

2025 SGA Homecoming King and Queen Elections Packet

Important Dates and Deadlines:
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Friday, September 19, 2025:

Homecoming King and Queen Nomination forms due by 5:00 P.M.

Nominations will only be accepted online and can be found at:

<https://runway.utm.edu/submitter/form/start/690891>

Monday, September 22, 2025:

Mandatory Meeting – 6:00pm – SGA Office – Room 245 University Center

Wednesday, September 24, 2025:

Campaign through speaking and engagements and use of internet may begin.

Distribution and hanging of approved paper endorsements, posters, and flyers may begin.

Friday, September 26, 2025:

Candidate's biographies are due to the SGA Advisor via e-mail by midnight (jabel1@utm.edu).

Tuesday, October 7, 2025:

Introduction of King and Queen Candidates at Flight Crew Lip Sync-7:00 P.M., City of Martin Public Library.

Wednesday, October 8, 2025:

Homecoming King and Queen Elections – 10am – 6pm – Vote at Runway.utm.edu.

Top 5 vote recipients for King and Queen will be notified that they will make up the Homecoming Court.

Thursday, October 9, 2025:

Homecoming King/Queen Run-off Elections **(if needed)** – 10am – 6pm

Election conducted on Runway (runway.utm.edu).

Friday, October 10, 2025:

Members of the 2025 Homecoming Court will be recognized at the Pyramid Show and Pep Rally. 7:00pm – Elam Center.

Saturday, October 11, 2025:

Crowning of the 2025 Homecoming King and Queen, halftime of Homecoming football game.

The game kicks off at 2pm. Homecoming Court members will meet at the home side concession stand when the game reaches 2 minutes remaining in the 2nd Quarter.

Tuesday, October 14, 2025:

All campaign material must be disposed of by 5:00 P.M.

Section I: **Elections Qualifications**

Article 1:

A Homecoming King or Queen Nominee must be a full-time student at this university to qualify as a 2025 Homecoming King or Queen Nominee.

Article 2:

A Homecoming King or Queen Nominee must have a GPA of at least 2.50 on a 4.0 scale.

Article 3:

A Homecoming King or Queen Nominee must be sponsored by a registered student organization. **Candidates can only be sponsored by one organization. Organizations can only sponsor one candidate.**

Article 4:

All students seeking Homecoming King or Queen Candidacy must complete a Homecoming Queen Nomination form online. Nomination forms may be completed through the following link <https://runway.utm.edu/submitter/form/start/690891>.

Upon completion of the nomination form, an email will be sent to your organization president to approve or deny your nomination.

Nominations must be approved by the organization president to be valid.

No late forms will be allowed or accepted.

*Note: Each nominee is responsible for verifying their nomination. The Standards Officer will reply when they receive your completed, accepted nomination form. If the nominee does not receive verification, it is the candidate's responsibility to follow up with the Standards Officer.

Section II:
Eligible Voters and Representation

Article 1:

All enrolled students at the University of Tennessee at Martin are eligible to vote for Homecoming King and Queen. In order to win the title of Homecoming King or Queen, a candidate must receive the majority vote. If there is a tie on Election Day, a run-off election will be held the following day between the two candidates tied candidates.

Article 2:

All eligible students are only permitted to vote once per Election Day. If a run-off election is held, all previous votes become null, and all eligible students are permitted to vote again.

Article 3:

Election Polling

a. Student polling will be located:

- Online from any computer at Runway.utm.edu

Section III: **Campaign Rules**

Article 1: Campaign Signage

- Candidates/Parties may place up to (6) poster/flyers in designated areas around campus.
- Placement of signage in campus buildings must be approved by the building manager for each building. A list of Campus Building Managers is provided in this election packet.
- No campaign material is to be placed on the exterior of buildings, trees, light poles, garbage cans, glass marble, or any painted surfaces except for painted concrete blocks. Material can only be placed on bulletin boards inside buildings at the discretion of the Building Manager.
- If more than one candidate's name is placed on a poster, the poster shall count as one for each candidate. Therefore, the Standards Officer will allow poster/flyer sharing, but any poster/flyer with a candidate's name or image will count as a poster/flyer toward the six-poster limit.
- All poster/flyers are subject to approval by the SGA Standards Officer.
- Placement of campaign materials is allowed in the residence halls. Keep all flyer and posters to a maximum of six (6) in any combination per building. You must gain permission from the Hall Directors before hanging any posters or flyers in the Residence Halls.

Note: It is the candidate's responsibility to ask the building managers for any specific guidelines before placing campaign materials in buildings.

Article 2: Each candidate is responsible for any material that contains their name or image, or their political party's name or logo. Posters and flyers placed by parties other than the individual (i.e. fraternities, sororities, campus organizations, etc.) with a candidate's name, image, etc. are subject to the limitations and restrictions previously stated in this packet.

