

Homecoming Court Application Requirements

In order for your application packet to be taken into consideration, you must meet the following requirements and agree to abide by the rules listed below.

1. Each undergraduate applicant must be at least a junior with a minimum of 56 total credit hours completed
2. Each undergraduate applicant must have a minimum of 12 hours completed at SIU Carbondale
3. Each graduate applicant must have a minimum of 9 graduate hours completed at SIU Carbondale
4. Each applicant must be currently enrolled as a full-time student at SIU with a minimum of 12 undergraduate credit hours or 9 graduate credit hours
5. An undergraduate applicant who meets the requirements to graduate at the end of the fall semester must be enrolled at a minimum of 6 credit hours
6. Each undergraduate applicant must have at least an overall 2.5 GPA. This includes your SIU GAP plus all accepted transferred credits
7. Each graduate applicant must have at least an overall 3.5 GPA at SIU including accepted transferred credits
8. Each applicant must be in good academic and judicial standing with SIU
9. Each applicant must sign the release of information form in order for the SPC Homecoming Committee and the Office of Student Engagement to verify eligibility
10. Each applicant must provide **one signed letter of recommendation** from a faculty member, advisor, school administrator or supervisor of your choice
11. Each applicant must sign up for a Homecoming Court interview by Thursday, September 30, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. and must attend the mandatory Homecoming Court interviews on Monday, October 3, 2016
12. Each applicant must submit a typed and completed hard copy of the Homecoming application packet that includes: typed application, letter of recommendation, Homecoming Court essay, personal statement, and signed release forms.
13. Students that previously served as a member of the SIU Homecoming Court are not eligible to apply for the 2016 Homecoming Court
14. Students who are current members of the Board of Directors for the Student Programming Council are not eligible to apply for the 2016 Homecoming Court

Important Homecoming Court Dates

Once selected to the 2016 Homecoming Court, each candidate must attend all meetings and events required by the SPC Homecoming Committee as indicated below.

Selection Process:		
Thurs. Sept. 30	Mandatory Court Application Packets Are Due (Student Programming Council Office)	4:30 p.m.
Mon. Oct. 3	Mandatory Interviews (Iroquois Rm., Student Center)	5:00 p.m.
Fri. Oct. 7	Candidates Notified (via e-mail)	Noon
Wed. Oct. 12	Mandatory Election Meeting (Activity Rm. A, Student Center)	5:00 p.m.
Information will be presented about the election campaign rules and the online voting process.		
Campaigning Process:		
Wed. Oct. 12 6PM – Thurs. Oct. 20 at 8AM	Campaigning Begins	6:00 p.m.
SIU Homecoming Week 2016:		
Mon. Oct. 17	Voting Begins	8:00 a.m.
Mon. Oct. 17	Kick-off to Homecoming Week (North Entrance, Student Center)	11:00 a.m.
Court Candidates will be able to meet students and promote their candidacy.		
Tues. Oct. 18	Voting Continues	All Day
Wed. Oct. 19	Voting Continues	All Day
Thurs. Oct. 20	Online Elections End	8:00 a.m.
Fri. Oct. 21	Mandatory Coronation Practice (Old Main Lawn/Front of Shryock)	3:30 p.m.
Court candidates will be instructed on and practice the coronation ceremony.		
Fri. Oct. 21	Mandatory Pep Rally (In front of Davies Gym)	4:00 p.m.
Court Candidates will be introduced to the student body		
Sat. Oct. 22	Mandatory Homecoming Dignitary Reception (S.W. Corker Lounge, Student Center)	8:00 a.m.
Candidates will gather and prepare for riding in the Homecoming Parade.		
Sat. Oct. 22	Mandatory Homecoming Parade	10:00 a.m.
University administrators will drive candidates in convertibles.		
Sat. Oct. 22	Mandatory Football Game (Saluki Stadium)	2:00 p.m.
Candidates will be seated together at the football game.		
Sat. Oct. 22	Mandatory Halftime Introduction (Saluki Stadium)	Half Time
Candidates will be lead down onto the field and presented to the crowd. The King and Queen will then be announced.		

