



2016 Homecoming Court

Our Week. Our Homecoming. Our USF. Bulls Unite

Rules & Regulations

All homecoming court applications must be completed by
Thursday, September 8th, 2016 at 11:59 pm.

Homecoming court applications will be submitted online. Click [here](#) to access the application. Late registrations will not be accepted!



Dear Prospective Homecoming Court Member,

Congratulations on taking the first step toward becoming a member of the Homecoming Royal Court for the 2016 USF Homecoming celebration! We are thrilled that you have chosen to [apply](#) for this position of prestige that showcases the best and brightest of the University of South Florida's student body.

In the following pages, you will find all the information, documents, and an outline of the process necessary to become a member of this elite group of students. We hope that this process will be a positive experience for you and are excited to be a part of this journey with you.

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at lromelus@usf.edu or stop by the Center for Student Involvement & Fraternity/Sorority Life on the second floor of the Marshall Student Center, Suite 2306. Thank you for your interest and cooperation in this process and for being a part of a wonderful USF tradition!

In Bull Pride,

Lynecee Romelus

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Application Checklist

Online – these materials will be completed via the BullSync application:

- Biography (if elected as part of the Homecoming Court, this may be published on the Homecoming Website)
- Resume in PDF format
- Essay Question Responses

In Person – these materials will be turned in at your interview:

- Two Letters of Recommendation (must be in a sealed envelope)
- Important Policies, Campaign Rules, and Buckley Waiver form (must be signed)

Please note: a professional headshot will be taken at your interview for use in promotional materials should you be selected. Please dress professionally and wear green and gold attire. Should you need assistance with professional attire, we encourage you to utilize the [Suit-A-Bull program](#), a free service providing professional attire to USF students as a part of USF Career Services.



Homecoming Court Requirements

1. Applicant must have a minimum cumulative **GPA of 2.8** and be in good academic standing with the University of South Florida.
2. Applicant must have completed at least 90 credits or more as confirmed by Oasis.
3. Applicant must be enrolled as a **full time student** for the fall 2016 semester. Fall 2016 graduating seniors with less than 12 credit hours must provide confirmation of student status.
4. The use of alcohol or drugs before, during or immediately following any and all USF Homecoming events is strictly prohibited. ***Any court member found in violation of this rule will be disqualified immediately.***

Online

5. Applicant must upload a resume outlining USF community involvement and related leadership positions
6. Applicant must submit a biography (maximum 200 words) outlining USF campus involvement
7. Applicant must submit an essay of no more than 500 words answering the questions outlined on the application

In Person

8. Applicant must provide **two** sealed letters of recommendation at their scheduled interview from USF faculty, staff, or advisors. Graduate students employed on campus may not provide a letter of recommendation.
9. Applicant must sign the Important Policies, Campaign Guidelines, and Buckley Waiver form
10. Applicants must be dressed for a professional headshot at the time of their interview
11. Applicant must agree to meet the following deadlines and attend all mandatory events.
Documentation of class conflict must be submitted with application to excuse applicant from a conflicting date:

Mandatory Event/Deadline	Date	Time	Dress Code
Application Due	Thursday, Sept 8 th	11:59pm	N/A
Interviews	Monday Sept 12 th – Thursday Sept 15 th	Confirmed via email	Green & gold business attire
Information Sessions for Finalist	Friday, Sept 16 th	6 pm	Casual
Campaigning Begins	Monday, September 19 th	12:00am	N/A
Rehearsals	Saturday, October 1 st	8pm	Casual – bring your dress shoes
Homecoming Kickoff	Mon. October 3 rd 2016	5:30pm	Dressy Casual (green & gold)
Stampede Comedy Show	Tue. October 4 th 2016	TBD	Dressy Casual (green & gold)
Homecoming Ball	Wed. October 5 th 2016	7:45pm-10:00pm	Formal
Homecoming Parade	Fri. October 7 th 2016	6:00pm-8:30pm	Formal
Homecoming Game	Sat. October 8 th 2016	TBA	Green & gold business attire



Homecoming Court Important Policies & Campaign Rules

1. **No more than \$100 can be spent on campaigning.** This includes print materials, giveaways, or any other costs incurred. This is to create a more equal playing field for all candidates. Candidates are responsible for ensuring that businesses and organizations are not spending money on behalf of their campaign unless the total spent across all efforts is less than \$100. **All receipts must be turned in the Campus Relations Director no later than Saturday, October 1st.**
2. Student Organizations may sponsor **one** candidate only. Sponsorships include formally posting on organization social media pages or in an email blast in support of a candidate, displaying posters in organization spaces, or spending funds (within the \$100 limit) on behalf of the candidate. Allowing candidates to campaign at organization meetings does not count as sponsorship, and organizations are encouraged to invite numerous candidates to their meetings as they see fit.
3. Individual members of organizations may post in support of any candidate as an individual, but not on behalf of student organizations.
4. USF Departments, faculty, and staff may not sponsor candidates or spend resources on their campaign.
5. Campaigning begins at 12:00am on **Monday September 19th, 2016**. Any campaigning before this time will result in disqualification and removal from the court.
6. Approved campaigning practices include:
 - a. Posting on social media
 - b. Attending organizational meetings
 - c. Tabling at Bull Market
 - d. Caulking on campus
 - e. Distributing print materials, baked goods, buttons, or fliers valued at \$100 or less total
7. All campaigning efforts, including chalking, distribution of items/fliers, tabling, etc. must be consistent with the policies set by the Marshall Student Center, the Student Code of Conduct, and any other university policies. Candidates must seek approval for any campaigning based on the policies of the location or event.
8. All campaigning, both verbal and distribution of materials, is strictly prohibited in **academic resource centers, classrooms, the USF library, and all computer labs on campus. Campaigning beyond the USF Campus is prohibited and will result in disqualification.** Campaigning is also prohibited in any business institution that operates as a bar, lounge, or club.
9. Campaigns must be used to promote the individual candidate. No candidates may run as a pair. Any tampering or negative campaigning against another candidate is prohibited.
10. **NO** polling stations will be permitted.



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Mandatory Dates: Failure to attend any of the activities specified as mandatory will result in immediate disqualification. In case of class conflict, applicant will be responsible of submitting the appropriate documentation.

By signing below, I indicate that I have read and understand the guidelines of campaigning, sponsorship, and eligibility as outlined in the application booklet. I am aware of the dates I must be available to be considered for court membership. I understand that if I violate the guidelines outlined in this packet, I will be immediately disqualified as a candidate for the 2016 Homecoming Court.

Applicant Name

Applicant Signature

Date

Release of Records Form

Buckley Wavier

I, _____, hereby authorize and consent to the release of my records to the Center for Student Involvement & Fraternity/Sorority Life, which shall include my grade point average, major, and confirmation of my enrollment during this semester at the University of South Florida and any other records deemed necessary by the Homecoming Steering Committee, from the Registrar's Office for the purpose of verifying qualifications for Homecoming Court.

Signature

Date

Note: The Center for Student Involvement & Fraternity/Sorority Life will use this information to verify status, grade point average, and classification.