

## LSU 2016 Homecoming Court Timeline, Composition and Selection Process

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| <b>Tuesday Aug. 30 by 5:00pm</b>                                   | Applications due on Tigerlink   |
| <b>Wed., Aug. 31-Thurs., Sep. 1</b>                                | Staff member from Office of the Dean of Students verifies applicants' eligibility: GPA requirements, Disciplinary Checks and Official Academic Classification   |
| <b>Thurs., Sep. 1</b>  | Campus Life staff member notifies students who are not eligible or who indicated the wrong academic classification  |
| <b>Fri, Sep., 2 - Thurs., Sep. 8</b>                               | First Round applications reviewed by LSU Faculty & Staff judges. Scores are processed by the Homecoming Court Committee with Court Advisor  |
| <b>Sun., Sep. 11</b>   | Applicants notified of the status to advance to the next round  |
| <b>Tues., Sep. 13 &amp; Wed., Sep. 14<br/>3:00-7:00pm each day</b> | 38 candidates will be interviewed by a new panel of judges to determine the final 16 members of the 2016 Homecoming Court. Scores will be tallied and processed by the Homecoming Court Chair with Court Advisor. |
| <b>Friday, Sep. 16 by noon</b>                                     | The 2016 Homecoming Court members present will be posted on the Campus Life website by noon.  |
| <b>Mon., Sep. 19 at 12:00pm – Thurs., Sep. 29 at 11:59pm</b>       | All LSU-Baton Rouge, LSU Veterinary and LSU Law students may vote for Homecoming Queen and King from the three Senior Men and three Senior Women candidates via their Tigerlink account.                          |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 1</b>  | Homecoming Court recognized at football game half-time. Homecoming Queen and King announced.  |

|                            | <b>Number of First Round Applicants – Due August 30</b> | <b>38 Second Round Applicants Interviewed on September 13 and 14</b> | <b>16 Applicants selected to Homecoming Court and announced Sep. 16</b> |
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| <b>First Year students</b> | depends on number of applicants                         | 4: two women and two men   | 2: one woman and one man  |
| <b>Sophomore students</b>  | depends on number of applicants                         | 4: two women and two men   | 2: one woman and one man  |
| <b>Junior students</b>     | depends on number of applicants                         | 8: four women and four men   | 4: two women and two men  |
| <b>Senior students</b>     | depends on number of applicants                         | 18: nine women and nine men  | 6: three women and three men  |
| <b>Graduate Students</b>   | depends on number of applicants                         | 4: two women and two men   | 2: one woman and one man  |

## **Explanation of First Round Paper Application Review Process for LSU Homecoming Court**

The Homecoming Student Committee's Court Committee strives to select LSU Faculty, Staff and Alumni who are good judges of LSU student academic achievement, campus involvement and representation for the University. While students may be familiar to some judges, we ask that judges treat each applicant on their own merit as a representative of LSU.

The Court Committee will seek out at least five judges to consider the paper applications of each level of undergraduate academic classification and graduate students.

Judges will score applicants in four main categories:

1. Contributes to campus life
  - a. Quality involvement in student organizations
  - b. Participates in activities that enhance LSU
  - c. Committed to the LSU Commitment to Community (see below)
  
2. Service
  - a. Organizes and/or participates in service for LSU or the surrounding community
  
3. Strength of application
  - a. Your overall impression of the applicant and totality of the application
  
4. Overall good ambassador for LSU
  - a. Articulate
  - b. Demonstrate through application and interview a genuine affinity and pride for LSU
  - c. Willing to contribute his/her time to improve campus life
  - d. Knowledge of LSU traditions and history

To eliminate bias, the judges overall high and low score will be dropped from each applicant. The remaining three scores will be totaled.

Once the average three scores are totaled, the Court Chair and Advisor will assign points for Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA), based on the following scale:

5. Academically achieving (using overall GPA)
  - Cumulative GPA of 3.8 or Higher = 5 points
  - 3.40 - 3.79 GPA = 4 points
  - 3.10 - 3.39 GPA = 3 points
  - 2.80 - 3.09 GPA = 2 points
  - 2.50 - 2.79 GPA = 1 point

Cumulative GPA averages will not be used for scoring first year student applicants or graduate students.

## **Explanation of Second Round Interview Process for LSU Homecoming Court**

The Homecoming Student Committee's Court Committee strives to select LSU Faculty, Staff and Alumni who are good judges of LSU student academic achievement, campus involvement and representation for the University. While students may be familiar to some judges, we ask that judges treat each applicant on their own merit as a representative of LSU.

The Court Committee will seek out at least three judges to interview Homecoming Court applicants who proceed from the first round to the second round. These judges will not have served in the First Round Application Review.

Judges will interview 38 applicants from the First Round in an effort to identify the final 16 students on the LSU 2016 Homecoming Court.

Judges will score applicants in four main categories used in the First Round Application Review:

1. Contributes to campus life
  - a. Quality involvement in student organizations and/or service on campus
  - b. Participates in activities that enhance LSU
  - c. Committed to the LSU Commitment to Community (see below)
2. Service
  - a. Organizes and/or participates in service activities for LSU or the surrounding community
3. Strength of application
  - a. Your overall impression of the applicant and totality of the application
4. Overall good ambassador for LSU
  - a. Articulate
  - b. Demonstrate through application and interview a genuine affinity and pride for LSU
  - c. Willing to contribute his/her time to improve campus community
  - d. Knowledge of LSU traditions and history

In this interview round, the high score and the low score of each category will be dropped from the students' scores. This process will produce an average score based on the remaining scores.

The average score for each of the four categories will be added to produce a final score out of 20 points possible. No points will be awarded for GPA, although the applicant's cumulative GPA will be shared with judges for their consideration.

In the event of a tie between applicants of same gender and same classification, the Homecoming Court Sub-Committee will add the First Round Scores to the each tied applicant's Second Round score to produce a new Final Score. The applicant with the higher of the tied scores will proceed on to serve on the Court.

## **Voting process for Homecoming Queen and King**

Through their Tigerlink accounts, LSU students may vote for one of the three Queen candidates and one of the three King candidates from Monday, September 19 at 12:00pm until Thursday, September 29 at 11:59pm.

Students must log into their Tigerlink accounts and are limited to one ballot cast. Their ballot will be tied to their PAWS ID and will carry a time/date stamp.

When casting their ballot, students are not required to vote for both a Queen and King. They may vote for either or both.

Queen and King candidates may only campaign within the guidelines set by the Homecoming Sub-Committee. A copy of those campaign rules will be given to each Queen and King candidate at the homecoming informational meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Court campaigning rules can also be found on the homecoming website.

### **Homecoming Court Campaign Rules**

- Verbal campaigning only
- NO printed material of any kind. This includes, but not limited to: banners, flags, buttons, flyers, posters, 4ups/handbills, etc.
- Social media promotions are allowed within the following guidelines:
- The Homecoming Committee will provide candidates a picture with your name on it that you and your campaigners may post to social media;
- This will be the only photo you will be allowed to post;
- There is no limit on the number of times you and your campaigners can post the photo on social media;
- Links in social media posts need to take users to the website listing all members of the Homecoming Court (link will be provided)
- You may NOT purchase anything for advertising/marketing purposes on social media
- You are allowed to create a page or special interest group on social media to help your campaigning

The Homecoming Queen and King will be announced at the football half-time on Saturday, October 1 after the full court has been recognized.