



2009 MORALE CAPTAIN APPLICATION

Created in Penn State University in 1973, Dance Marathon has become the nation's largest student run philanthropy. Each year this event raises millions of dollars across America, benefiting the Children's Miracle Network. The philanthropic event gives back to the local community where Dance Marathon occurs. FIU's Dance Marathon has raised over \$600,000 for the Miami Children's Hospital Foundation, our local Children's Miracle Network hospital and its respective foundation. The money raised by Dance Marathon is used for equipment, education, treatment and research for the children of Miami who suffer from terminal illnesses, trauma, abuses, and accidents. "DM," as it is affectionately called, is a 25-hour event in which FIU students and the community come together for the kids. Dancers stay on their feet as a sign of compassion in order to acknowledge what these children continue to go through. Now marking our 12th year, Dance Marathon 2009 wants to continue its success and work its way into the hearts of children.

DM is composed of a steering committee that organizes a year's worth of events culminating toward Dance Marathon 2009. The Executive Director(s), Directors, Chairpersons, and Morale Captain head the steering committee. Please review the information carefully, fill out the application and return to the Center for Leadership & Service in GC 2210 by **March 26th, 2008**. **All applicants must submit their application with a resume and be available for an interview the week of April 10th or 11th, 2008. Applicants will be notified of interview times via email or telephone.**

Morale Captain Requirements & Job Description

To serve as the morale and spirit leaders of the organization throughout the year and at the marathon; to lead dancer groups and all DM participants in the 25-hour charity event

- Be a registered FIU student while serving in the position
- Hold a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA throughout the 2008-2009 academic year
- Be in good standing with the University Office of Student Conduct & Conflict Resolution
- Raise \$575 toward the overall goal of DM 2009
- Recruit one dancer team
- Participate in all special events and fundraising activities
- Attend biweekly (fall) and weekly (spring) executive board and steering committee meetings (student may not register for evening Wednesday courses)
- Must plan and implement morale hours and line dance for the 25-hour marathon

DM for the kids!



Dear students,

As you may know, Dance Marathon is an event that touches the lives of the children in our community. After our 11th Dance Marathon, FIU raised just over \$115, 000; that is more than we have ever raised at the event before! As the 2008 Dance Marathon has come to an end, the 2009 DM is beginning in full force. The first step is to choose exceptional leaders to take up the positions that push Dance Marathon forward. We are lucky to have so many leaders on our campus that are capable of making DM 2009 the most successful of all.

Dance Marathon is largest student run philanthropy in the nation. For the 2009 DM we are looking for students who are willing to dedicate their time to this organization and worthy cause. We plan to raise the bar and break all records this year. However, we can only do this with the help of our FIU community. Please review the different positions available on our website, www.fiu.edu/~dm and apply for the position(s) that you feel you can offer your experience, knowledge, and leadership to best. If our FIU community comes together for this great cause, as we have done in past years, we can and will make a difference in the world. I encourage everyone to apply!

In DM spirit,

Giselle Gutierrez
2009 Overall Director
Dance Marathon, FIU

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Name:

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone:

Work Phone: _____ Cell

Number: _____

Email: _____ Major: _____ GPA:

_____ Faculty/Staff/Admin. Reference (Name):

Morale Captain Workshop (Circle one): Apr. 10, 5-7pm Apr. 11, 9-11am Apr. 11, 3-5pm

A copy of your resume must be attached to this application. If you cannot attend one of the scheduled workshops, please contact Giselle Gutierrez at (786) 390-9311, gguti007@fiu.edu or Mari Campuzano at (305) 348-1395 or campuzam@fiu.edu.

Mo·rale (m^ə-r^əl) noun:

The state of the spirits of a person or group as exhibited by confidence, cheerfulness, discipline, and willingness to perform assigned tasks.

Cap-tain (kăp'tēn) noun:
A figure in the forefront; a leader

These definitions alone are powerful, but put them together and you have one of the most amazing things imaginable. Morale Captains are the lifeblood of Dance Marathon. MCs work year round to raise your spirits, lead in activities, support you when need it, and so much more! Serving as a Morale Captain in Dance Marathon requires a significant time commitment. By filling out this application, you agree to perform all the duties as outlined by the job description. Dance Marathon is an incredible event that benefits a wonderful cause, the children of Miami Children's Hospital and the Children's Miracle Network. Without dedication from the Executive Director, steering committee, dancers, sponsors, and volunteers this event would not be possible. If any member of the steering committee does not fulfill his/her duties, he/she can and will be revoked at the discretion of the advisors and executive board.

Authorization to check eligibility: I hereby give permission the Center for Leadership and Service to access my academic and judicial records with Florida International University and authorize my records to be released. I also understand that my records will be checked at the time of application, throughout my involvement with the organization, and prior to the marathon.

If you understand and agree to the above, please sign below.

(Signature of applicant)

**Please answer the following questions; use additional sheets of paper as necessary.
Thank you.**

- 1) Please explain any previous experience you have with Dance Marathon.

- 2) Based on your knowledge of DM, what is one key element of the morale system that should remain the same, and one that should be improved? Why?

- 3) What do you hope to gain from your involvement with DM?

4) Please share two of your strengths and weaknesses as a team player.

5) Please list all other organizations/activities you are involved with on campus & any positions you hold.