**A chance to dance**

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I heard the crowd cheering “Chloe…Chloe… Chloe” and the music piercing my ears. I felt the stage lights blinding me. When I preform, I am as happy as a young child on their birthday. I am proud to be a dancer. Dance is rewarding, but it requires a lot of attention and responsibility. A good dancer should have good technique, squeeze in time to practice, and should be prepared for class.

First, a good dancer should have great technique. Technique is having strong pointed feet and beautiful arms. If this means taking extra ballet classes you should do so. When I see gorgeous ballerinas on stage I think, that is what I want to be when I grow up. My dance teacher says, “Ballet is the birth to all dance styles.” She is right! Technique does relate to all styles of dance so it is important to know all vocabulary and moves.

In addition, a dancer should, squeeze in time to practice. A dancer should, know their routines, so they are aware of what they are doing. Not knowing your routines is like being lost in a maze. You do not know where you are going. Once I did not practice at home so I did not know what I was doing, I was a complete dance hazard. A hard-working dancer should do this if they want to be all set for class.

Also, a dancer needs to be prepared for class. They should know what time their classes are and the proper attire. My advice is to show up 15-20 minutes early. When I show up early, my instructor is proud of me for showing responsibility. I should know this because I have been dancing for 8 years. A responsible dancer should ask their instructor for a schedule of their classes. So they have one if they need one. A responsible dancer should do this if they want to be a fantastic performer.

To summarize, dance is rewarding, but it requires a lot of attention and hard work. A dancer should have great technique, squeeze in time to practice, and be prepared for class. So why not? Go try dance.