Article 3:

Signs are limited to the quad. A candidate may only place 3 signs on campus. Signs are any paper, plastic, poster board, wood, banner, and etc. document with a candidate's name, student organization, or picture. All signs must have the approval of Dana Hagan, Director of the Physical Plant, before being posted on campus. He can be contacted at 731-881-7601.

Sidewalk chalk is not permitted.

*Note: Stakes should not be used to place signs because of wiring and plumbing considerations.

Article 4:

Candidates are responsible for the clean-up of all campaign paraphernalia before 5:00 P.M. on **Tuesday, October 14, 2025.**

Article 5:

The use of social media is allowed for campaigning, but slanderous attacks will be investigated and may result in punishment for the candidate. **No electronic campaigning shall begin prior to the formal campaigning period.**

Article 6:

All candidates must submit a brief biography of themselves to be read at the Crowning ceremony. Biographies should include the nominee's major, extra-curricular activities, etc. Biographies should be between 0-100 words.

*Note: Biographies can/may be printed in the UTM Pacer and will be as is. It is your responsibility to edit your biography and make it suitable for publication.

Article 7:

Any complaint about the election process shall be submitted via email to the SGA Standards Officer.

Article 8:

No material or online endorsement shall be distributed or circulated of a negative nature. Name-calling, slander, and/or other offensive activities are prohibited. Any campaigning deemed unethical or negative by the Standards Officer will be addressed critically and could result in candidate disqualification.

Article 9:

On election day(s) candidates and/or student organizations may not solicit votes by use of laptop or any other electronic device. This behavior will result in the referral to the Standards Officer, and possible disqualification. It is the candidate's responsibility to enforce the rule. If someone campaigning for the candidate is soliciting votes for a candidate without the candidate's knowledge, it is up to the candidate to find out and stop the person from doing so.

*Example: Beth is running for Queen and sets up a table in the quad with a laptop with a link to the SGA's website and says, "Hey! Have you voted yet? Vote for me right here."

Article 10:

No election or campaign rule shall supersede any existing University rule, policy, or regulation, which places restrictions on general student practice or behavior. Should election and University guidelines conflict, the more restrictive rule shall take precedence.

Disclaimer:

The SGA Standards Officer has the right to meet and discuss any potential violation and declare new rules upon questionable Election practices.

Section IV:
Mandatory Meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting for all candidates on **Monday, September 22** at 6:00pm in the SGA Office. All homecoming king and queen candidates must attend. If a homecoming candidate cannot attend, the candidate must send someone in their place. That is, each homecoming candidate must be represented at this meeting.

The Election Commissioner will be present to go over the campaign rules, to answer any and all questions regarding the Homecoming Elections packet, and to provide information regarding events leading up to the crowning ceremony.

If you have any questions regarding the Homecoming packet or the election,
please contact the SGA Standards Officer.

SGA Homecoming Court Bio Template

Please include the following information in a paragraph form to read during the half-time activities at the homecoming football game:

Name: _____

Organization Representing: _____

Major: _____

Hometown: _____

Parents Names: _____

At least three extracurricular activities:

Example Paragraph:

Ms. Jane Doe is representing the XYZ Sorority in 2018 SGA Homecoming Court elections. Jane is a Music major from Jackson, Tennessee. She is the daughter of Mr. John Doe and Mrs. Sally Doe. Jane is very active on campus as the President XYZ Sorority and a member of the History Club and Spanish Club.

