



2009
*Homecoming Court
Application*



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Introduction Letter

I would like to congratulate you on your interest in becoming a member of the 2009 USF Homecoming Court. By applying you are choosing to commit to a tradition that you should uphold with honor and pride. Superbull XII is going to be the best Homecoming Week yet and we are pleased to have you be a part of it.

The process involves three steps: the first of which is a completed application which will be evaluated and judged. Once you make it through the application process you will then sign up for a formal interview, in which there will be a question and answer session during which you will also go through an evaluation process. The final step is campaigning and hopefully becoming Homecoming King and Queen.

In addition, we ask all applicants to write a short essay. Please type and attach your final draft to the application booklet. All completed booklets are due to the Office of Student Programs by **5:00 pm on October 19, 2009**. Applications turned in after this time will not be accepted. Please notice that there are two required community service events that the King and Queen must attend. Please mark these dates on your calendar. Please feel free to photocopy any pages from the application booklet, but please return the booklet completed with all pages in tact on **October 19, 2009**. The application is also available at www.usfhomecoming.com. Once again, thank you for your interest and I wish you the best of luck!

In Bull Pride,

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Homecoming Court Requirements

To have your application taken into consideration you must meet the following prerequisites and agree to follow the rules listed below.

1. Applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of **2.8** and be in good academic standing with the University.
2. Applicant must have senior status (confirmed by oasis) and be enrolled as a full time student for the 2009 fall semester. Seniors in their final semester with less than 12 credit hours need to attach confirmation of status.
3. Applicant must be sponsored by an active on campus student organization or nominated by a USF faculty.
4. Applicant must provide **two** sealed letters of recommendation; one from the President of the sponsoring organization or nominating faculty and one from a professor, advisor, school administrator or employer of your choice.
5. Applicant must be able to attend all important dates and Homecoming events:
 - Mandatory Info Session for Finalists - Thurs. Nov 5th
 - Homecoming Talent Show –Nov17th –arrive by 7:30pm
 - Homecoming Ball- Wed. Nov 18th – arrive by 8:30 pm
 - Homecoming Parade- Fri. Nov 20th –arrive by 6:30 pm
 - Homecoming Football Game Sat. Nov 21st –arrive 1 hour before halftime
 - Stampede of Service – January 16th
 - Dance Marathon - March 26th
6. Applicant must provide a brief bio and resume with a wallet size photo attached (Bio must outline USF campus involvement and how you feel you've made a difference at USF)
7. Applicant must submit an essay no more than 500 words answering the question outlined in the application booklet. Essays must be typed and attached in the booklet behind the essay question.
8. The use of alcohol or drugs before, during or immediately following a homecoming event is strictly prohibited. Any court member found in violation of this rule will be disqualified immediately.
9. Inappropriate behavior or attitudes will not be tolerated. Consequences for your actions will be final.



Campaigning Rules

1. Campaigning is not allowed prior to **Monday November 9th, 2009.**
2. Materials used to campaign must not exceed **\$500** per candidate. Receipts and a budget summary must be turned in to the Homecoming Court Director by **Monday November 9th** at 5:00 p.m.
3. All Materials posted must follow all USF policies given by the Office of Engagement and Involvement. In addition, the authorities in the building you wish to post in must approve all campaigning materials.
4. Campaigning is prohibited in class or in any campus computer lab.
5. All posted materials must have USF Homecoming 2009 website and phone number prominently displayed: www.usfhomecoming.com (**HOMECOMING VOTING WEBSITE**) and **813-974-5202**
6. With credible evidence any candidate who is found guilty of tampering with other candidates campaigning materials will be **disqualified**.
7. Any complaints regarding violations of campaign rules need to be submitted in writing to the Homecoming Court Director within 24 hours of offense. **All decisions regarding violations are final.**
8. Candidates are not allowed to run as a pair. Campaigning will only be done on an individual basis. Candidates found running together will result in a disqualification.



Homecoming Court Judging Sheet

Applicant's Name:

Major:

G.P.A.:

Application Booklet (25 pts)

Application	1	2	3	4	5
Application Questions	1	2	3	4	5
Essay	1	2	3	4	5
Resume	1	2	3	4	5
Recommendation Letters	1	2	3	4	5

Formal Interview (35 points)

Appearance	1	2	3	4	5
Communication	1	2	3	4	5
Question #1	1	2	3	4	5
Question #2	1	2	3	4	5
Question #3	1	2	3	4	5
Question #4	1	2	3	4	5
Question #5	1	2	3	4	5

Total: /60



Homecoming Court Application

Please fully complete this application (legibly and in black/ blue ink):

Name: _____

U Number: _____ Major: _____

Last semester GPA: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Credit Hours completed: _____ Semesters enrolled at USF: _____

USF Email Address: _____

Local Phone Number: _____

Sponsoring Organization or nominating faculty: _____

List any community service you have been involved with at USF.

List any leadership positions held at USF.

List any additional organizations you are involved in at USF.



Homecoming Court Application Essay

Why do you want to be a member of the 2009 USF Homecoming Court? What would you do to uniquely represent USF as Homecoming King/Queen?

(Please attach your typed answer to the back of this page)



Release of Records Form

Buckley Wavier

I, _____, hereby authorize and consent to the release of my records to the Office of Engagement and Involvement, 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 Office of Engagement and Involvement will use this information to verify status, grade point average, and classification.



Important Homecoming Court Dates

Wed. Oct. 19th	Court Applications are due (Office of Student Programs)	5: 00 pm
Wed. Oct. 21st	Applicants will be notified of advancement to Formal interviews	
Thurs. Oct. 22 nd	Formal Interviews	5:00 pm
Fri. Oct. 23rd	Formal Interviews	5:00 pm
Fri. Oct. 30 th	Court will be announced @ USF vs. West Virginia game	
Thurs. Nov. 5th	Mandatory Info Session for Finalists (makeup meeting @ 9pm)	5:00 pm
Mon. Nov. 9th	Voting and Campaigning Begins	
Mon. Nov. 16th	Homecoming Kick Off	
Tues. Nov. 17 th	Talent Show* (Arrive at 7:30 pm) Voting and Campaigning Ends	7:00 pm Midnight
Wed. Nov. 18th	Homecoming Ball* (Arrive By 8:30 pm) Coronation announced	8:00 p.m. 9:30 p.m.
Thu. Nov. 19th	Carnival	6:00 pm
Fri. Nov. 20th	Running of the Bulls Parade* Parade After Party	7:00 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 21th	Spirit Patio* GAME DAY	

**Events that are mandatory for Homecoming King and Queen*



Homecoming Court Important Policies

This page will need to be signed and returned with your application

Campaigning: Campaigning is allowed and strongly encouraged. Campaigning includes, but is not limited to, the distribution of flyers, posters, buttons, and/or any other materials that portray a candidate's image, name, qualifications, and desire to be King/Queen. Candidates must follow campaigning guidelines as outline in this packet.

Sponsorship: An organization or USF faculty may sponsor only one court candidate. Sponsors are responsible for providing a letter of recommendation from the organization president or USF faculty. A letter of recommendation from an additional source must accompany this application.

Mandatory Dates: Failure to attend any of the activities specified as a mandatory will result in immediate disqualification.

Photographs: Applicants are to include one (1) wallet-sized photograph and a short biography. Do not include additional photographs.

I understand the guidelines of campaigning, sponsorship, and eligibility. 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 that it will result in immediate disqualification.

Signature

Date

Please Print Name



Homecoming Court Checklist

(Application booklet should be turned in complete with all pages still attached)

- ___ Application
- ___ Buckley Waiver
- ___ Essay
- ___ Two Letters of Recommendation (Must be in a sealed envelope)
- ___ Standard Resume
- ___ Short Biography (one paragraph)
- ___ 1 wallet-sized photograph.
- ___ Important Policies form (must be signed)