



2019 Homecoming Court Participation Guide

Pageant: October 6th

Homecoming Week: October 6th-12th

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Timeline of the Process

July 17th, 2019	Court Applications Open!
September 3rd, 2019 Time: 6PM- 7PM	MMC General Rules meeting Location: Graham Center 316
September 5th, 2019 Time: 3PM- 4PM	MMC General Rules meeting Location: Graham Center 314
September 9th, 2019 Time: 12PM- 1PM	MMC General Rules meeting Location: Graham Center 305
September 11th, 2019 Time: 10AM- 11AM	MMC General Rules meeting Location: Graham Center 305
September 12th, 2019	Court Applications Close at 5:00 PM
September 16th, 2019 Time: 10:30AM-11:30 AM	MMC General Rules meeting Location: Graham Center 241A
September 16th- 20th, 2019	Court Interviews (Mandatory for Pageant Participation)
September 18th, 2019 Time: 10:30AM-11:30 AM	BBC General Rules meeting Location: Wolfe University Center 159
September 22nd, 2019 Time: 9:30AM-10:30AM	Photoshoot for Contestants Location: GC Fountain
October 5th, 2019 Time: 10AM-1PM	Pageant Runthrough Location: GC Ballrooms
October 5th, 2019 Time: 5PM-7PM	Royal Reunion Location: Biscayne Bay Area in Football Stadium

October 6th, 2019
Time: 7PM-10PM

THE CROWN Pageant
Location: GC Ballrooms

October 7th, 2019
Time: 9AM- 2PM

Court Voting
**Location: BBC WUC Tabling hallway,
Engineering center & I-75 campus**

October 8th, 2019
Time: 8AM- 4PM

Court Voting
**Location: MMC GC Tabling hallway,
Engineering center & I-75 campus**

October 9th, 2019
Time: 6PM-8PM

Panthers Got Talent
**Location: Ocean Bank Arena
(Duke & Duchess Announcement)**

October 10th, 2019
Time: 5PM

The Uncaging: Panthers on the Lawn
**Location: GC Lawns
(Prince & Princess Announcement)**

October 12th, 2019
Time: 5PM

Homecoming Game/Parade
**Location: FIU Stadium
(King & Queen Announcement)**

Court Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the Homecoming Court, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. Possess a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above. All GPAs will be verified through Panthersoft.
2. Be a full-time student at FIU—registered for at least 12 undergraduate credits or six graduate credits. Seniors who are enrolled in less than 12 undergraduate credits must contact the Court Logistics Chair (fiuhccourt@gmail.com)
3. Be in good financial, judicial, and academic standing with the university.
4. Must currently be in at least one involvement at FIU (other than a Greek organization).
5. Depending on years completed at FIU, located on your My.FIU.Edu account, the Homecoming nominee will be able to represent one of the following court positions:
 - a. 1st and 2nd year at FIU - Duke & Duchess
 - b. 3rd year at FIU - Prince & Princess
 - c. 4th+ year at FIU/ Graduate Student - King & Queen

*Transfer students will run based on incoming credits.

What Applicants Should Expect

This year we want to change the stigma of putting all this hard work into the pageant and not being able to be involved or do anything in these positions. Each title winner will be involved in representing FIU throughout their time.

- A. Duke/Duchess:** These winners will help represent FIU in philanthropy aspects of our University helping raise funds and awareness of our efforts in the United Way foundation. Help raise money / awareness at our Football games alongside our SGA.
- B. Prince/Princess:** These winners will work closely with the FIU Homecoming Council to help plan/host different on-campus events to raise awareness about the next year's Homecoming. These winners will also help represent FIU in the philanthropy aspects of our University helping raise funds and awareness of our efforts in the Ignite foundation.
- C. King/Queen:** These winners will represent FIU in all parades on-campus and off alongside FIU Faculty. They will also host the next year's Homecoming Pageant. The winner of the Queen title will be able to run within the Miss Florida Pageant. If the Queen is interested we will be able to provide her with all pageant details.
- D. Entire Court:** All will be encouraged to wear their crowns and sashes to all FIU Home Football games and remember to attend all Homecoming events in the Spring and Fall terms following their announcements. Have opportunities to work with External Relations at FIU Events for campus exposure. Serve as model students of the University by following the guidelines set in the Student Code of Conduct. They will also be responsible for monitoring their social media posts and comments to ensure it is appropriate for their title. All winners must keep a good academic standing with the University as well.

