

Bobcat Court Guidelines and Application Materials

Completed forms due ON OR BEFORE Thursday, September
29, 2011 at 5:00 pm:

Campus Involvement Center
Baker University Center 355
Ohio University

Dear Bobcat Court Applicant:

We are so pleased that you are considering applying to be a part of the Bobcat Court for Homecoming 2011.

The Bobcat Court will consist of five men and five women. Each member of the Court must be a senior. You can be nominated by any OU faculty/staff or student, you can also nominate yourself.

The Bobcat Court Selection Committee will narrow the applications to a pool of finalists, and interviews will be scheduled with all the finalists. The interviews will take place on Friday October 7, 2011. Following the interviews, the Bobcat Court Selection Committee will determine the ten students who will comprise the Bobcat Court. The Bobcat Court will be introduced at the Homecoming Kickoff on Monday, October 10, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

Throughout the week of Homecoming, the Bobcat Court members will be expected to attend various events, and the entire student body will have the opportunity to vote on who should become the 2011 Homecoming King and Queen. The King and Queen will be announced at the Yell Like Hell Pep Rally on Friday, October 14, 2011.

All Bobcat Court members will be expected to attend Homecoming events throughout the week including:

- Homecoming Kickoff, Monday, October 10
- Hockey Game, Wednesday October 12
- Yell Like Yell Pep Rally, Friday, October 14
- Homecoming Parade, Saturday, October 15
- Homecoming Football Game, Saturday, October 15

An informational meeting will be held for all students interested in applying to be on the Bobcat Court. This will take place Friday September 16, 2011 from 4-5:00 p.m. in Baker Center, Room 231.

This year you are allowed to do your own marketing within the University guidelines, so please feel free to promote yourselves. In the meantime, if you have questions or need more information, please contact one of us.

Sincerely,

Bobcat Court Co-Chairs

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Criteria for Bobcat Court

Character - All members of the Bobcat Court will represent Ohio University, the Ohio University Alumni Association, and the Ohio University Homecoming Steering Committee with pride and enthusiasm. The Ohio University Homecoming Steering Committee encourages students to live a healthy lifestyle. Personal integrity and character both inside and outside the classroom are important qualities that will be represented by the members of the Bobcat Court. Being a part of Ohio University, they must be committed to the highest standards of personal honesty and ethical behavior.

Citizenship - Bobcat Court members must be committed to giving back to their communities. These students are responsible for their behavior both on and off campus. These students are engaged citizens acting for the public good.

Civility – Bobcat Court members must demonstrate how they foster an atmosphere of diversity and equity within the Ohio University community. They are expected to embrace civility in communication all times.

Commitment - All members of the Bobcat Court will demonstrate commitment to their education at Ohio University by having a minimum GPA of 2.75 or higher. They will articulate how their excellence in academics is an important aspect of who they are at Ohio University.

Community – All members of the Bobcat Court will be identifiable as leaders within the Ohio University and/or Athens communities. They will represent all values of the OHIO community at all times.

Homecoming 2011 – Beyond the Bricks Bobcat Court Rules and Regulations

1. All applicants for the Bobcat Court can be nominated by any OU faculty/staff or student, you can also nominate yourself.
2. All members of the Bobcat Court must have senior standing. Students may be on the Bobcat Court only once during their college career, and should apply for the last Homecoming they will be on campus.
3. All Bobcat Court members will be required to attend at least one Homecoming event each day of Homecoming week. These events will be determined upon the completion of the week's itinerary. This creates a chance for candidates to receive equal exposure. The Court members will be notified of mandatory events well in advance.
4. All members of the Bobcat Court will be required to wear sashes that are provided by the Ohio University Homecoming Steering Committee throughout Homecoming week. Sashes **must not** be worn:
 - a. In the event that a candidate is speaking or presenting in any public setting other than those immediately associated with Homecoming 2011. The intent is to ensure that all candidates receive equal exposure throughout the week.
 - b. In any situation that may compromise the standards and values of Ohio University and those of the University community.
5. Bobcat Court members represent the Ohio University student body. Candidates must carry themselves professionally and act in a manner that upholds the core values of OHIO at all times.

The Values of OHIO (The 5 C's)

**Character
Community
Commitment
Citizenship
Civility**

Ohio University Bobcat Court Timeline:

- Applications available: (online and at the Campus Involvement Center, Baker University Center 355)
- Bobcat Court Informational Meeting: Friday September 16, 2011 in Baker, 231 from 4 – 5:00 p.m.
- Applications due: Thursday, September 29, 2011 by 5:00 PM (at the Campus Involvement Center, Baker University Center 355)
- Interviews will take place on Friday October 7, 2011 (Location TBD)
- Kickoff Event: Monday, October 10, 2011
 - Introduce the 10 members
- Online voting Wednesday and Thursday, October 12 and 13
- Hockey Game Wednesday, October 12, 2011
- Yell Like Hell: Friday, October 14, 2011
 - Announce the King and Queen
- Parade and Homecoming Football Game: Saturday, October 15, 2011

Bobcat Court Application

Please complete the following application and return to the **Campus Involvement Center (Baker University Center 355)** on or before **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2011 at 5:00 PM.**

Full Name:

E-mail:

Address:

Cell Phone:

Major:

Hometown:

GPA:

Anticipated Graduation Date:

Please complete the following questions on separate sheets, and attach to this application. Please also attach a resume and cover letter along with two recommendation forms (Attached below).

1. Please list all your University activities (including any leadership positions), honors, and scholarships.
2. How do you define community service and how have you contributed to the Ohio University and/or the Athens communities throughout your college career?
3. What is the essence of Ohio University spirit? How do you exemplify this spirit in your life?
4. Why do you think you should be selected for the 2011 Ohio University Bobcat Court?
5. What do you think is the biggest challenge facing Ohio University? How can the student body assist with this challenge?
6. What do you think it means to be an Ohio University alumni/ae, and how do you plan on giving back to the University after you graduate?

I have read and agree to abide by the rules and regulations associated with being a member of the 2011 Bobcat Court. By signing below, I agree to allow the University to verify my academic and judicial information.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Bobcat Court: Applicant Recommendation Form

Last Name:	First Name:
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Recommender Section

Recommender Personal Data:

Name:	
Title:	
Organization:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Signature:	Date:

Please respond to the question listed below on separate sheets and attach this with the recommender form:

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. Please provide information about the applicant’s scholarly achievements, personal qualities, character, strengths and abilities.
3. Please cite examples of the applicant’s leadership potential.
4. Why should this applicant be selected for the Ohio University Bobcat Court over other individuals with whom you teach, know, or work?

Additional comments:

What is your overall recommendation for this student? (Circle Below)

Highly Recommend

Recommend with reservation

Recommend

Not Recommended

Unable to Rate: