2020 Homecoming Royalty Information Packet

**Homecoming**

**ROYALTY**

**DEADLINE:**

**10.11.20 BY 11:45 PM**

For more information and to apply, visit [homecoming.unt.edu](http://homecoming.unt.edu)
Homecoming Royalty

Homecoming Royalty is awarded to a student who serves as a role model of and for the University’s diverse student body. The expectation is that they exhibit qualities such as leadership and upstanding character, as well as a commitment to academic and extracurricular success and contributing to or having a positive impact on campus. The student selected as the 2020 Homecoming Royalty should be a positive representation of the University of North Texas student body.

Homecoming Court Qualifications

- Be nominated by a registered student organization or University-Sponsored Student Group (e.g., North Texas Dancers, Intercollegiate Athletic Team, Eagle Ambassadors)
  - Organizations/groups may only nominate one candidate
  - The nominee must be a current member of the organization/group
- For Graduate Students:
  - Must have earned 18 UNT credit hours at the time of application
  - Must have at least a 3.0 cumulative UNT GPA
- For Undergraduate Students:
  - Must have earned 30 UNT credit hours at the time of application
  - Must have at least a 2.75 cumulative UNT GPA
  - Must be enrolled as a full-time student, unless graduating in December 2020
- Must be in good conduct standing with the University
- Must not have been on the Homecoming Court in previous years
- Must not be on the 2020 Homecoming Crew

Application

The Royalty Application is available on OrgSync and is due on Sunday, October 11th at 11:45pm. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted or considered.

The application will ask you to enter your student organization/group President’s (or equivalent) email address. If you are the President, the email address of the Vice President or next officer in succession must be entered. On October 12th, Homecoming Crew will email the President (or other officer, if applicable), asking them to confirm your nomination. It is strongly encouraged that you notify the President (or other officer, if applicable) of the need to reply and confirm the nomination via that email. If the President (or equivalent) does not receive the email by 1:00pm on October 12th, please contact homecoming@unt.edu immediately. For your application to be considered, this officer must confirm the nomination. If this is not completed by 5:00pm on Wednesday, October 14th, your application will not be considered.

Applications include a section for a photo and 200-word maximum biography. If you are selected to Court, your photo and biography will be placed on the Homecoming website. You
may include things such as your classification, major, campus involvement, hobbies, interests, etc.

A panel of judges made up of University faculty/staff, students, and/or alumni, will review each application. Applications will be scored on the written essays and résumé. Applicants will be asked to answer the following essays, with each question's response being limited to 300 words:

- What does Homecoming mean to you?
- Based on your experience at UNT, what advice would you share with peers regarding how to be a successful student and leader?
- Royalty will be given a chance to make an impact on campus via a one-time $1,000 funding grant. Assuming you have no other funding resources, what would you do with that funding to make UNT a better place and why?

In your application, you will also be asked to provide a copy of your class and work/internship schedule for the week of Homecoming.

**Interview**

Candidates selected for an interview will be notified on Friday, October 16th. Interviews will be conducted by a different panel of judges from those that reviewed the essays and resumes, made up of University faculty/staff, students, and/or alumni. Interviews will be held on October 20th and 21st between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm virtually.

Candidates will be judged on the following:
- University involvement in activities and organizations
- Academic pursuits, interests, and achievements
- Demonstration of leadership skills and abilities
- Commitment to UNT values and demonstration of school spirit
- Personal presentation, including professionalism
- Enthusiasm and sincerity

Following interviews, the 10 candidates with the highest combined interview and application scores will be selected for the 2020 Homecoming Court.

**Event Participation**

Court members are expected to participate in Homecoming events throughout the week and will receive points for every official (i.e., supervised by members of the Homecoming Crew) Homecoming event they assist with. If a member has class, an internship, or work, this will be counted as an excused absence and they will receive points for that event. Each member of Court will receive a schedule of events that lists every event that is required for full points. Court members will be expected to participate in each event for a pre-determined amount of time. If a member does not stay for the expected amount of time, or finish the tasks needed, they will not receive their points for attending.
Selection Criteria

Royalty selection will be calculated as follows:

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The candidate with the highest combined score will be named Homecoming Royalty!

Homecoming Court Campaigning

Court members may campaign from Monday, October 26th at 8:00am until Thursday, October 29th at 11:00pm. Court members are limited to spending $300 on their campaigning efforts. UNT faculty and staff may not be included in any promotional material or other efforts to earn votes—faculty and staff may only comment on the student’s actions, nor promote other students to vote for them.

Court is expected to abide by all university policies (including the UNT Solicitation Policy) and the Student Code of Conduct. Vulgar, inappropriate materials and campaign smearing will not be tolerated. Again, Royalty should be role models for other UNT students. Any Court member believed to be in violation of university policy, or the Student Code of Conduct will be referred to the Dean of Students.

Any Court member who does not follow these rules may be disqualified.

Student Vote

The student vote will take place on OrgSync from Monday, November 2nd at 8:00am until Thursday, November 5th at 11:00pm.

Recognition

In 2018, one of the goals of the Homecoming Crew was to increase the prestige of the position as well as recognition for the student deserving of the honor. As such, Student Activities has committed to recognizing Royalty in the following way:

- $1,000 one-time funding towards a campus-impact project or activity, approved by appropriate campus entities, that Royalty can help coordinate
- Brick with Royalty’s name installed at the Alumni Pavilion near Apogee Stadium
- Digital media campaign promoting Royalty
- Opportunity to represent the University at speaking engagements on-campus, off-campus, and potentially virtual
### Important Dates

*In addition to previously mentioned event participation, activities in bold are **MANDATORY for the Homecoming Court.***

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<td>October 20-21</td>
<td>Candidate interviews for selection to Court</td>
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<td>October 22</td>
<td>Homecoming Court notified by 5:00pm</td>
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<td>Royalty announced at football game</td>
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