

2026 Homecoming Banner Competition

Rules and Regulations

The purpose of the Homecoming Banner Competition is to encourage school spirit, creativity, and involvement across the campus community. Participants are encouraged to create an original banner that celebrates Homecoming at East Central University. To register for the banner competition, please use the link that was provided in the email sent by Lora Brown on September 22, 2026.

Creative humor and school-spirited competition are encouraged, but entries should remain respectful of the university community.

The competition is open to all recognized student organizations and residence life staff. Each organization or group may only submit **ONE (1)** banner.

2026 East Central University Homecoming Theme: "Spirit of Roary" (Halloween/Spooky)

Banner Requirements:

- Clearly identify the participating group/organization.
- Incorporate the 2026 Homecoming Theme.
- Have "ECU" or "East Central University" clearly displayed.
- All words, images, graphics, and designs must be appropriate for display.
- Designs must be original and created by the participating organization.
- Must be 66in X 96in (twin-sized flat sheet).

Prohibited Materials/Designs:

- Glitter that can easily detach or is not sealed down.
- Materials that create a safety hazard or that can fall off the banner.
- Offensive or derogatory language/imagery.
- Copyright images, logos, or artwork used without proper permission.

Submission:

Banners are due to the Office of Campus Involvement (Administration 150 and 151) by **October 16, 2026, at 12:00PM.** *No late submissions will be accepted.* The Office of Campus Involvement will be responsible for displaying the banners at the University Center for Homecoming Week.

If no one is available in the Office of Campus Involvement when you turn in your banner, please take your banner to Administration 160 to turn it in.

Participating groups/organizations may not move, alter, cover, or interfere with another groups banner. Doing so will result in disqualification.

Banner Collection:

Banners will be taken down by the Office of Campus Involvement on Monday, October 26, 2026, at 8:00AM, and will be available for pick up in Administration 150 beginning at 12:00PM.

If your organization chose to have your banner taken down early for use in the 2026 Homecoming Parade, the banner will be available for pick up beginning at 12:00PM on Friday, October 23, 2026.

Awards:

Results of the banner competition will be announced at the East Central University Homecoming football game on October 24, 2026. The results will also be sent via email to the campus community on October 26, 2026.

Participants who received awards will be able to pick up the awards on October 26, 2026, beginning at 12:00PM in Administration 151.

In the event of a tie for an award – the highest score in the Creativity and Originality category will break the tie.

If still tied – School Spirit

If still tied – Homecoming Theme

The following awards will be given:

1st Place – Best Overall Homecoming Banner

2nd Place

3rd Place

Best Craftsmanship

Most Creative

Disclaimer:

The Office of Campus Involvement reserves the right to remove or disqualify any banner that is deemed inappropriate for the 2026 Homecoming Banner Competition. The decision of the judges is final.

For any questions regarding the 2026 Homecoming Banner Competition, please contact Lora Brown at Lbrown@ecok.edu.