

Deadline to apply: 8 a.m. ET on Feb. 12. Late materials will not be accepted.

Being selected to represent Michigan State University on the Homecoming Court is considered one of the highest honors for MSU seniors. We are looking for current MSU juniors who best represent the diversity and richness of the Spartan experience and who will serve as exceptional role models and Spartan ambassadors during the summer and fall of 2024 and spring of 2025.

This year, 10-12 students will be chosen to represent Michigan State University as members of the Homecoming Court. These individuals are selected by a judging panel consisting of staff, faculty, students and alumni/community leaders. The court members are chosen based on their ability to exemplify the qualities of leadership, spirit, integrity and achievement through their academic success, contributions and involvement at Michigan State University. Additionally, court members are expected to serve as role models, maintain a positive attitude and act graciously and ethically during all official functions.

// HOMECOMING COURT REQUIRMENTS

- Must be a full-time MSU undergraduate student and will have at least 90 completed credits by the start of the fall 2024 semester.
- Must have and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- Must be in and maintain good academic and disciplinary standing.
- Must be graduating Dec. 2024 or later.
- Must have a letter of support from a member of the MSU community.

// SELECTION

MSU departments, units, and organizations are encouraged to recommend a deserving rising MSU senior for the Homecoming Court. Members of the MSU faculty, staff or student body are also permitted to write letters of support for applicants. The Homecoming Court will not exceed 12 people.

// PROCESS

A committee of MSU faculty, staff and students will review all applicants that meet the minimum requirements. A paper cut will be made and approximately 15 applicants will be invited for a virtual interview that will be reviewed by the final selection committee. All applicants will have their GPA, judicial and criminal records verified to ensure that court members exemplify the best that MSU offers.

// OBLIGATIONS

The members of the MSU Homecoming Court will serve as Spartan ambassadors at numerous university and community functions. Some of these dates may include attending regional MSU Alumni Office events prior to, or after, Homecoming week. During Homecoming week, court members will be required to attend several functions, including the Homecoming Parade, the President's Homecoming Reception and the football game, as well as other activities and/or media appearances. Additionally, there will be a reception scheduled with the president of MSU during early Fall 2024. Homecoming Court members are also expected to attend all trainings and orientations.

// IMPORTANT DATES

- Application deadline: February 12 at 8 a.m. ET
- Virtual Interview Submissions: March 4-15 (interviews are by invitation only).
- Homecoming Week: Oct. 18-20, 2024
 - o Homecoming Parade: Oct. 18
 - President's Homecoming Reception and football game: Oct. 19

Please note: This is not an all-inclusive list of the important dates that the Homecoming Court will be invited and/or expected to attend. Any additional dates will be shared with the court as soon as they are finalized.

// BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE HOMECOMING COURT

The MSU Homecoming Court will represent MSU on numerous occasions and interact and network with alumni, students, faculty, staff, administrators and the public. They will also receive complimentary tickets for themselves and two (2) guests to the President's Homecoming Reception and the football game. Serving as a Spartan ambassador provides court members the opportunity to give back to MSU and represent the richness and diversity of MSU students.

// DEADLINE

All application materials are to be submitted by 8 a.m. ET, Feb. 12. Late applications will not be considered. The following is needed to complete your application:

- Completing the <u>online application</u>, available at go.msu.edu/HC-Court-Apply, including uploading the following documents:
 - 1. A copy of your resume
 - Please highlight campus involvement, community service, study abroad experiences, etc, and any academic honors, awards or athletic achievements that you have received as part of your resume materials.
 - 2. A letter of support from a member of the MSU community. It is appropriate to request support letters and yours letter should include:
 - The length of time the person has known you and in what capacity.
 - Why the person believes you are an excellent representative of MSU.

- 3. Your written response to the following questions (500-word limit per question):
 - Why do you wish to represent MSU on the Homecoming Court?
 - What campus experience(s) have had the largest impact on you during your time at MSU? How have those experiences impacted you?
 - As part of the MSU 2030 Strategic plan, MSU has committed to becoming a national leader in increasing diversity, promoting inclusion, ensuring equity and eliminating disparities on our campus and beyond, what does this mean to you?
- 4. A signed copy of the Background Review and Authorization form, available at go.msu.edu/HC-Court-Apply.

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If you experience technological issues, please notify Aimee Klevorn (<u>klevorna@msu.edu</u>) before the deadline.