



Homecoming

Court

Election Information



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Application Deadline:

Monday, February 1, 2021, 12:00 p.m. (noon)

Homecoming Court Candidate Eligibility and Other Requirements

(Please read carefully)

All enrolled (Spring 2021) students at Clayton State University having at least a **2.5 cumulative institutional grade point average** and **having the appropriate number of earned credit (by end of Fall 2020)** for the respective position are invited and encouraged to compete for a position on the Homecoming Court.

The following Homecoming Court positions will be contested via an on-line student election on February 3-9, 2021:

POSITION	POSITION	REQUIRED EARNED CREDIT HOURS
Homecoming King/Mr. Clayton State University	Homecoming Queen/Miss Clayton State University	90 or more earned credit hours* (with a minimum of 24 credit hours earned at Clayton State)
Mr. Junior	Miss Junior	60-89 earned hours*
Mr. Sophomore	Miss Sophomore	30-59 earned hours*
Mr. Freshman	Miss Freshman	29 or less earned hours*

*may include hours transferred to CSU

Eligible students may run independently **or** under the endorsement and/or sponsorship of a campus **Recognized Student Organization**. Candidates are not required to be a member of the sponsoring recognized student organization, however official verification from the organization president and advisor must be provided.

Candidates are permitted to compete with another candidate or more. However, each candidate will be presented individually on the ballot.

All approved candidates are required to join a mandatory Homecoming Court informational session VIA TEAMS scheduled for

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 12:00 pm OR Monday, Feb. 1, 12:00 pm

During this virtual meeting, candidates will receive more information about the election and coronation ceremony.

Campaigning

Official campaigning by approved candidates begins Monday, February 1 and ends at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, February 9.

Candidates may use a reserved table on Main Street at the James M. Baker University Center on a first-come, first-served basis, Monday, Feb. 1 – thru Monday, Feb. 8.

Candidates are required to adhere to the Campaign and Voting Regulations (included) as well as the University Posting and Announcement Policy. In addition, all campus postings must be approved by the Department of Campus Life.

Approved candidates may publicize their campaign via flyers, posters, banners, buttons, etc. All campaign materials should be in good taste.

Candidates are not permitted to ask students to vote for candidate on candidate's own personal electronic device.

Note: The University will not print marketing materials nor send campus-wide campaign-related emails for any Candidate.

Online Voting

On-line voting for the Homecoming Court begins on Wednesday, February, 3 at 10:00 am, and ends on Tuesday, February 9 at 12:00 pm.

The Coronation (crowning)

The announcements of the **2021 Homecoming Court winners** will take place at the Student Choice Awards event on Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.

Disqualification

Candidates for Homecoming Court will be disqualified for any of the following actions:

- Violation of the University Posting and Announcement Policy.
- Candidate or candidate representatives found to be voting on behalf of another student.
- Campaigning before his/her application has been approved.
- Creation of marketing materials that demeans other candidates (this includes internet postings via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) or is otherwise inappropriate.

APPLICATION STEPS and DEADLINE

Interested students must complete the following items by the deadline in order to be verified as an eligible candidate for election:

1. Complete the [online Homecoming King and Queen Application](#).
2. Submit in-person a signed Candidate Verification Form (included below) and present your valid Laker ID Card in the Office of Student Affairs, UC 250.

The DEADLINE to submit the above required items for the Homecoming Court Application is Monday, February 1, 2021, 12:00 p.m. (noon)

*Applications will not be accepted after the deadline. **No exceptions.** Candidates are encourage to submit their application early to avoid any deadline mishaps.*

All applicants will be notified within two (2) business days of their approval as an official Homecoming Court candidate.

Important Dates

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Date</i>
Application Deadline	February 1, 2021, 12:00 p.m. (noon)
Applicant/Candidate Notification	Within two (2) business days of Application submission
Candidate Mandatory Virtual Info Meeting	Tuesday, Jan. 26, 12:00 pm OR Monday, Feb. 1, 12:00 pm
Campaigning Period	February 1-8, 2021
Online Voting	February 3-9, 2021
Homecoming Coronation (Student Choice Awards)	February 9, 2021, 7:00 p.m.



2021 Homecoming Court Candidate Verification Form

All eligible, interested students should complete the Homecoming King/Queen online application as well as print, complete, and submit this Verification Form.

Candidate Full Name: _____

Laker ID#: _____

Applying for (Circle One):

(Refer to position/candidate eligibility requirements in the Eligibility and Information Packet.)

