

**Dance Marathon at the University of Florida  
Captain Team Application Questions**

General Captain Application Questions:

1. Why do you want to be involved with Dance Marathon at the University of Florida?
2. Please list all Organizations that you are currently involved with.
3. Please include a copy of your resume and headshot.

## Community Outreach

### New Captain Application Questions:

1. What specifically about the Community Outreach team inspired you to apply for this position?
2. What ideas do you have to engage the external Dance Marathon community (e.g. Dance Marathon Alumni, Faculty and Staff, Community Partners) throughout the year?
3. What does the word community mean to you and why do you think it is important within the context of DM at UF?

### Returning Captain Application Questions:

1. What specifically inspired you to reapply for the Community Outreach team?
2. What new ideas do you have to improve the way we keep Alumni, Parents, Faculty and Staff, and/or Community Partners involved with our cause and events?
3. What specific ways might we increase the engagement and involvement of our community members in our annual Miracle Gala?

## Dancer Relations

### New Captain Application Questions:

1. One responsibility of a Dancer Relations Captain is communication with 40-50 registered Dancers on a consistent basis. How would you plan on building personal relationships with your Dancers, while also teaching them about our organization and cause?
2. As Dancer Relations Captains, our goal is to allow Dancers to have an experience throughout the entire year, and not just at the Main Event. What does the phrase “year-long Dancer experience” mean to you, and how would you help create this for your Dancers?
3. Dance Marathon is always striving to have more Second, Third, and Fourth Year Dancers, seeing as they are a wonderful example of dedication to our cause. How would you motivate a past Dancer to register to Dance again?

### Returning Captain Application Questions:

1. As Dancer Relations Captains, our goal is to allow Dancers to have an experience throughout the entire year, and not just at the Main Event. What does the phrase “year-long Dancer experience” mean to you, and how would you help create this for your Dancers?
2. What is one thing you learned from your experience on Dancer Relations last year, and how will you use this lesson to improve your experience on the team this year?

## Design & Technology

### All Captain Application Questions:

1. Which side of Design & Technology are you interested in applying for (Design or Tech)?
2. What qualities do you expect to contribute as a member of Design & Technology?
3. How do you want to personally grow as a member of Design & Technology

### Design Application Questions:

1. What makes you passionate about art and design?
2. Do you have access to the Adobe Suite?
3. What would you say is the most unique aspect of your design style/work ethic?

### Tech Application Questions:

1. What languages are you proficient in? What is your level of expertise with these languages?
2. What platform(s) are you most interested in working on? Web, iOS or Android?
3. How do you think Technology can improve the overall experience & accessibility of Dance Marathon at UF?

## Family Relations

### New Captain Application Questions:

1. What is your reason for being a DM Captain? Why do you specifically want to be on Family Relations?
2. Do you have any experience working with children with special needs?
3. How do you believe you can best cater to meet the needs of the miracle children and their families?
4. What age of children do you prefer to work with? How can you work to be inclusive to children of all ages?

### Returning Captain Application Questions:

1. What would you change about last year?
2. How will you work with the team this year as a captain to make it better?

## Fundraising and Organization Development

All Captain Application Questions:

1. What are some successful fundraising methods you have used or seen within Dance Marathon? Is this something that can be seen within the Ambassador Program?
2. How have you been inspired to succeed in previous involvement? How can you incorporate this into working with Organization Ambassadors?
3. How would you go about working with an organization who is unenthusiastic about their involvement with Dance Marathon? What are some ways to change an organization's perspective for the better?

## Hospitality

### New Captain Application Questions:

1. What qualities do you bring or experiences have you had that would make you a good Hospitality Captain?
2. What are innovative ways that Dance Marathon can connect our sponsors more closely to our cause?
3. Write an example of an email or pitch you would give to a restaurant in Gainesville on why they should get involved with Dance Marathon at the University of Florida. (assume that they have never heard of Dance Marathon before. Please explain our cause and why they should support it).

### Returning Captain Application Questions:

1. What are innovative ways that Dance Marathon can connect our sponsors more closely to our cause?
2. What improvements would you like to implement to the Hospitality team if you are chosen for this position?
3. Write an example of an email you would send to a restaurant in Gainesville that donated to Dance Marathon last year but was unhappy with the partnership and isn't sure they want to donate again this year.



## Leadership Development

### New Captain Application Questions:

1. What aspects of the Leadership Development team stood out to you and caused you to apply? Based on these attributes, why do you believe you would make a good asset to this team?
2. In what ways did your experience as an Emerging Leader impact you and how will this play a role in your approach to being a Leadership Development Captain?
3. What new ideas and improvements do you have that would you like to see implemented in the Emerging Leaders Program?

