

Michigan Tech Homecoming Court Competition 2023



Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of Michigan Tech's Homecoming Court 2023. By applying you are choosing to commit to a tradition that you should uphold with honor and pride.

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements and commitments involved in being part of the Homecoming Court. Note that the completed applications are due via Involvement Link by **Wednesday, September 14 at 12:00PM** and there is a required Informational Session **Wednesday, September 13 at 3:00PM** in **Alumni Lounge C for the court meeting**. Your photo will be taken at this session. *Please note, candidates and/or sponsoring organizations must provide a nomination fee of \$20.*

Once again, thank you for your interest and I wish you the best of luck!

Homecoming Court Requirements

To have your application taken into consideration you must meet the following prerequisites and agree to follow the rules listed below.

Note: Sponsoring organizations from any class can enter a candidate in the Homecoming Royalty competition. If a Homecoming team nominates more than one candidate, all candidates nominated by that group will be disqualified.

1. Candidates must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the University.
2. Candidates must be enrolled as a full-time student for the 2023 fall semester and have completed at least 48 credit hours
3. Candidates must be involved in at least one Michigan Tech registered student organization or community group.
4. Candidates must be able to attend all important dates and Homecoming events possible. Exceptions will be made for class; however, undue absences could lead to disqualification.

Required Events:

- Information Session for Finalists – **Wednesday, September 13** at 3:00PM, Alumni Lounge C
- Homecoming Court Dinner – **Thursday, September 28** at 6:00PM, Alumni Lounge 107
- Cardboard Boat Races – **Friday, September 29** at 3:00PM, Houghton Waterfront Park
- Homecoming Tailgate – **Saturday, September 30** at 11:00AM, SDC Parking Lot 24
- Homecoming Football Game – **Saturday, September 30** at 1:00PM, Sherman Field

5. Candidates must submit a nomination form via Involvement Link by **Wednesday, September 13** at **12:00PM**.

6. Candidate/Sponsoring Organization must provide a nomination fee of \$20 – for Residence Hall candidates approved documentation with IB number. Please make checks payable to Michigan Tech and drop them off to Student Leadership & Involvement, 112 Memorial Union Building.

Please make sure the check clearly indicates the candidate and sponsoring organization. Payments must be made by **Wednesday, September 13 at **5:00PM**. You may bring it to the info meeting.*

7. The use of alcohol or drugs before, during or immediately following a Homecoming event is strictly prohibited. Any court member found in violation of this rule will be disqualified immediately. In addition, inappropriate behavior or attitudes will not be tolerated. Consequences for your actions will be final.

Candidates who do not meet these requirements will be disqualified. Previous Homecoming King, Queen, and Royalty finalists are ineligible.

Homecoming Court Important Policies

Nominations: Registration opens on **Thursday, August 31 at 12:00PM** and closes on **Wednesday, September 13 at 12:00PM**. Registration can be completed on Involvement Link. Registration must be completed online.

Sponsorship: Any Homecoming team from any class can enter a candidate in the Homecoming Royalty Competition. If a team nominates more than one candidate, all candidates nominated by that team will be disqualified. Candidate/Sponsoring Organization must provide a nomination fee of \$20 – for Residence Hall candidates approved documentation with IB number. Please make checks payable to Michigan Tech and drop them off to Student Leadership & Involvement, 112 Memorial Union Building. **Please make sure the check clearly indicates the candidate and sponsoring organization. Payments must be made by **Wednesday, September 13 at 5:00PM**. You may bring it to the info meeting.*

Campaigning: The sponsoring group is responsible for all advertising of their candidate. Candidates will have their picture taken at the Info Session on **Wednesday, September 13 at 3:00PM**. Only this picture may be used for publicity purposes. After the picture has been taken, you will receive an electronic copy of your image. Any other photos used will result in disqualification. Each group is required to create their own advertising, which should contain only the approved headshot along with voting information. Teams should be aware that Michigan Tech has posting policies that should be followed. If you are unaware of these policies, please contact **homecoming@mtu.edu** with any questions. ***All publicity should be in the spirit of Homecoming and Michigan Tech. Publicity may not be used to slander another candidate.***

Voting: Voting to select the top eight candidates for Royalty from all nominees will take place online starting at **date and time** and ending at **date and time**. All candidates will be emailed late afternoon on Thursday, September 29 with results. Voting can be found on Involvement Link.

Obligations:

Candidates who make the Homecoming Court will be required to: Finalists are highly encouraged to wear their court sashes during the entirety of the week. They are also highly encouraged to participate in or appear at as many Homecoming activities as possible throughout the week.

Attend the Finalists Dinner on **Thursday, September 29** starting at **6:00PM** in the **Alumni Lounge 107**. At this time, candidates should be prepared to address the judges with a short (2-3 minute) speech as to why they should be selected as one of the royalty. They should also be prepared to answer several questions, asked by a moderator, related to their experiences at Michigan Tech. Judges will score candidates based on their speech and responses to questions in relation to community involvement, personality and pose. Attire is business casual. If a letter of excuse is needed from academic courses or exams, please see the Student Leadership & Involvement staff.

Finalists will be required to volunteer at the Cardboard Boat Design and Races beginning on Friday, **September 30 at 3:00PM**. If possible, please arrive 15 minutes early (**2:45PM**). Attire is Homecoming shirts and Homecoming Sashes (weather permitting).

Finalists are required to attend the Homecoming Tailgate, on **Saturday, September 30 at 11:00AM**. Attire is Homecoming sweatshirts and Homecoming Sashes (weather permitting).

Finalists must also be at the Football Game, on **Saturday, September 30 at 1:00PM**. Meet at the west entrance when ten minutes remain on the clock before half- time. Make sure you prepare properly to arrive on time and bring your Homecoming Court Sash. Attire is formal. During halftime, the court will be introduced and the **2023** Homecoming Royalty will be crowned.

Additionally, for the **2023** Homecoming Royalty, participation in the **2022** Homecoming is required in the following areas:

- Announce the court at the selected athletic event.
- Be present at the court dinner to act as a MC or moderator.
- Attend the crowning of the Homecoming Royalty.

Failure to attend any of the activities specified as mandatory will result in immediate disqualification unless it is an emergency, a class, or an approved excused absence by the Homecoming Committee. Due to the advanced notification, work will not be considered an excused absence.