Applications

1. All students who qualify to apply for Homecoming Court must submit the application no later than September 12th, 2019. **Late submissions will not be accepted.** The application can be found online at:

go.fiu.edu/HCParticipation19

2. All applicants must schedule and attend an interview during the week of September 16th- 20th. Failure to attend an interview will result in automatic disqualification.
 - a. Candidates must be dressed in business attire.
 - b. Candidates will be interviewed by a panel of faculty and/or staff.
 - c. Interviews will be scored on a point-based evaluation sheet that covers 4 different categories.
 - d. Final Court candidates will be announced on September 21st, 2019.
 - e. Final Court candidates will receive points for their interview that will go towards their overall total.

The 4 interview categories consist of:

- A. Presentation:
 - a. Are they dressed appropriately?
 - b. Are they confident in their answers?
- B. FIU Spirit:
 - a. How involved are they on campus?
 - b. Do they embody true FIU spirit?
- C. Representation:
 - a. What does your commitment availability look like?
 - b. Will you be a positive representation of FIU?
 - c. How will you incorporate FIU spirit into campus events?
- D. Leadership:
 - a. In what instances has leadership helped you?

Homecoming Flyer Design Contest

Candidates will participate in a Homecoming Awareness Contest on October 7th-8th 2019, and create their official Homecoming Flyer that will be posted on floor stickers around campus. Candidates will receive points by the amount of votes on their flyer design by scanning the QR code on the floor stickers.

***Each Candidate will have to work with our Creative Content Chair for layout themes.**

1. Points will be rewarded for the amount of individual votes, done through scanning a QR code on the flyer and responding to the Google Form.
2. The Homecoming Designs will be kept anonymous. Contestants **CAN NOT** disclose which flyer is theirs.
3. All flyers must include:
 - a. Homecoming Event Dates, Times, and Locations
 - b. Small description of events
 - c. Website link for ticketing information
 - d. Notice that students get into the concert with Panther ID and the \$10 Purchase
4. All posts will be counted on the day of THE CROWN Pageant.
5. Competition is from: **October 7th, 2019 at 8:00 AM - October 8th at 5:00 PM**

THE CROWN Pageant

On October 6th, 2019, candidates will attend THE CROWN Pageant, and participate in four categories that will allow them to receive points towards their overall total. The pageant will consist of the following:

1. Candidates must arrive two hours prior to the time the pageant begins, or at the time they were scheduled to rehearse if requested. **Tardiness is unacceptable and will result in a deduction of 1 point for every 5 minutes late** from pageant score.
2. The pageant is divided into the following rounds:
 - a. Presentation
 - i. Candidates will wear FIU attire to show their Panther Pride and will state the following:
 1. Introduction: Name, Major, and Year (Freshman, Sophomore, etc.)
 2. Involvement(s) on campus
 3. Favorite FIU Memory
 - b. Candidates will return to the stage to sing the alma mater together.
 - c. FIU Trivia
 - i. Each title will come on stage together to answer questions about the university and Homecoming.
 - ii. Candidates will dress in their involvement gear. **(Excluding Greek Organization gear)**
 - d. Lip-Sync Battle
 - i. Each court category will be performing in a lip singing competition with other people in their category.
 - ii. Participants are expected to dress up and be as creative as possible, as points will be given for this.
 - iii. Songs must be clean and appropriate and submitted to

fiuhccourt@gmail.com by September 30th at 5pm for approval

- e. Formal question
 - i. Last round of the pageant will consist of candidates answering questions about certain issues on campus, and stating why they deserve to win their respective titles.
 - ii. Candidates will be dressed in formal wear.
- f. Canning for Viewers Choice supporting FIU's philanthropy will be happening throughout the Pageant until the final intermission

Crowning

- A. Duke/Duchess will be crowned at Panthers Got Talent on October 9th, 2019.
- B. Prince/Princess will be crowned at The Uncaging: Panthers on the Lawn on October 10th, 2019.
- C. King/Queen will be crowned at Homecoming Game on October 12th, 2019.

Rules for Campaigning

1. Homecoming Court elections will take place on both MMC and BBC campuses. Voting in BBC will take place in the Wolf Center on October 7th, 2019 from 9:00AM-2:00PM. Voting in MMC will take place in the GC Computer Lab on October 8th, 2019 from 8:00AM-4:00PM.

2. Candidates are the **only** ones allowed to pass out the official homecoming flyer as well as campaign for themselves.
 - a. There are to be absolutely no affiliation of any kind while campaigning, from both the candidates and people helping the candidates campaign.

