

ROYAL COURT INFORMATION PACKET



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Homecoming Royal Court 2020 Application

Homecoming Royal Court is an honored tradition of UNC Greensboro's Homecoming celebration to showcase and recognize a few of the many outstanding students at UNCG. The Royal Court is composed of eight (8) students who shall represent the University and student body at various campus and community events. Candidates compete annually for this honor, which recognizes two UNCG students for their participation in campus life and their promotion of school spirit. The Royal Court will be presented and the two UNCG Royalty winners announced at the Virtual Royal Court Coronation, October 24, 2020. The two winners, in addition to the title and honor, will receive other rewards and responsibilities including: professional headshot, financial support for required community service project, 15 community service hours, requests to emcee various campus events, and UNCG sponsored professional development/leadership trainings.

Eligibility Requirements: *All candidates must:*

- Be enrolled full-time at the University for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- Have attended the University for at least one semester prior to application.
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 .
- Be in good disciplinary standing with the University.
- Must be sponsored by a recognized student group, residence hall, or other University sanctioned involvement opportunity or department.
 - There is no financial support for sponsorship, only verification that the student is an active leader in recognized group/department.
- Must be **Junior status or above**.
- Must be able to attend and participate in the Homecoming activities as outlined in the Royalty Timeline. ***Please review Royalty Timeline before submitting application.***

Note: Former Homecoming Kings or Queens are not eligible.

The application includes an essay in response to the following questions:

- Essay Question #1: Why should you be selected to be part of Homecoming Royal Court?
- Essay Question #2: If you are crowned, what idea or ideas do you have for the required community service project?

Responses are to be typed, double-spaced and are not to exceed three pages (not including the cover page)

All candidates are also required to submit an updated resume which includes a listing of their on-campus or co-curricular activities, including leadership, volunteer, and community service experiences.

Link to Application: go.uncg.edu/royalcourt2020

Applications are due on Friday, September 11th at 5:00pm

Please note that the Homecoming Royal Court selection process and contest is not a beauty pageant or a popularity contest. Royal Court will be screened and ultimately selected based on the applicants' ability to articulate and demonstrate academic performance, curricular and co-curricular involvement, contribution to the university and the community, and school spirit.

For any questions regarding Homecoming Royal Court, please contact Kynnith Francis-Vaughan, Office of Campus Activities and Programs, at kjfranc2@uncg.edu .

UNCG 2020 Homecoming Royal Court Timeline and Selection Process

Tuesday, August 18	Applications Open
Monday, August 24 & Tuesday, August 25	Royal Court Information Meeting
Friday, September 11	Applications Close at 5:00pm
Monday, September 14 - Thursday, September 17	Selected candidates will be interviewed by a panel of judges to determine the 8 members of the 2020 Royal Court. Judges may consist of staff, faculty, students, and/or alumni. Scores will be tallied and processed by the Office of Campus Activities and Programs.
Monday, September 21	The student selected to be part of the 2020 Homecoming Royal Court will be emailed and notified of their selection.
Wednesday, September 23	Homecoming Royal Court candidates must confirm/deny their status on Royal Court by 5:00pm.
Thursday, September 24	Students that applied for Royal Court but were not chosen will be notified by this date.
Thursday, September 24	Virtual Royal Court Informational Dinner. This meeting will cover some of the additional rules and details of the Royal Court.
Monday, September 28	Blue and Gold photoshoot for release photos. It is mandatory that candidates attend this photo session.
Friday, October 2	Royal Court is introduced via Campus Activities and Programs Social Media and Website. Royal Court status will be kept secret until this formal announcement.
Wednesday, October 21 - Thursday, October 22	All UNCG Students may vote for Homecoming Royal Court via Spartan Connect following the Royal Court Contest which begins at 7:00pm. Voting will remain open until Thursday, October 22nd at 7:00pm.
Saturday, October 24	Homecoming Royal Court recognized at the virtual coronation via YouTube live.

Royal Court Interview Process

A panel of judges will interview all the candidates and review all eligible application packets. The interviews will take place Monday, September 14 through Thursday, September 17 by sign-up only.

Candidates will be judged on the following:

- Application Information (10 points)
 - Application Essay Responses (5 points)
 - Resume (5 points)
- Interview (30 points)
 - Communication (5 points)
 - Involvement in co-curricular activities on campus (5 points)
 - Reasoning on why they should be selected to be on Royal Court (5 points)
 - Service Project Potential/Creativity (5 points)
 - Professionalism (5 points)
 - Overall answers/responses (5 points)

The decision of the judging panel is final.

