



Homecoming Royalty 2026

Candidate Information Packet

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Homecoming Royalty Selection Timeline

Application Form Opens	Wednesday, September 23rd	
Application Closes	Tuesday, October 13th	11:59pm
Round 1 Ballot Opens	Thursday, October 15th	9:00am
Round 1 Ballot Closes	Thursday, October 15th	8:00pm
Finalists Announced	Friday, October 16th	
Finalists Ballot Opens	Monday, October 19th	9:00am
Finalists Ballot Closes	Monday, October 19th	8:00pm
Finalists Interviews	Wednesday, October 21st	TBA
Halftime Practice	TBD (October 19-23)	TBA
Homecoming Parade	Friday, October 23rd	5:30pm
Royalty Announced	Saturday, October 24th	Halftime

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Nomination Process

1. Only recognized student organizations and departmental organizations may nominate candidates. Organizations may nominate only one student that is a current member of the nominating organization.
2. Each nominee must be a full-time SENIOR student at TCU (must have completed 84+ academic credit hours by the start of the fall 2026 term), with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
3. The nominee must be in good standing with the University and cannot be under active disciplinary sanctions at TCU. Conduct records will be verified by the Dean's Office.
4. Classification, GPA, and standing of all nominees will be verified by Student Activities to certify that all candidates meet the eligibility requirements.
5. This year must be the first, and only, year that the student is nominated for the Homecoming Royalty or former Outstanding Senior programs.
6. Once a student has been nominated, he or she must submit the required application materials by the posted deadline. Nominees who do not submit an application by the deadline will not be included in the selection process. More information about the application is included below.

Selection Process

1. The Homecoming Royalty selection process will consist of two parts:
 - Part 1 - (1) 25% resume, (2) 25% essay, and (3) 50% student body round 1 vote
 - Part 2 - (1) 25% Part 1, (2) 25% student body final vote, and (3) 50 % interview
2. Each applicant must submit a professional resume to be considered. Please submit a resume for a potential job in your future career field. If you need assistance on your resume, visit <https://careers.tcu.edu/students/career-tools/> and reference the resume section.

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3. Each applicant must submit a short essay to be considered. The short essay shall be completed by the nominee him/herself and submitted online as part of the application.
4. Nominees will receive confirmation of their candidacy once their applications have been received and reviewed.
5. Candidates will be asked to upload a headshot for the voting ballot. If a nominee does not have one, Student Activities will help provide times to come and get their photo taken. More information will be emailed to candidates.
6. Student body round 1 voting will be held online through a link that will be distributed to all undergraduate students' TCU email on Thursday, October 15, 2026 from 9:00am-8:00pm. Each candidate's name, photo, and the three activities or honors selected by the candidate will be displayed on the ballot. All TCU undergraduate students are eligible to cast their votes for Homecoming Royalty candidates.
7. Solicitation of votes is subject to TCU's policies and procedures (see below) for promotional and marketing materials on campus. If you have any questions, please direct them to Kelly Lee (kelly.lee@tcu.edu). Violations will be mediated by senior Student Affairs staff members.

Finalist Information

1. The top ten candidates with the highest combined scores from Part 1 (resume, short essay, and student body vote) will be announced as finalists for Homecoming Royalty Court. The finalist selection process will continue in the following week leading up to the Homecoming game.
2. The finalists will be required to schedule an interview. A panel of faculty and staff judges representing offices from across campus will conduct the interviews. Each judge will submit an interview score for each finalist. The interview scores for each finalist will be averaged to determine the final interview score. The interview will be no more than twenty minutes.
3. The final round of voting will be held online through a link that will be distributed to all undergraduate students' TCU email on Monday, October 19th, 2026 from 9:00am-8:00pm. Each candidate's name, photo, and the three activities or honors selected by the candidate will be displayed on the ballot. All TCU undergraduate students are eligible to cast their votes for Homecoming Royalty candidates.

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5. Each finalist is required to participate in the Homecoming Week activities.
6. Each Homecoming Royalty finalist must be available for halftime practice (TBD on the exact day), Homecoming Parade, and for participation at halftime of the football game on October 24.

Homecoming Royalty Campaign Guidelines

Campaign Guidelines

1. Campaigning is "any public action initiated by either a candidate or a member of a candidate's campaign staff to persuade members of the student body to vote for or against one or more candidates."
2. General Campaigning Rules:
 - a. The candidate, sponsoring organization, or representatives for the candidate may only campaign through social media channels and cannot contribute a monetary amount to the candidate's campaign.
 - b. All campaign pages on behalf of a Royalty candidate should have a link to the official website (<https://studentactivities.tcu.edu/homecoming-royalty/>).
3. Voting Day Restrictions (applies to both voting days):
 - a. Each undergraduate student will receive an email containing a unique URL to access the ballot. This URL provides one-time only voting access.
 - b. Candidates, sponsoring organizations, or their surrogates cannot create their own voting booths. Soliciting votes with any electronic device from which a student may cast a vote or access the polling portal is prohibited.