 - b. **A 5 point deduction will be issued for this infraction.**

3. Candidates are permitted to campaign through social media stories but **are not** allowed to post their flyer that is being used for Homecoming Floor Sticker Design Contest. Campaigning through social media includes the use of Instagram Story, Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Google+, email servers, etc. **The use of educational sites such as Canvas to campaign are not permitted. A 10 point deduction will be issued for this infraction.**

4. During group photos, the candidate will take two pictures: an individual one and a group one. Candidates are the only ones allowed to post their individual flyer, as well as the group flyer.
 - a. Anyone besides the candidate is **ONLY** allowed to post group flyer.
If caught posting individual flyer, the candidate will receive a 25 point deduction.

5. Personal technology, such as laptops and cellphones, cannot be set up at polling stations by any individual or team during the election. **A 15 point deduction will be issued for this infraction.**

6. Absolutely no bashing of other candidates or teams throughout this experience. If any Homecoming Council members are present or become aware of this behavior, they will contact the Rules & Regulations Chair, Shenya Belizaire, and the Court Logistics Chair, Heidi Valdes who will decide whether that candidate **will be disqualified**. Email: rulesandreghc@gmail.com and CC fiuhccourt@gmail.com (**Concrete proof such as video, recording or personal observation by a Homecoming Council member is required in order for disqualification.**)
7. Once candidate receives a **third violation**, they will be **disqualified**.
8. No promotional materials (pens, shirts, food, etc.) are permitted with the exception of the official homecoming flyer, which will be provided by the Homecoming Council. **A 5 point deduction will be issued for this infraction.**
9. Candidates are allowed one poster board (2'X3') to promote themselves and FIU. The poster may not have anything regarding the following:
 - a. Homecoming Council members
 - b. Past/Present Court Title holders
 - c. Current court candidates
 - d. Greek affiliation

The Assistant Director of Administration and the Court Logistics Chair have the discretion to deny any poster if it is not appropriate in size or content. It will be due on October 1st in the Homecoming Office (GC 2214). They will be displayed in the GC ballrooms during the pageant and in the GC Pit / Wolf Center on voting day.

8. Violations will only be issued by the Homecoming Council. If the Homecoming Council does not witness infraction, a violation will not be issued.

9. To ensure that candidates are following the campaigning rules, candidates must become social media friends with the following people:

- a. Court Logistics Chair
- b. Rules and Regulations Chairs
- c. Assistant Director of Administration
- d. Homecoming Council

10. Failure to follow: the Court Logistics Chair, Rules and Regulations Chair, and Assistant Director of Administration will result in a **deduction of 20 points**. If a member of the Homecoming Council requests access to your social media page, you must accept.

11. Candidates must add the individuals mentioned above on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram upon the submission of their application. Noncompliance with such requests will result in the candidate's disqualification.

Attendance

Tardiness and absences will not be accepted. Please take into consideration whether attendance will be an issue or not before applying. The Homecoming Council is on a strict schedule and will place severe infractions upon anyone who does not follow it.

That being said, you must follow these rules to stay in the process and receive points:

1. All candidates are official 2019-2020 ambassadors for the promotion of school spirit. They are mandated to attend all 2019 Homecoming events that require said candidate to be presented to the audience in order to gain attendance points.

2. All candidates are required to attend:

Group Photo Flyer (Sept. 22nd)

THE CROWN Pageant (Oct. 6th)

Walkthrough Day (Oct. 5th)

Panther's Got Talent (Oct. 9th)

Trail of the Torch

The Uncaging (Oct. 11th)

Panthermonium (Oct. 4th)

Parade (Oct. 12th)

Royal Reunion (Oct. 5th)

Homecoming Game (Oct. 12th)

3. Unless stated otherwise, candidates can only check in and check out of events with the Court Logistics Chair. It is each candidate's responsibility to locate the Court Logistics Chair the **moment they arrive** at an event to ensure they are marked present. Tardiness will result in a deduction of 1 point for every 5 minutes the candidate is delayed. **A 10 point deduction will be issued for being absent to mandated events. Two absences will result in disqualification.**

*A valid excuse needs to be emailed to the Rules and Regulations Chair, (Shenya Belizaire) (rulesandreghc@gmail.com) and the Court Logistics Chair, Heidi Valdes (fiuhccourt@gmail.com), 48 hours prior to the event to minimize deductions.

Responsibilities and Expectations

1. Homecoming winners will be representing the Homecoming Council and will show school spirit before, during, and after the 2019 Homecoming Court is announced.
2. The final candidates for Duke/Duchess, Prince/ Princess, and King/Queen will be required to attend all Homecoming events.
3. The Homecoming Court is expected to go to as many FIU Sporting Events as possible wearing their crown and sash.
4. They must behave according to the FIU Student Code of Conduct.
5. Just because a participant wins a title, does not mean that title is permanent. It will be up to the individuals to carry it out to its full potential. **One can lose their title due to poor academic standings and/or judicial standings with the university.**
6. Winners must attend FIU events throughout the fall and spring semester hosted by the Homecoming Council.
7. Above all, one must be a model student of FIU. You are a representation of

our university. You do not do the bare minimum. You go above and beyond!

