Bobcats Selections 2018-19 Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Can I apply for more than one Senior Honorary?** No. A large time commitment is required of Bobcats throughout the entire year, and we therefore you may apply to only ONE Senior Honorary. For instance, during the week of Homecoming, the Bobcat does little more than eat, sleep, and breathe Red and Blue. (Bear Down!)

2. **When was Bobcats founded?** Bobcats Senior Honorary was founded on February 22, 1922. The honorary was founded for the purpose of preserving the unity and welfare of the University of Arizona by always being alert to guide in the right direction.

3. **How many members are in Bobcats?** Each year there are 13 seniors in the honorary. Even though the group is small, we are connected to over 850 alumni Bobcats that we consistently interact with. It is an esteemed group of people that all have the same devotion to the U of A.

4. **What responsibilities are involved with being a Bobcat?** The two main responsibilities are planning Homecoming and the Evening of Excellence. Bobcats are in charge of Homecoming Queen Selections, Mall Events, Sponsorship, Bonfire, and the Parade for Homecoming each year. For the Evening of Excellence, Bobcats are in charge of creating a theme, finding a guest speaker, getting sponsorships, and planning the program for the whole evening. Beyond that, it is up to each Bobcat Class to serve the university in the way they see fit. Philanthropy work and being involved with the Bobcat Alumni group are also major parts of the organization. Bobcat alumni believe that one of our main responsibilities as Bobcat is to support the heritage and traditions of the University of Arizona. Bobcats is honored to have been challenged to assure the continuity and growth of the Heritage and Traditions class offered each semester at the University of Arizona.

5. **What is the time commitment to Bobcats?** Official activities take up an average of 4 – 5 hours per week with no set schedule. There is a mandatory attendance requirement every Friday night at 5pm for our meetings. Members of Bobcats should be prepared to spend as much time with the organization as possible and be free of any other major commitments. A Bobcat’s first loyalty is to the University of Arizona.

6. **Do I need to know a Bobcat to be accepted into the organization?** No, it is not necessary to know a person who is already in the honorary. Members of Bobcats are selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, university and community involvement, and a sincere commitment to the University of Arizona.

7. **What are the academic requirements to be accepted into the organization?** We prefer that each candidate has a 3.0 cumulative GPA, and candidates will not be considered with anything lower than a 2.5 cumulative GPA. An unofficial transcript will be requested with your application.

8. **Is it a requirement to be in a previous honorary?** No, it is not a requirement to be in a previous honorary. Bobcats are looking for any sort of university and community involvement that the applicant has been involved in.

9. **Are all Bobcat members in Greek organizations?** No.

10. **Can I apply as a 5th year senior?** Yes, as long as you have not previously applied to the organization.

11. **What are the financial obligations to be in Bobcats?** The only obligation that each Bobcat must invest in is the uniform, which costs approximately $120. Beyond that, other costs are for the AMAZING trips that are planned. All trips are optional but are a key part of the bonding process for the Bobcat Class.

12. **Can I graduate in December 2018 or study abroad one of the semesters of my senior year if I apply to Bobcats?** No, due to the nature of the work, the organization needs every single one of the 13 members to participate at all times. There is too much work and commitment to lose one of the members.