidates prepare to be 'camera' ready.

**What should I wear for auditions?**

- Dress to impress and stand out in a classy way. A sports bra style performance top and dance shorts are preferred in order for the judges to see the entire execution of your dance moves. Your footwear should be something you can dance in, standard jazz dance shoes or dance sneakers are fine as well.

**May I tryout if I have a tattoo?**

- Yes. However, all tattoos must be covered during all Detroit Lions Cheerleaders public activities. There are many products to help.

**May I tryout if I have body piercings?**

- Yes. However, body piercings, other than earrings, will need to be removed for all Detroit Lions Cheerleaders public activities.

**If I do not advance to semi-finals will my application be kept on file?**

- No. You must re-apply with a new application, non-returnable photo, and application processing fee each year.

**If I am not selected as a training camp candidate may I call the Detroit Lions Cheerleaders office to receive my judges' comments?**

- Due to the high volume of candidates, we regret that we are unable to provide feedback. There will be audition clinics scheduled throughout the year prior to next year's audition and we encourage you to attend.