King

1. **Eligibility:**

- a. GPA must be 2.75 or higher
- b. Must have been at FIU for 4+ years/ Graduate student
- c. Must be a full-time FIU student (12 or more undergraduate credits or 6 or more graduate credits)
- d. Must be in good financial, judicial, and academic standing with the university

2. **Rules:**

- a. Must submit application before the deadline, as late submissions will not be accepted
- b. Must attend ALL Homecoming events on time (see below)
- c. Must abide by all rules and regulations for Homecoming Floor Sticker Design Contest (see page 8), The Crown Pageant (see page 9-10), and Campaigning (see page 11-13).
- d. Must be a model FIU student!

3. **Interview:**

- a. Candidates must come dressed in business attire.
- b. The interview will be conducted by a panel of faculty/staff.
- c. Interviews will be scored on a point-based evaluation sheet that covers 3 different categories (see page 7).
- d. Final court candidates will be announced on September 21st.

4. **Expectations:**

- a. Represent FIU at both on-campus and off-campus events alongside FIU Faculty.
- b. Host the 2020 Homecoming Pageant to hand down their title.

- c. Homecoming Court winners represent the Homecoming Council and show school spirit at all FIU Homecoming events in the Spring and Fall terms following their announcements.
- d. Expected to attend as many FIU Sporting Events wearing their crown and sash.
- e. Potentially work with External Relations during FIU events for campus exposure.
- f. Serve as a model student, following the guidelines set in the Student Code of Conduct.
- g. Remember that the title is **not permanent**, failure to do so can cause one to lose their title.
- h. Remain in good academic standing with the university.
- i. Above all, one must be a model student of FIU. You are a representation of our university. You go above and beyond!

5. Mandatory Events:

- a. Group Photo Flyer → September 22nd, 2019 at 9:00 AM
- b. Panthermonium → October 4th, 2019 in the Ocean Bank Arena
- c. Royal Reunion → October 5th, 2019 in FIU Stadium
- d. THE CROWN Pageant → October 6th, 2019 in GC Ballrooms
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Queen

1. Eligibility:

- a. GPA must be 2.75 or higher
- b. Must have been at FIU for 4+ years/ Graduate student
- c. Must be a full-time FIU student (12 or more undergraduate credits or 6 or more graduate credits)
- d. Must be in good financial, judicial, and academic standing with the university

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- d. Must be a model FIU student!

3. Interview:

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- b. The interview will be conducted by a panel of faculty/staff.
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- d. Final court candidates will be announced on September 21st.

4. Expectations:

- a. Represent FIU at both on-campus and off-campus events alongside FIU Faculty.
- b. Host the 2020 Homecoming Pageant to hand down their title.
- c. Encouraged to run for the Miss Florida Pageant, details will be provided if the Queen is interested.

- d. Homecoming Court winners represent the Homecoming Council and show school spirit at all FIU Homecoming events in the Spring and Fall terms following their announcements.
- e. Expected to attend as many FIU Sporting Events wearing their crown and sash.
- f. Potentially work with External Relations during FIU events for campus exposure.
- g. Serve as a model student, following the guidelines set in the Student Code of Conduct. Remember that the title is **not permanent**, failure to do so can cause one to lose their title.
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Prince

1. **Eligibility:**

- a. GPA must be 2.75 or higher
- b. Must have been at FIU for 3 years
- c. Must be a full-time FIU student (12 or more undergraduate credits or 6 or more graduate credits)
- d. Must be in good financial, judicial, and academic standing with the university

2. **Rules:**

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- d. Must be a model FIU student!

3. **Interview:**

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4. **Expectations:**

- a. Represent FIU during philanthropic events and campaigns, helping the University raise funds and awareness for the Ignite foundation.
- b. Work closely with the FIU Homecoming Council to plan and execute events we will be hosting on-campus. The goal is to increase excitement for 2020 Homecoming.

- c. Homecoming Court winners represent the Homecoming Council and show school spirit at all FIU Homecoming events in the Spring and Fall terms following their announcements.
- d. Expected to attend as many FIU Sporting Events wearing their crown and sash.
- e. Potentially work with External Relations during FIU events for campus exposure.
- f. Serve as a model student, following the guidelines set in the Student Code of Conduct. Remember that the title is **not permanent**, failure to do so can cause one to lose their title.
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Princess

1. Eligibility:

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- b. Must have been at FIU for 3 years
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3. Interview:

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- d. Expected to attend as many FIU Sporting Events wearing their crown and sash.
- e. Potentially work with External Relations during FIU events for campus exposure.
- f. Serve as a model student, following the guidelines set in the Student Code of Conduct. Remember that the title is **not permanent**, failure to do so can cause one to lose their title.
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Duke

1. Eligibility:

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- b. Must have been at FIU for 1-2 years
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4. Expectations:

- a. Represent FIU during philanthropic events and campaigns, helping the University raise funds and awareness for the United Way foundation.
- b. Work alongside the Student Government Association to raise money and awareness at future FIU football games.

- c. Homecoming Court winners represent the Homecoming Council and show school spirit at all FIU Homecoming events in the Spring and Fall terms following their announcements.
- d. Expected to attend as many FIU Sporting Events wearing their crown and sash.
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- d. Must be a model FIU student!

3. Interview:

- a. Candidates must come dressed in business attire.
- b. The interview will be conducted by a panel of faculty/staff.
- c. Interviews will be scored on a point-based evaluation sheet that covers 3 different categories (see page 6).
- d. Final court candidates will be announced on September 21st.

4. Expectations:

- a. Represent FIU during philanthropic events and campaigns, helping the University raise funds and awareness for the United Way foundation.
- b. Work alongside the Student Government Association to raise money and awareness at future FIU football games.
- c. Homecoming Court winners represent the Homecoming Council and show school spirit at all FIU Homecoming events in the Spring and Fall terms following their announcements.

- d. Expected to attend as many FIU Sporting Events wearing their crown and sash.
 - e. Potentially work with External Relations during FIU events for campus exposure.
 - f. Serve as a model student, following the guidelines set in the Student Code of Conduct. Remember that the title is **not permanent**, failure to do so can cause one to lose their title.
 - g. Remain in good academic standing with the university.
 - h. Above all, one must be a model student of FIU. You are a representation of our university. You go above and beyond!
5. Mandatory Events:
- a. Group Photo Flyer → September 22nd, 2019 at 9:00 AM
 - b. Panthermonium → October 4th, 2019 in the Ocean Bank Arena
 - c. Royal Reunion → October 5th, 2019 in FIU Stadium
 - d. THE CROWN Pageant → October 6th, 2019 in GC Ballrooms
 - e. Panthers Got Talent → October 9th, 2019 in the Ocean Bank Arena
 - f. The Uncaging → October 10th, 2019 on GC Lawns
 - g. Homecoming Parade/Game → October 12th, 2018 in FIU Stadium
6. **See full Process Timeline on pages 3 and 4.**
7. Violations:
- a. Be especially mindful of violating rules from the following sections found in this packet:
 - i. Homecoming Floor Sticker Design Contest (see page 8)
 - ii. The Crown Pageant (see page 9)
 - iii. Campaigning (see page 11-13)
 - iv. Attendance (see page 13)

Violations & Deductions

1. Candidates must arrive two hours prior to the time the pageant begins, or at the time they were scheduled to rehearse if requested. **Tardiness is unacceptable and will result in a deduction of points** from pageant score.
2. Tardiness to any event will result in a deduction of **1 point for every 5 minutes the candidate is delayed. A 10 point deduction will be issued for being absent to mandated events.**
3. Candidates are the only ones allowed to pass out the official homecoming flyers as well as campaign for themselves. **A 5 point deduction will be issued for this infraction.**
4. Candidates are permitted to campaign through social media stories but **are not** allowed to post their flyer that is being used for Homecoming Floor Sticker Design Contest. Campaigning through social media includes the use of Instagram Story, Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Google+, email servers, etc. **The use of educational sites such as Canvas to campaign are not permitted. A 10 point deduction will be issued for this infraction.**
5. Personal technology, such as laptops and cellphones, cannot be set up at polling stations by any individual or team during the election. **A 15 point deduction will be issued for this infraction.**
6. Absolutely no bashing of other candidates or teams throughout this experience. If any Homecoming Council members are present or become aware of this

behavior, they will contact the Court Logistics Chair and Rules & Regulations Chair who will decide whether that candidate **will be disqualified**.

7. No promotional materials (pens, shirts, food, etc.) are permitted with the exception of the official homecoming flyer, which will be provided by the Homecoming Council. **A 5 point deduction will be issued for this infraction.**
8. Failure to follow on social media: the Court Logistics Chair, Rules and Regulations Chair, and the Assistant Director of Administration will result in a **deduction of 20 points**. If a member of the Homecoming Council is requesting access to your social media page, you must accept. Noncompliance with such requests will result in the candidate's disqualification.