Campus Building Managers

Building or University Grounds	Manager & Alternate	Email address	Office
Ag Teaching & Demonstration Center	Wes Totten	wtotten@utm.edu	7936
Alternate contact:	Wes Totten	wtotten@utm.edu	7936
Alumni Center	Jackie Johnson	jjohn253@utm.edu	3612
Alternate contact:	Kelly Trevathan	ktrevath@utm.edu	7610
Animal Diagnostics Laboratory	Clint Ary	caryl@utm.edu	1071
Alternate contact:	Tara Woods	twoods25@utm.edu	1071
Baseball-Softball Fieldhouse	Brian Dunn	bdunn9@utm.edu	7162
Alternate contact:	Ryan Jenkins	pjenkil1@utm.edu	7337
Brehm Hall	Todd Winters	winters@utm.edu	7251
Alternate contact:	Wes Totten	wtotten@utm.edu	7936
Business Administration Building	Elizabeth Lackey	elackey1@utm.edu	7306
Alternate contact:	Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi	tootoonchi@utm.edu	7306
Child & Family Resource Center	Lori Wilson	lwilson@utm.edu	7113
Alternate contact:	Sandra Taylor	staylo64@utm.edu	7113
Child Care Facility	Briana Jimenez	bjimene1@utm.edu	7715
Alternate contact:	Shauna Moore	smoor130@utm.edu	7715
Chiller Plant	David Rinks	drinks@utm.edu	7640
Alternate contact:	Brandon Lee	blee31Eutm.edu	7640
Clement Hall	Allen Farmer	afarmer9@utm.edu	7754
Alternate contact:	Andrew Larkins	alarkins@utm.edu	3048
Crisp Hall	Steve Lemond	slemond@utm.edu	7895
Alternate contact:	Coty Crider	ccrider2@utm.edu	7008
Elam Center	Trudy Henderson	trudyh@utm.edu	7630
Alternate contact:	Jodie Duncan	jdunca64@utm.edu	3588
Electrical Generation Facility	Dana Hagan	dhagan@utm.edu	3647
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EPS Bldg.	Wes Totten	wtotten@utm.edu	7936
Alternate contact:	Tim Nipp	tnipp@utm.edu	7362
Farm Maintenance Bldg. & Swine Center	Wes Totten	wtotten@utm.edu	7936
Alternate contact:	Wes Totten	wtotten@utm.edu	7936
Fine & Performing Arts Building	Sarah Haig	shaig1@utm.edu	3404
Alternate contact:			
Football Bldg.	Bart Belew	bbelew@utm.edu	7689
Alternate contact:	Jason Simpson	jsimps15@utm.edu	7671
Gooch Hall	Selena Pearce	spearce2@utm.edu	7080
Alternate contact:	Alyssa Pettit	apettit4@utm.edu	3089
Hall Moody Administration Building	Laura Foltz	lfoltz@utm.edu	1428
Alternate contact:	Lori Donavant	ldonavant@utm.edu	7815
Heating Plant	Dale Burton	dburton1@utm.edu	7645
Alternate contact:	Dana Hagan	dhagan@utm.edu	3647
Holland McCombs Center	John Glass	jglass3@utm.edu	7436
Alternate contact:			7436
Humanities Building	David Coffey	dcoffey3@utm.edu	7342
Alternate contact:	Sheay McGehee	hmcgehel@utm.edu	7490
Jackson Center	Anita Cannedy	acannedy@utm.edu	731-425-9277
Alternate contact:	Brooke Wagster	bwagster@utm.edu	731-425-9277
Latimer-Smith Engr & Science	Nancy Buschhaus	nbuschha@utm.edu	7385
Alternate contact:	Tammy Hall	thall19@utm.edu	7380

Maintenance Center	Dana Hagan	dhagan@utm.edu	3647
Alternate contact:			
McNairy County/Selmer Center	Alan Youngerman	ayounge3@utm.edu	731-646-1636
Alternate contact:	Kathleen Donnenworth	kdonnenw@utm.edu	731-645-1636
McWherter Ag Complex /Stalling Facility	Wes Totten	wtotten@utm.edu	7936
Alternate contact:	Wes Totten	wtotten@utm.edu	7936
Motor Pool	Mike Bivens	mbivens@utm.edu	7656
Alternate contact:	Jeff Merritt	jmerrit7@utm.edu	7655
NW Child Care Resource Center	Sharon Waterfield	swaterf2@utm.edu	7103
Alternate contact:	Deborah Abel	dabel2@utm.edu	7912
Paul Meek Library	Erik Nordberg	enorber@utm.edu	7070
Alternate contact:	Pat McKnight	pmcknig2@utm.edu	7075
Parsons Center	Kelli Deere	kdeere@utm.edu	731-847-3880
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Plant Science Research Center	Wes Totten	wtotten@utm.edu	7936
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Ray & Wilma Smith Livestock Center	Wes Totten	wtotten@utm.edu	7936
Alternate contact:	Wes Totten	wtotten@utm.edu	7936
Recycle Center	Mike Davis, Jr.	wdavis11@utm.edu	3077
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Rhodes Golf Center	Austin Swafford	aswaffo9@utm.edu	3630
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Ripley Center	Jessica Cannon	jcano23@utm.edu	731-221-8778
Alternate contact:	Xavier Andrews	xandrews@utm.edu	731-221-8778
ROTC Building	Bernard House	bhouse5@utm.edu	7154
Alternate contact:	Rochelle Alexander	rotcsupply@utm.edu	7159
Sheep and Goat Barn	Tara Woods	twoods25@utm.edu	1071
Alternate contact:	Wes Totten	wtotten@utm.edu	7936
Skyhawk Fieldhouse	Trudy Henderson	trudyh@utm.edu	7630
Alternate contact:			
Sociology	Justin Martin	jmart140@utm.edu	7519
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Somerville Center	Kara Tapp	ktapp1@utm.edu	901-465-7313
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Student Health Center	Shannon Deal	sdeal@utm.edu	7750
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Student Housing	Ryan Martin	rmartin@utm.edu	7731
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Alternate contact:	Jason Simpson	jsimps15@utm.edu	7671
Student Recreation Center	Kimberly Olive-Milligan	koliveli@utm.edu	7747
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University Center	Lindee McCurley	lmccurley@utm.edu	7766
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