



Homecoming Court 2016 Expectations and Guidelines

The goal of the Homecoming Court is to highlight the best and brightest of the University of West Florida. Homecoming Court is a prestigious group, as well as a fun and spirited display of Argo-ness.

Requirements to Apply:

- Nominated by UWF department, program, organization, etc.
- Classified as a Junior, Senior (60+ credit hours completed).
- Cumulative UWF GPA of 2.75+.
- Must be in good standing with the university.

Application

Interested Homecoming Court applicants must first be nominated by a UWF department, program, or organization. After the nomination form is completed, the nominee will receive a notification and application to be completed via ArgoPulse. **Applications are due Friday, September 23 by 11:59pm.**

Nominations

A department, program, or organization may nominate as many students as they choose. The department, program, or organization must fill out a "Homecoming Court Nomination Form" for an individual to be formally nominated. A link to this ArgoPulse form can be found on the Homecoming website (www.uwf.edu/homecoming) and the UWF Homecoming ArgoPulse portal. The nomination form must be completed by the president/director/chairman of the department or organization. A student may NOT nominate themselves. If the applicant is the president/director/chairman of the organization then the next in charge must successfully fill out the nomination form (i.e. Vice President). **Nominations should be submitted by September 22** to give the nominee enough time to complete the application, as all applications are due Friday, September 23 by 11:59pm.

Interviews

All qualified applicants will get interviewed. The panel of interviewers will consist of UWF faculty, staff, and administrators. The interviewers' scores according to the provided rubric will determine the top 10 applicants. The top 10 applicants, regardless of classification or gender, will be the 2016 Homecoming Court.

Requirements of the Court

- Attend a Court meeting prior to the week of Homecoming (October 12, 2016).
- Attend all Homecoming events.
- Have a social media presence related to their role with Homecoming , to further the reach of UWF Homecoming.
- Paint a campus window together as the Court for Transform the Campus.
- Individually compete in the Cardboard Boat Race.
- Participate together in the Argo Walk before the Football game.
- Be presented at halftime of the Football game with an escort of their choosing.
- Help host the previous Mr./Ms. UWFs that return.

Selection of Mr. or Ms. UWF

There will be ONE member of the Court who will be selected to receive the highest honor of the title of Mr. or Ms. UWF.

The top candidate will earn their title through scores in 4 categories:

Interview, student vote, cardboard boat race, and Homecoming event participation.

Scores in each category will be weighted as follows:

50% Interview

25% Student Vote

15% Cardboard Boat Race

10% Homecoming Participation

Interview

50% of the score for choosing Mr./Ms. UWF will be determined by the score the panel of judges gives during the interview phase. The same scores that gave us the top 10 candidates and thus the Court will be used to factor into the Mr./Ms. score.

Student Vote

All current UWF students will have the opportunity to vote via Argopulse for candidates. They will be allowed one vote between all 10 Court members during the week of homecoming. Voting will open at 8:00AM on Monday of Homecoming and will close at 5:00PM on the Friday of Homecoming.

Cardboard Boat Race

Each Court member will make and captain their own cardboard boat and race against the other Court members. This will add another heat to the boat race event. The order in which they finish the race will factor 10% into their final score.

Participation Throughout the Week

Mr./ Ms. UWF is expected to be exemplified as a student representation of the high spirited involvement side of being an Argo. Throughout the week each member of the

Court will have their attendance tracked for each event. Since the overall goal of Homecoming is to provide a week full of argo spirited events and celebrate campus involvement, it is critical for each court member to participate and be present at each day's events.

If for any reason a Court member cannot or does not wish to compete in any portion of the competition, they simply will be counted as being in "last place" for that event essentially earning 1 out of 10 points for that event.

Scoring

All scoring will be on a 10 point scale.

The Court member who comes in "first place" whether that be their boat winning the race or their interview score being the highest will receive 10 points, second place will receive 9, and so on. So every Court member gets at least 1 point for every event even if they come in last place or choose not to participate. All members who choose not to participate would receive 1 point each.

Then those sections of 10 points will be weighted according to the scale above out of 100 points. For example, the Court member who gets the second highest interview score will get 45 out of 50 points possible for the interview (9 points for coming in second, multiplied by 5 since its weighted at 50%, equals 45 points). The Court member with the highest score out of 100 at the end of the week will be crowned Mr. or Ms. UWF.