

2009 American Royal Royal 10 Scholarship Program

Timeline

- April 21, 2009: Mass e-mail driving applicants to the websites for applications.
Email to: AFA participants
FFA/PAS students via FFA collegiate services
Past state FFA officers in the 8 AFA states
University list serves in 8 states – College of Natural Resources
Extension offices in the 8 states
- June 1, 2009: Applications due via the web, with resume, transcript and essay
- June 6, 2009: Notification to all applicants.
- July 1, 2009: Round 1 judging by nominating committee (select 15 finalists)
- July 20, 2009: Second round interviews via phone or in person
- Aug 13-14, 2009: Royal Ten acceptance dinner and Training (Must Be in Attendance)

Qualifying States: Kansas
Missouri
Nebraska
Oklahoma
Iowa
South Dakota
Minnesota
Illinois

Themes for Round 2 Interviews

1. Teamwork
2. Empathy
3. Dedication to an organization/cause
4. Creativity in communications
5. Past leadership experiences
6. Agriculture knowledge
7. Self-Motivator/Starter



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Royal Ten Application

The Royal Ten is a program designed to provide an opportunity for outstanding college students to advocate the food and fiber industry, leadership and the American Royal. Ten applicants will be selected as members of the Royal Ten. The Royal Ten will travel to Kansas City, Missouri, on B13-14, and October 1-4 or October 21-24, 2009 for training and participation in the 110th American Royal, media events, civic organization meetings, school visits, and a host of other activities.

In recognition of the outstanding achievements of the Royal Ten and their continuing advocacy of the food and fiber industry, the American Royal Association will award a \$2,500 scholarship to each student selected to be a member of the Royal Ten.

General Eligibility Criteria

Persons are eligible to apply for membership in the Royal Ten program if they:

- Are at least 18 years of age and not older than 25 years of age as of January 1, 2009
- Achieve a cumulative college grade point average equivalent to 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Are pursuing a four-year college or post graduate degree
- Must have completed at least 32 credit hours from an accredited school and enrolled in the fall 2009 term working toward a Bachelor's or higher degree
- Are able to travel to Kansas City for one weekend on August 13-14, and October 1-4 or October 21-24, 2009 (all travel, meals and lodging while in Kansas City are provided)
- Sign this application and, if under 21 years of age, have a parent or guardian sign this application

Consideration will also be given to the following:

- Whether the candidate is pursuing a degree in agriculture-related or a field related to the food and fiber industry

I. Instructions

1. Type all answers to this application.
2. Complete all portions of this application – **incomplete applications will not be accepted.**
3. Submit your application, resume and transcript to the above e-mail address no later than 5 PM (CST) June 1, 2009. Applicants will be notified by e-mail that their application was received.
4. Review the attached checklist before sending your completed application to the American Royal.
5. All applications will be screened, and 15-20 applicants will advance to Round 2 of the selection process. The names of applicants selected to participate in Round 2 will be notified no later than July 8, 2009. Applicants selected for a Round 2 interview must be available for a one-hour phone or in person interview on July 20, 2009. Further information about the selection process will then be discussed with the 15-20 applicants participating in Round 2. Upon selection to the Royal Ten, the selected applicants will be contacted regarding travel to Kansas City on August 13-14, and October 1-4 or October 21-24, 2009.

II. Biographical Information

Full Name:

Preferred Name (for nametags):

Sex:

Birth date:

Permanent Address, City, State and Zip:

Permanent Phone:

College/University Name:

College Address, City, State and Zip:

College Phone:

Email Address (must be accessible by you from now through August 2009):

During the 2009 fall term, I will be a

first semester / second semester

sophomore / junior / Senior / Post graduate

Current Cumulative College GPA:

(attach a copy of your current college transcript) (*certified copy will be required for Royal Ten*)

Post graduate area of study:

Major area of study:

Minor area of study:

Degree(s) being pursued:

Planned graduation date:

Post-graduate plans:

Hometown Newspaper:

Newspaper Address, City, State and Zip:

III. Resume

Please attach a copy of your resume

IV. Please answer both of the question below (*In 500 words or less for each*)

1. What do you see as the greatest challenge in the food and fiber industry in the next 10 years? How would you address this challenge?
2. Explain the challenges that young people have to make (excluding drugs, alcohol, and sex) to become a successful, contributing, and well rounded member of society. How would you address this challenge?

V. Consent

Parent/Guardian Consent

(If Candidate is under 21)

Should _____ be selected as a member of the American Royal Association's Royal Ten program, I consent to his/her travel to and stay in Kansas City on the dates mentioned above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Relationship w/candidate: _____

Candidate Consent

I have read the information provided, and I understand all of the eligibility requirements of the Royal Ten program. If I am chosen as a member of the Royal Ten program, I understand I will travel to and stay in Kansas City for Aug 13-14, and Oct. 1-4 or Oct. 21-14. (Members may also be asked to attend the American Royal Business Luncheon when date is available)

I also understand that payment of the scholarship money that I will be awarded if I am selected as a member of the Royal Ten is contingent on my attendance in Kansas City during these periods and upon my reasonable proof that I have satisfied the eligibility requirements set forth on Page 1 of this application.

I also understand I will make various appearances at the American Royal and at numerous other scheduled events while in Kansas City, all of which are intended to provide me an opportunity to advocate agriculture, leadership and the American Royal.

I agree to allow the American Royal to use my name, photograph, likeness, information I disclose during the Royal Ten application process and remarks I may make throughout the course of my involvement with the American Royal for any purpose the American Royal, its officers, agents, employees, successors, assigns, directors and volunteers reasonably deem consistent with the purposes of the American Royal. I further agree to hold harmless the American Royal, its agents, officers, employees, successors, assigns, directors and volunteers for such use.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Checklist

- _____ All questions are answered
- _____ All answers are typed
- _____ I have provided an e-mail address at which I will be able to receive electronic mail from now through August 2009
- _____ A copy of my most recent college transcript is included with this application
- _____ A copy of my resume is attached
- _____ The completed application is bound by single staple in the upper left corner. It is not bound in any other fashion or placed in any kind of folder or organizer.
- _____ All required consents are signed and dated
- _____ A copy of my completed application has been made and kept for my files
- _____ A photo for publicity purposes must be included (in a JPEG format) with application