Mr. Freshman / Miss. Freshman

Mr. Sophomore/ Miss Sophomore

Mr. Junior / Miss. Junior

Homecoming King / Homecoming Queen

(Please checkmark each statement.)

- I attest that I am the above named person and am submitting my application for Homecoming Court Election. I further attest that the information I have provided regarding my candidacy is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I give permission to the Dean of Students Office to verify all information contained in my on-line application, including my Cumulative Grade Point Average and Earned Credit Hours.
- Finally, I agree to allow publication of my name and photo as a part of any on-line or print homecoming marketing materials.

Candidate Signature

Date

**Return this form IN PERSON and present valid Laker ID Card to:
Office of Student Affairs
University Center, room 250
DEADLINE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021, 12:00 p.m. (noon)**

Office use only:

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2021 HOMECOMING COURT ELECTION AND CAMPAIGNING REGULATIONS

I. CAMPAIGNING and VOTING REGULATIONS

A. Clayton State University works to cultivate a hospitable campus environment in which all members of the University can work together and learn from each other in a climate of mutual respect. Students should practice personal integrity during the election, including campaigning, to preserve the dignity, rights, and property of all members of the University.

B. Campaigning by approved candidates (and candidate supporters) may occur **only through the following approved campus modalities:**

- Use of a candidate's (or candidate's supporters) Clayton State email account to send individual campaign announcements, notifications, or advertisements to other student email accounts for the sole purpose of promoting student's candidacy.

However, if at any time, a student requests to be excluded from a candidate's campaign distribution list for any platform, the candidate (and candidate's supporters) must remove student immediately from candidate's campaign email distribution list and refrain from directing any campaign promotion to that individual.

- Use of a candidate's (or candidate's supporters) personal social media accounts (facebook, Instagram, twitter, etc) for campaign promotion purposes.
- Flyers and posters in accordance with the [Campus Posting Policy](#).
- Use of reserved mainstreet tables (on first-come, first-served basis) during designated campaign period.

C. Prohibited campaign activities:

- Use of direct telephone calls to other students beyond a candidate's personal contacts for campaign purposes.
- Physically scheduling, attending and/or speaking at rallies, parties, or other gatherings— or in an space or commons areas.

D. Candidates for election may be disqualified for any of the following actions:

- Violation of the Election and Campaign Regulations.
- Candidate or candidate's representatives found to be submitting another student's vote on candidate's or candidate's representatives' electronic device.
- Campaigning before his/her application has been approved.
- Creation/dissemination of campaign information that demeans other candidates (this includes internet postings via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) or is otherwise inappropriate.

- E. **On-line voting:** Campaigning by the candidate, or any candidate's supporters, may occur during the indicated campaign period. The candidate (and supporters), so as not to encroach on the rights of students to be able to vote in a private and uninhibited manner, should exercise care when campaigning directly to students during the voting period.

II. VIOLATION OF ELECTION AND CAMPAIGN REGULATIONS

- A. Candidates (and their supporters) are expected to abide by all election regulations as well as the *Student Conduct Code* contained in the *Student Handbook*. The Dean of Students Office shall monitor all elections and shall investigate any observed and/or written, signed notifications of alleged violations of campaign regulations.
- B. All allegations must be made in writing and submitted within **two business days of the occurrence**. As evidence warrants, the candidate (and the supporter(s), if appropriate) will be informed in writing of the alleged violation and of any actions being taken by the Dean of Students Office. A hearing may be scheduled with the involved parties in accordance with the procedure outlined in the *Student Code of Conduct*.
- C. Recognizing that some violations of campaign and/or election rules do not merit traditional adjudication through the Student Conduct process, alleged violation of election rules will be adjudicated by the Dean of Students; alleged infractions of the *Student Code of Conduct* will be adjudicated through the Office of Community Standards.

Actions which may be taken by the Dean of Students Office if a candidate (or his/her supporters) is found in violation of election regulations:

1. **First Offense:** A written warning will be issued to the candidate (and supporter(s), if appropriate). This written notification may include, but is not limited to, stating that any further violation of any regulations will result in disqualification of the candidate and the candidate's votes not being counted.
2. **Second Offense:** A written notification will be given that the candidate (and supporter(s), if appropriate) has been disqualified and the candidate's votes will not be counted.

Students found in violation of the *Student Code of Conduct* are subject to disciplinary sanctions as described in the *Student Handbook*.

Questions regarding the above campaign regulations should be directed to the Dean of Students, email jeffjacobs@clayton.edu.