### Returning Captain Application Questions:

4. Based on your prior experience on the team, what suggestions do you have for the improvement of the Leadership Development Team and the Emerging Leaders Program?
5. What has motivated you to continue your involvement with Dance Marathon, and specifically the LD Team?

## Marathon Relations

Marathon Relations is comprised of two teams: Marathon Relations North and Marathon Relations South. The teams function separately based on the region where the high schools are located. You will be interviewed by both Marathon Relations Overalls in one interview - Please put your team preference below.

Region Preference:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. No Preference

New Captain Application Questions:

1. What experiences have you had that led you to want to join Marathon Relations?
2. What are some ideas you have that high school students can use to host events, increase participation, engagement and awareness of Dance Marathon and our cause on these campuses and in their communities?
3. What qualities do you possess that make you feel you would be a strong Marathon Relations Captain?

Returning Captain Application Questions:

1. What do you believe your biggest weakness is in your past experience on Marathon Relations and how do you plan on improving upon it?
2. As a returning Captain, you will have the role to mentor and lead the new Captains. How do you plan on being a mentor to and guiding the new Captains?

## Merchandise

All Applicants:

1. What are some new, unique, and creative ideas you have for the merchandise this year?
2. What are important qualities of a team member that you pride yourself on? Based on these attributes, why do you believe you would be a good asset to this team?
3. Why do you want to be a part of the Merchandise team? What about the Merchandise team stands out to you?

## Morale

### New Captain Application Questions:

1. Why have you chosen to apply for Morale?
2. What does “inspire” mean to you? How do you plan to inspire and engage other members of the organization?
3. What is the biggest challenge that you would have to overcome in order to be the best Morale Captain that you can be? How would you overcome this challenge?
4. Attach a meme or short video that describes you.

### Returning Captain Application Questions:

1. Why do you want to continue your involvement with Morale?
2. How do you plan on inspiring and aiding new Morale Captains this year?
3. What do you see as your largest contribution to the Morale last year?
4. What is something that you’d like to improve upon as a Morale Captain?  
What steps will you take toward success in your goal?
5. Attach a meme or short video that describes you.

## Multimedia

### New Captain Application Questions:

1. What past experiences do you have that will make you an asset to the Multimedia team? Please include your level of Lightroom/Premiere Pro knowledge.
2. What camera, lenses, and equipment do you use and have? Describe your level of experience with manual mode.
3. There will be weeks throughout the year that are very time-consuming (up to 15 hours of work between shooting and editing). How do you plan on managing your time during busy weeks?
4. Please upload a brief portfolio of your work.

### Returning Captain Application Questions:

1. Describe your involvement on the Team during the previous year. Are there any ways you would improve your participation for the upcoming year?
2. Reflect on your experience with the Multimedia Team this past year. What improvements and new ideas do you have for this upcoming year?
3. Please upload a brief portfolio of your work.

## Productions

### New Captain Application Questions:

1. What skills do you possess that you think would make you an asset to the Productions Team? How do you plan to use these skills as a Productions Captain?
2. Pick a Dance Marathon event (the main event, a campus event from a previous year, or a brand new concept). Explain to me the top three most important aspects to ensure this event would be successful.

### Returning Captain Application Questions:

1. Please provide suggestions to improve the Productions team this year. What went well last year and what would you like to see improved?
2. What ideas do you have for improving existing campus events and/or the main event? (This could be in terms of our team's role or for the event itself)

## Public Relations

### Captain Application Questions:

1. What skills and/or previous experience do you have that would make you an asset to the Public Relations Team?
2. Pretend you have been tasked with creating a new branding campaign for a product that hasn't been doing well; What is your process?
3. Imagine you are talking to a media company about DM at UF. Write a brief pitch explaining our organization and why the media should support our cause.

## Recruitment

### New Captain Application Questions:

1. What has led to your passion for Recruitment and inspired you to apply for this team?
2. What past experience and qualities do you have and possess that would make you an influential and valuable member of the Recruitment team?

### Returning Captain Application Questions:

1. Why are you so passionate about the Recruitment team that you want to return for another year?
2. What improvements do you think the Recruitment team should implement this year?
3. How do you plan to work well with new Captains and guide them in our cause?



## Sponsorships

### New Captain Application Questions:

1. What strengths or characteristics do you feel you will bring to the team?
2. As a Sponsorship Captain, you will need to be able to handle Sponsors who might not respond immediately. What do you think the best way is to encourage a response from these Sponsors?

### Returns:

1. As a returner, how will you stand out as a leader on the Sponsorship team this year?
2. What is something you wish you would have done or contributed to the team last year that you intend to do this year?