Candidate Obligations

All students selected to be on the Royal Court will have a variety of obligations to fulfill, including the Royal Court Schedule. Each applicant must understand that these appearances are mandatory and by accepting the court position is also agreeing to fulfill them. In the event that a candidate is unable to fulfill the obligations of the below appearances, percentage points will be taken away from the candidate's final student vote total. *The only excuse for missed appearances are for class, as you all are students first. However, any class conflicts must be submitted via email within 48 hours of the Royal Court Information Meeting. Internships, jobs, other involvement commitments, etc are not excused and will result in point deductions.*

Communication is a vital part of the holistic Royal Court process. Royal Court represents some of the most outstanding students at UNCG, so both the honor and responsibilities are high. Communication is required throughout the process, especially in regards to attendance and tardiness. Lack of communication, missed mandatory events without prior approval/communication, and other disregard for policy and rules will result in a point deduction as seen fit by the Campus Activities and Program staff. Every year we are unable to accept qualified and fit students to Royal Court, so please respect the process and your fellow students throughout all events.

Some appearances may require professional attire. At the Royal Court Information Meeting, each candidate will be given one (1) Royal Court sash that they will be expected to wear to every required Royal Court Scheduled event. Please note that while you are allowed to wear your Royal Court sash outside of these events, the sashes are extremely frail and fray easily, so please use caution as we will not have any replacements.

Royal Court Schedule

All events below are mandatory for Royal Court, unless otherwise stated

Thursday, September 24th

Virtual Royal Court Information Meeting

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Zoom

Dinner will be delivered to the location of your choice. Please wear your best Blue and Gold attire (business casual is fine)

Monday, October 5th

Royal Court Initial Open Rehearsal
EUC Auditorium

The EUC Auditorium will be open for rehearsals on a first come, first serve basis. This event is not mandatory, but this space is provided for you to practice, rehearse, and plan for your first dress rehearsal.

Monday, October 12th

Royal Court Initial Dress Rehearsal
6:00pm - 8:00pm
EUC Auditorium

A sign-up link will be sent out to sign up for 15-minute time slots. Please try your hardest to have them attend your rehearsal time with you. Please send your music (if applicable) to Kynnith prior to your rehearsal time.

Thursday, October 16th

Royal Court Final Dress Rehearsal
6:00pm - 9:00pm
EUC Auditorium

All of Royal Court will be expected to attend the entire final dress rehearsal. Please bring any props, costumes, fellow students, etc you may need. We will be doing a run through of the evening with our Emcees, as well as final rehearsals for your individual acts.

Wednesday, October 21th

Royal Court Contest
7:00pm
EUC Auditorium

Royal Court needs to be onsite by 6:00pm, along with anyone participating with you.

Saturday, October 24th

Royal Court Coronation
1:00pm
College Avenue (location subject to change)

You will meet Kynnith at the bottom level of the EUC (near the entrance to Chick Fil A)

Please make sure you are in your coronation outfits at this time. The Coronation of UNCG Homecoming Royalty will be recorded live and broadcasted on YouTube Live

Homecoming 2020 Schedule of Events

For more information on the general Homecoming schedule, please visit homecoming.uncg.edu

**Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the below schedule of events are subject to change. Early notification will be provided to all Royal Court Members*

Wednesday, October 16th

Homecoming Kick Off

TBD

TBD

Wednesday, October 16th

Royal Court Contest

7:00pm

EUC Auditorium

Thursday, October 17th

Spartan Madness

TBD

TBD

Friday, October 18th

Homecoming Bonfire

TBD

TBD

Friday, October 18th

Homecoming Late Night Party

TBD

TBD

Saturday, October 19th

Homecoming Block Party

TBD

TBD

Saturday, October 19th

Virtual Royal Court Coronation

1:00pm - 2:30pm

College Avenue

Royal Court Contest

Finalists will participate in an evening of competition and school spirit on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7:00pm in the EUC Auditorium.

All contestants must be in the EUC Auditorium by 6:00pm.

Due to room capacity, only participants are allowed to attend in-person.

This event will be streamed via YouTube live.

