Dear Prospective Sunsation:

We are pleased to learn of your interest in the University of Miami Sunsations Dance Team. Below is some basic information about the team. The Sunsations Dance Team is the official dance team of the Miami Hurricanes and consist of 15-20 members. This talented group of dancers performs on the sidelines at all home football and basketball games and is featured in timeouts as well as during half-time performances for football, soccer, basketball, and baseball games. The main role of a UM Sunsation is to promote the Hurricane athletic programs and lead the crowd at games.

Responsibilities
The commitment to the dance team is from early August until late March. The following will be required of all dancers:

- Dance at home football, soccer, basketball, and baseball games throughout the year.
- Travel to possible selected away football game and basketball tournaments.
- Practice at least three times per week during the school year. (All practices are mandatory)
- Participate in various promotional or community service events throughout the year.
- Adhere to all team rules and regulations.

Requirements
Individuals who audition for the dance team at the University must meet the following qualifications:

- Enrolled as a full-time student (Fall and Spring) at the University of Miami or accepted for the fall semester.
- Dance Experience (i.e. Hip Hop, Pom, and Jazz)
- Technical Skills (i.e. pirouettes, split leaps, pique turns, grand battements, and calypso leaps)
- 2.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale).
- Enthusiasm and school spirit. UM Sunsations are an important public relations tool.

Audition Information
Audition dates are posted on the website www.hurricanesports.com when announced each year. Auditions are held in a form of a two day evaluation and cuts are made throughout the selection process until the final team is selected. University of Miami Dancers come from a variety of dance backgrounds and skill levels. All team members are expected to be great crowd leaders and be able to project the image of a collegiate athlete, while representing the University of Miami. Because of these responsibilities, we are looking for skilled and talented dancers, as well as well-rounded students, who embrace the ability to be coached. Under special circumstances video auditions are accepted. Please contact coach for more information.

Member Privileges
As a member of the Sunsations Dance Team, you are will be afforded many privileges. Listed below are some of those:

- Stipend Money
- Travel (all expenses paid)
  - Select football game
  - Post season football games (i.e. ACC Championship, Bowl Game)
  - Post season basketball tournaments (i.e. ACC Tournament, NCAA Tournament)
- Student Athlete Status:
  - Early registration for classes each semester
  - Supervised Athletic Trainer/Training Room access
  - Access to Athletics Academic Support
  - Supervised access to Athletics Weight Room
- All necessary equipment provided:
  - 6 Uniforms
  - Official Adidas University of Miami Equipment (i.e. warm ups, shoes, luggage, practice apparel, etc.)

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Sunsations Dance Team, please email Beverly Hew. The coaches are part time employees of the University and do not have offices on campus. However, please contact us so you may stop by one of our practices held between September and March. GO CANES!

Sincerely,

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