



*Office of the Director of University Bands*

Dear Prospective Band Member:

The Bethune-Cookman University Marching Wildcats are in the process of recruiting new students that are interested in attending Bethune-Cookman University and participating in the band program for the 2009-2010 academic school year. The Band Program is composed of the 300 member Marching Wildcats, Symphonic Band, Concert Band A & B, Jazz Band, and a variety of ensembles that include Woodwinds, Brass & Percussion.

Interested students instrumentalist must audition with a member of the band staff before Friday, May 29, 2009. Students interested in becoming a member of the dance or flag squads must audition during the first week of pre-band camp in August 2009.

Scholarships are available for those students who qualify from an audition. Scholarships range from \$1,000.00 to full scholarship based on musical abilities, and the instrumental needs of the band program for the coming year. Students who have made All-State Band in your respective state qualify for full scholarship that covers tuition and housing, however, an audition is still required. All students receiving band scholarships must be admitted and accepted to the institution, have on file a Bethune-Cookman University Medical History Form with the office of Health Services, and have a completed Federal Financial Aid Form on file with the Bethune-Cookman University Financial Aid Office as well as maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 while attending the institution. Please note that the priority date for applying for Federal Financial Aid is before May 1, 2009. Hopefully, we will have you as part of the Bethune-Cookman University Band Program this fall.

Thanks for your interest in Bethune-Cookman University and the Band program!

If interested, please have your director to contact me to make an appointment for an audition.

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# Bethune-Cookman University

## Marching Wildcats Band

### Criteria for 14kt and Flag Auditions

1. Students **must be admitted** to Bethune-Cookman University prior to being *invited* to tryouts.
2. Auditions for 14Karat Gold Dancers for freshman will be conducted Wednesday, June 17, 2009. Based upon a review of all applications (**complete both applications**), prospective members will be **invited by mail** to report for try-outs. Try-outs will consist of a prepared routine with music, a taught routine, demonstration of basic skills, and a personal interview. Please have a pre-recorded selection and routine ready (**tape recorder will be provided**).

Auditions for Sophisticat Flag Corp for freshman will be conducted during pre-band camp (**August 2009**). Based upon a review of all applications, prospective members will be **invited by mail** to report for try-outs. Try-outs will consist of a prepared routine with music, a taught routine, demonstration of basic skills, and a personal interview. Please have a pre-recorded selection and routine ready (**tape recorder will be provided**).

3. Housing accommodations will be provided **ONLY** for Sophisticat Flag Corp tryouts, and for those with **paid room deposits only**. Following tryout dates, housing will only be provided for those young ladies who make the “final cut.” All young ladies making the “final cut” should be prepared to remain on campus through the fall semester. All other young ladies should be prepared to return home. Housing accommodations for 14Karat Gold Dance tryouts are the responsibility of the prospective member (*you will need to make your own housing arrangements*).

4. **14kt and Flag are required to have the following items for tryouts:**

White crewneck T-Shirt (no pockets)

Black gym shorts

Black spandex tights

White socks and tennis shoes

5. **Basic techniques that are required for auditions:**

**DANCERS:** kicks, splits, leaps, leg extensions, 1 routine taught by the 14kt captains and 1 routine that is created by you that should not exceed 1 minute. Flexibility is a must.

**FLAGS:** all basic spins, 1 routine taught by the Sophisticat Flag Corp captains and 1 routine that is created by you that should not exceed 1 minute.

6. **VIDEO:** Required for 14kt and Flag. (64 count routine with music of your choice. This is your opportunity to show your individual skill). Due by May 30, 2009.

*(Videos will not be returned) DVD's ONLY*

7. **14kt must submit a full body photo in a uniform or dancewear. (Photos will not be returned)**



# PROSPECTIVE STUDENT OF THE 14 KARAT GOLD DANCERS

Director of University Bands  
Department of Music  
Bethune-Cookman University  
Daytona Beach, Florida 32114-3099  
(Please Print or Type)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

CLASSIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_ MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE POINT AVERAGE \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ HEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ SHOE SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ DRESS SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

HEALTH    \_\_\_\_\_Excellent    \_\_\_\_\_Good    \_\_\_\_\_Poor

HAVE YOU EVER HAD ANY DANCE EXPERIENCE?    \_\_\_\_\_Yes    \_\_\_\_\_No

IF SO, HOW LONG? \_\_\_\_\_YRS

HAVE YOU EVER HELD ANY TYPE OF POSITION ON YOUR DANCE TEAM?

\_\_\_\_\_Yes    \_\_\_\_\_No

IF SO, WHAT POSITION? \_\_\_\_\_

WHY HAVE YOU CHOSEN TO BECOME A PART OF THE 14 KARAT GOLD DANCERS?  
(ON SEPARATE SHEET)

BEING A PART OF AN ORGANIZATION SUCH AS “THE MARCHING WILDCATS OF BETHUNE COOKMAN UNIVERSITY” REQUIRES MUCH **DEDICATION**. IN YOUR OWN DEFINITION WHAT DOES **DEDICATION** MEAN TO YOU?  
(ON SEPARATE SHEET)

\*PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT A PHYSICAL MUST BE ON FILE WITH THE UNIVERSITY INFIRMARY

\*PLEASE ATTACH A FULL BODY PHOTO IN UNIFORM OR UNITARD (MANDATORY)

# Bethune Cookman University

14 Karat Gold Dancers

## Practice Requirement Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have received  
a copy of the 14 Karat Gold Dancers practice and attendance  
requirements. By signing this document I am stating that I understand  
what the directors and captains expect of me. I also understand that  
abiding by these rules are necessary for my continued participation as a  
member of this organization.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PROSPECTIVE BAND STUDENT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
Office of Director of University Bands  
**BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY**  
Daytona Beach, Florida 32114-3099  
(Please Print or Type)

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Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_  
**Last First Middle Age**

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
**No. & Street City State & zip**

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Other Nos.( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_  
**city,state,zip**

High School Band Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

INTENDED MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_

**I HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have not been accepted, have you started the application process?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Starting Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Uniform Information:**  
**Term Year**  
Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Pants Size \_\_\_\_\_ Coat Size \_\_\_\_\_  
Shoe Size \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR INSTRUMENT \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE \_\_\_\_\_

MINOR INSTRUMENT \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own one or more instruments? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No. If Yes, please list them below

Please complete and return even if you have or have not been accepted for admission to Bethune-Cookman University, so that you can be included on our roster.

**GPA** \_\_\_\_\_ **ACT** \_\_\_\_\_ **SAT** \_\_\_\_\_ **SCHOLARSHIP** \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

# PROSPECTIVE STUDENT OF THE SOPHISTICATS FLAG CORPS

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

CLASSIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_ MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE POINT AVERAGE \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ HEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ SHOE SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ DRESS SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

HEALTH    \_\_\_\_\_Excellent    \_\_\_\_\_Good    \_\_\_\_\_Poor

HAVE YOU EVER HAD ANY SPINNING EXPERIENCE?    \_\_\_\_\_Yes    \_\_\_\_\_No

IF SO, HOW LONG? \_\_\_\_\_ YRS

HAVE YOU EVER HELD ANY TYPE OF POSITION ON YOUR FLAG SQUAD?

\_\_\_\_\_Yes    \_\_\_\_\_No

IF SO, WHAT POSITION? \_\_\_\_\_

WHY HAVE YOU CHOSEN TO BECOME A PART OF THE SOPHISTICATS FLAG CORP?  
(ON SEPARATE SHEET)

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Sophisticat Flag Corp

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member of this organization.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_