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"Saluki State of Mind, Homecoming 2016"

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Application packet must include: typed Homecoming application, typed letter of recommendation, typed Homecoming Court essay, typed personal statement, and signed release forms.

This form MUST be typed

Name: _____

Email: _____

Candidate for: () King () Queen

Local Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Local Phone Number: _____

Major: _____

Minor: _____

Total Institution GPA: _____ **Overall Earned Hours:** _____

Year in School (Please choose one): Junior Senior Graduate Student

Anticipated graduation date: _____

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List any community service you have been involved with at SIU
(Please attach a copy of Saluki Volunteer Corp log if applicable):

List any leadership positions held at SIU:

List any additional activities, clubs, and organizations you are involved in at SIU:

Homecoming Court Essays & Personal Statement

Essay:

Please type on separate sheets your responses to **ONE** of the following questions. The essay should be between 300-500 words.

Please note that any essay response that goes over a maximum of 500 words will not be considered passed 500 words.

1. What is one goal that you are proud to have accomplished at SIU?
2. What do you feel is the single most important contribution you have made to the SIU community?

Please include the following information on your Homecoming Court essay.

Name: John Smith
Candidate: King Candidate
Essay Question: #1

Personal Statement:

Please type on a separate sheet your personal statement. Your personal statement should have a maximum of 100 words and must incorporate why you want to be Homecoming King or Queen. This statement will appear on the Homecoming website, Homecoming voting page, and in various marketing publications.

Please note that any personal statement that goes over a maximum of 100 words will not be considered passed 100 words.

Please include the following information on your Homecoming Court personal statement.

Name: John Smith
Candidate: King Candidate
Major: Business
Minor (if applicable): Marketing
Hometown: Sesser, IL

Please return a **typed** hard copy (MS Word) of all responses with your application packet.

Release of Information

I, the undersigned, affirm that all information that I have provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further authorize the SPC Homecoming Committee and the University Programming Office, to check and release academic and disciplinary standing information for the purpose of eligibility verification for the Homecoming King and Queen Election.

Candidate's Name: _____

Candidate's Signature: _____

Date: _____

SIU Dawg Tag #: _____

Photograph/Media Consent and Release

I, the undersigned, consent and authorize the SPC Homecoming Committee and/or Southern Illinois University to take photographs or motion pictures of me during the Homecoming 2016 events and activities, to produce videotapes, audiotapes, closed circuit television programs, web casts, or other types of media and social media production that capture my name, voice, and/or image. I, the undersigned, authorize the creation of promotional materials that may include, but are not limited to university publications, catalogs, articles, press releases, recruiting brochures, websites, or publications, electronic or otherwise, without notifying me.

Candidate's Name: _____

Candidate's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Homecoming Interview Judging Sheet Example

Essay:

	Poor	Good	Excellent
Focus	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		
Relativity to Theme	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		
Mechanics	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		

- Focus - How well did the writer stay on topic throughout the entire essay?
- Relativity to theme - How well did the writer answer the question? Did the writer convince you with what he/she wrote?
- Mechanics - Grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.

Total: ____/30

Interview:

	Poor	Good	Excellent
Appearance	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		
Academic Awards	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		
Extra-Curricular Involvement	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		
Community Service Involvement	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		
Poise & Conversational Ability	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		
Saluki Pride	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		

- Poise & Conversational Ability- will encompass the aforementioned items as well as present-able, knowledge of the university, goals, and any other appropriate topics not covered in the other categories.
- Saluki Pride- Overall display of University pride and what it means to be a “Saluki”.

Total: ____/60

GPA:

- Overall GPA/ 0.8 *2

Total: ____/10

Overall Total:

Essay 30 + Interview 60 + GPA 10 = 100

The judging panel will consists of two University staff or faculty members, two undergraduate students, and two graduate students.