



Dear Prospective Cheerleader:

We are pleased to learn of your interest in the cheerleading program at the University of Miami. Below is some basic information about the program. The University of Miami program consists of two teams: All-Girl and Co-ed. The All-Girl squad consists of fifteen to eighteen females, while the Co-ed squad includes seven females and eight males. The main role of a UM cheerleader is to promote the Hurricane athletic program and lead the crowd at games.

Responsibilities

The commitment to the cheer squads is from early August until late March. The following will be required of all cheerleaders:

- Cheer home football, volleyball, and basketball games throughout the year.
- Travel to some away football games and basketball tournaments.
- Practice 2-3 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 try out for the cheer teams 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.
- Stunting experience:
 - o Females:
 - Are required to perform a minimum round off with two back handsprings, as well as a standing back tuck.
 - Perform over-the-head All girl and Coed partner stunts.
 - o Males not experience is necessary, but must be athletic and in good shape physically.
- 2.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale).
- Enthusiasm and school spirit. UM cheerleaders are an important public relations tool.

Tryout Information

Tryout dates are posted on the website www.hurricanesports.com/spirit when announced each year.

Tryouts for both squads are held together and you may try out for both teams but coaches will have final say on determining which team you are selected for. Tryouts are held in a form of a two day practice and at the end of the final day the coaches select the teams. In addition to learning a cheer and a dance, you must display stunting and tumbling abilities. Under special circumstances video tryouts are accepted.

Please contact coach for more information.

Member Privileges

As a member of this program, you will be afforded many privileges. Listed below are some of those:

- Stipend Money
- Travel (all expenses paid)
 - o Away football games
 - o Post season football games (i.e. ACC Championship, Bowl Game)
 - o Post season basketball tournaments (i.e. ACC Tournament, NCAA Tournament)
- Student Athlete Status:
 - o Early registration for classes each semester
 - o Supervised Athletic Trainer/Training Room access
 - o Access to Athletics Academic Support/Tutoring
 - o Supervised access to Athletics Weight Room
- All necessary equipment provided:
 - o Multiple Uniforms
 - o 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 cheer program, please email Stephanie Mas. The UM Cheer 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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