Review of Event Program

****Line up for the contest will be alphabetical order by last name****

- Welcome
 - Our Emcee is to be determined at a later date
 - We will have four judges made up of staff and faculty. These judges will be anonymous until the contest. Side persuasion of judges is not tolerated and will result in deduction from final points.
- Spartan Spirit
 - Introductions of self and which organization(s) you are representing
 - Share your idea for your service project (2-3 sentences)
 - *Please dress in blue and gold attire*
- Creative Explosion (Talent portion)
 - Please email your talent (title of performance, brief description) to Meredith at kjfranc2@uncg.edu by Thursday, October 1 at 5:00pm
 - Please send any resources (powerpoint, prezi, music, video, etc) to Meredith kjfranc2@uncg.edu by Tuesday, October 6 at 5:00pm
 - No streaming videos/music (youtube, etc)
 - No playing from phones
 - Kynnith will upload any music files, video, and/or powerpoints to Google Drive
 - You have **4 minutes** to perform. We will be timing you during rehearsals. There is no minimum performance time. Performance time does not include any brief setup needs.
 - The lights will be static and will not change per act. You will have normal stage lights and the house lights will be dark.
- Royal Court Q&A
 - Our Emcees will ask you two random questions focused on school spirit, your goals/aspirations, your impact on this campus, leadership/involvement, etc. You will have one minute for your response.

- *Please dress in professional business attire, as if you are going to a job interview, not pageant attire.*
- Closing remarks
 - Voting opens on Spartan Connect
 - The UNCG Homecoming Royalty will be selected from the judged competition on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. The judges will get 50% of the vote and the student body will get the other 50% of the vote.
 - Student voting will start at the end of the competition due to the virtual nature of the event. Voting will remain open for 24 hours (until Thursday, October 22 at 7:00pm).

Post-Court Responsibilities

After the Homecoming game on Saturday, October 19th, the two students crowned as UNCG Homecoming Royalty will be required to complete the following:

Rewards	Responsibilities
Professional Headshot	15 hours of community service*
UNCG Lapel Pin	Community service project
Event Fast Pass	Emcee Spartans of Excellence Student Awards Ceremony and other CAP events, including Homecoming 2021
Swag Bag	Leadership development: Spartans in Dialogue Training, Safe Zone Training, OR Leadership Challenge
\$500 for Community Service Project*	Resume meeting with Career Services Center

Rewards:

- Professional Headshot
 - A professional headshot will be taken by a professional UNCG photographer from University Communications and/or Campus Activities and Programs. This headshot will be available for Linked In, etc.
- UNCG Lapel Pin
 - A UNCG lapel pin will be provided to the winners to wear to formal UNCG professional events
- Fast Pass for CAP Events
 - The Fast Pass will provide VIP experiences at events! Accommodations must be pre-arranged via email at least 48 hours prior to event with Erin Parrish, by emailing at enparris@uncg.edu
- Swag Bag
 - The Swag Bag will be filled with items from the Division of Student Affairs
- \$500 for Community Service Project*
 - Homecoming Royalty will each have a \$500 budget in order to complete their Community Service Project. Community Service Project will be completed with the guidance of a CAP Event Consultant and must follow all UNCG policies

Responsibilities:

- 15 hours of community service*
 - 15 hours of community service prior to the 2021 Homecoming Game. This encourages UNCG Homecoming Royalty to give back to the Greensboro and UNCG Community. Service hours will be recorded by Spartan Connect.
 - Service hours earned at a UNCG event may be recorded as part of the required 15 community service hours. Community service hour validation will be approved by a member of the Office of Campus Activities and Programs staff.
 - Failure to complete the required 15 community service hours prior to the 2021 Homecoming Game will result in loss of Homecoming Royalty title and loss of privileges for participating in Homecoming 2021.
- Community Service Project
 - With the \$500 budget*, the UNCG Homecoming Royalties will work to launch the community service project from the Royal Court application process.
- Emcee Spartans of Excellence Student Awards Ceremony and other CAP events, including Homecoming 2021
 - As an outstanding student leader, the UNCG Homecoming Royalty are often asked to be present and/or emcee at various UNCG events. This includes the Spartans of Excellence Student Awards Ceremony at the end of the spring semester, the Homecoming 2021 Royal Court Contest, and other University Sponsored events. Ideas for UNCG Homecoming Royalty presence are always welcomed!
- Leadership development
 - UNCG Homecoming Royalty will have the choice to participate in one of the following that has not previously been completed. More details will be provided post-coronation during the meetings with the Office of Campus Activities and Programs
 - Spartans in Dialogue Training
 - Safe Zone Training
 - Leadership Challenge
- Resume meeting with Career Services Center
 - To encourage professional development and career preparation, UNCG Homecoming Royalty will be required to receive personal feedback on their professional resume through the Career Services Center. More details will be provided post-coronation during the meetings with the Office of Campus Activities and Programs.

** These rewards/requirements are subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions*

Failure to complete the responsibilities prior to the 2019 Homecoming game will result in loss of Homecoming Royalty title and loss of privileges for participating in Homecoming 2020

Questions

For any additional questions about the Homecoming Royal Court, please contact:

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