2013 Homecoming Court Contest Agreement

The TAMUCC Homecoming Committee sponsors the Homecoming Court Contest each spring during Homecoming. The Homecoming Court Contest recognizes students who embody TAMUCC spirit, pride and tradition and who are involved in both the campus community and the community at large.

Application Information

Complete the attached application form. All information must be provided as requested. The application must be signed by the nominee and the president of the sponsoring organization to be considered complete.

Application deadline is Monday, November 26, 2012 at 5pm. Completed applications must be returned to Student Activities, UC 226.

Eligibility

- Nominees must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5, be in good disciplinary standing, and cannot be on academic or disciplinary probation with the University at the time of application and during the voting period.
- Nominees must be full time students enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester credit hours at the application deadline and during the voting period.
- Nominees for King or Queen must have completed at least 90 semester credit hours by the end of the fall semester.
- Nominees for Duke or Duchess must have completed at least 12, but fewer than 90 semester credit hours by the end of the fall semester.
- Nominees must secure sponsorship from one (1) TAMUCC recognized student organization, but the nominee does not have to be a member of the organization.
- Nominees must attend a Mandatory Court Information Meeting on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 12pm or 5:30 pm in Island Room (UC 316). Please be prepared to answer question for our promotional video and to take a picture for various publicity needs.

Nomination Process

- Student organizations can nominate up to three candidates for each position. The nominees for King or Queen must be seniors. The nominees for Duke or Duchess can be juniors, sophomores or freshmen.
- Nominees must submit all required documents and meet all criteria to be eligible to compete.
- Eligibility will be verified by Student Activities.
- Nominees must attend a mandatory meeting to complete the application with pictures and interview questions to be recorded.

Campaigning

Candidates and candidates’ affiliates, agents, volunteers, or workers who choose to campaign must follow these overall guidelines:

- Candidates and their affiliates, agents, volunteers, or workers must follow the Student Code of Conduct, found here http://judicialaffairs.tamucc.edu/StudentCofC.html.
- Candidates and their affiliates, agents, volunteers, or workers must abide by the Official Campaign Guidelines, which will be available at http://homecoming.tamucc.edu at a later date.
- Candidates and their affiliates, agents, volunteers, or workers are prohibited from using any University mails including listservs, Ad Hoc emails, Blackboard, WebCT, University letterhead or envelopes and any University owned pages on Facebook, MySpace, Twitter or the like.
- Electronic campaigning may begin as soon as the candidate gets a confirmation email that they have met the requirements.
- Campus campaigning begins no earlier than January 23, 2013 at 12:01 am and ends no later than February 7th, 2013 at 11:59 pm.
- No campaigning or distribution of materials in classrooms while class is in session, please wait until classes are over.
- All campaign materials must be removed and discarded by Monday, February 11, 2013 at 5:00 pm.
A maximum of $250.00 can be spent on campaign materials. The student organization that is sponsoring the nominee is responsible for these costs. Additional funding from other sources including personal finances of the nominee is not permitted.

For clarification on the rules, contact Student Activities. Failure to follow the election rules will result in penalties assessed by the Student Affairs Homecoming Committee and could result in disqualification of the candidate.

Complaints regarding campaigning must be directed to lily.gonzalez@tamucc.edu

**Voting**
- A general vote of the student body will take place **Monday, February 4, 2013 at 12:01 AM to Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 11:59pm**. A majority vote will determine the winners. Students will vote online.

- Voters will not vote for pairs of candidates. Each candidate is running for him/herself and is responsible for educating the voters on voting procedures, dates, and times.

- All currently enrolled students will be eligible to vote for all candidates.

- Winners will be announced at the Basketball Game on February 9, 2013 during Half Time.

**Contest Participation**
Candidates must participate in all Homecoming events as outlined on the schedule below. Candidates are expected to display the highest degree of sportsmanship before, during, and after the contest. If you have a class conflict with any of the events, please contact Lily Gonzalez at Lily.gonzalez@tamucc.edu.

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<td>Tip-off Picnic</td>
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<td>Men’s Basketball Game vs.</td>
<td>February 6, 2013</td>
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<td>Community Service Project</td>
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Failure to meet the requirements for this position will result in disqualification of the nominee. Appeals of such a decision can be made in writing to the Student Affairs Homecoming Committee. Appeals must be made within 48 hours or two business days. The decision of the Homecoming Committee is final and may not be appealed.