



Bogey, the McKendree University Mascot helps create excitement for and promotes the University as well as Bearcat Athletics at a variety of university events. Bogey is expected to work alone and with the cheer squad, dance team, and pep band to get the crowd involved, as well as to interact closely with fans at these events. The Mascot plays an important role in promoting Bearcat Athletics and building strong community relations. Mascot positions are awarded on an annual basis. The McKendree University mascot, administered by the Office of Campus Activities, is seeking qualified applicants for the 2009-2010 school year. Applicants should be:

- Leaders
- Spontaneous
- Entertainers
- Dedicated
- In good physical condition
- Disciplined
- Responsible
- Creative

If you meet these criteria and have a great love for McKendree University Bearcat Athletics and the University as a whole, then you are encouraged to apply. Mascot responsibilities and duties, as well as book stipends, are divided among all students serving as mascots. The maximum number of students serving as mascots will be three (3).

Appearances are made at **all varsity sporting events and several post season events which require travel**. Other appearances may be made for a variety of charity, University, and community events. Mascots are also required to attend cheer training session during the year (specifics yet to be determined).

### **How does the selection process work?**

After each candidate turns in an application for the position, a mascot selection committee will be formed, which consists of several McKendree students, faculty, and staff members who will review and score the applications. The application is worth 20% of the applicant's total score. Depending on the number of applicants, the committee will select no more than ten candidates with the highest scores to participate in a half-hour interview. The interview is worth 40% of the applicant's total score.

After the interview process, the top five candidates based on a combination of their interview and application scores will participate in a mascot try-out during a McKendree soccer or volleyball game. During the mascot try-out, the top four candidates will get to wear the Bogey mascot costume. Also during the try-out, members of the selection committee will evaluate the candidate's performance and interaction with the crowd. The try-out is worth 40% of the applicant's total score. The committee will then select the new Bogey mascots with the three highest scores based on the combination of their application, interview, and try-out scores. The 2 candidates with the next highest scores will be selected as the Bogey Mascot Alternates.

After fall 2009, this process will be started in the spring semester, with the tryout occurring at a basketball game.

The selected applicant in Fall 2009 will begin his/her term as Bogey at the first home football game in September (last home men's and women's basketball games once process is in normal cycle).

Between the time of selection and the selected game, the incoming Bogey will work with the current Bogey mascots using the currents as a mentor to learn about the role of the mascot and how to conduct him/her self as Bogey.

Mascot applicants MAY NOT engage in campaigning of any kind or medium. Applicants may not place their photographs, videos, sound bytes, etc. on the internet or any other public place while actively pursuing the position of Bogey. Applicants may not have a facebook, myspace, or any other website dedicated to their try-out; this includes not only self-created web pages but also web pages created by others.

If an applicant discovers such a site created on his/her behalf, he or she must immediately request the site be taken down and must inform the Director of Campus Activities. Applicants MAY NOT conduct any interviews, or talk to any media, this includes, but is not limited to, television, radio, and newspaper requests, without the expressed permission of the Office of Student Affairs.

Any violation of these provisions will result in appropriate disciplinary action, possibly including forfeiture from the try-outs, to be determined by the selection committee. Any questions or concerns regarding these no-campaigning clauses should be directed to the Director of Campus Activities.

Serving as Bogey, the McKendree University mascot affords you the following benefits:

- Employment through the Work Study program
- \$150 Annual Book Stipend per semester per mascot (limit 3 mascots)
- Team Bogey, Purple Pit, and/or McKendree Athletic Apparel
- Enhanced responsibility and pride by representing your University as its mascot

**Applications for mascot will be received in the Campus Activities Office until suitable candidates are chosen.**

## MASCOT APPLICATION

*Please Print*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Projected Major \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Shoe Size \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size(PLEASE CIRCLE): S M L XL XXL Waist Size: \_\_\_\_\_

- I. Serving as the McKendree University Mascot requires a considerable commitment of time, energy, and effort. This includes attendance at meetings, practice sessions – which may be held with our cheerleaders, a variety of Varsity Athletic sporting events, and other special events. Your signature below indicates that you understand the nature of this position and you are willing and able to make the commitment to the terms of the contract stated below.

**I certify I meet all of the following requirements:**

1. I will be a full-time undergraduate student (taking a minimum of 12 credits) at McKendree University for the entire 2009-2010 fall and spring semesters.
2. I currently have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA and do hereby release my academic transcripts to the Director of Campus Activities if requested.
3. I am in good standing with McKendree University and not on any type of academic or disciplinary probation.
4. I have no health or physical issues which would hamper my ability to perform as the McKendree University Mascot or which might cause performing as the McKendree University Mascot to be unsafe to my health.
5. I am covered by a personal medical insurance plan and a vehicle insurance plan.

**II. Furthermore, I understand:**

1. If selected, I agree to serve the McKendree University Mascot for the entire 2009-2010 academic year unless alternate arrangements are made with the Director of Campus Activities. The majority of appearances as the McKendree University Mascot will be during the school year, some break periods, on weekends, or in the evenings.
2. I am expected to participate in all required practice sessions, staff meetings, team projects, pep rallies, games, and all other school activities as designated by the Director of Campus Activities or Team Bogey Spirit Chair.
3. If funds are available, I may be required to attend a designated Mascot Camp to enhance my abilities as the McKendree mascot.
4. I must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.0.
5. I must maintain a campus email account and check it **daily**.
6. The physical demands of being the McKendree University Mascot require that I maintain an adequate level of physical fitness and that I may be required to pass a physical administered by a licensed physician off campus or on campus with the McKendree University Athletic Training Department approved physician. I must also be covered by personal medical insurance while I serve as the McKendree University Mascot (you will need to provide proof of insurance at the time of your physical).
7. Being the McKendree University Mascot is a major personal commitment of my non-academic time and cannot be placed secondary to any other non-academic activity. Furthermore, last minute appearances/events may typically arise in which the mascot must be present. (Schedule flexibility is a **MUST** year round.)

8. I must have a note from a family or school physician to be excused from any assigned function, unless approved in advance by the Director of Campus Activities. (If for any reason a Mascot is unable to attend a function they have committed to, he/she is responsible for finding another staff member to replace them.)
9. I will maintain a satisfactory level of performance throughout the entire year as prescribed by the Director of Campus Activities.
10. I am responsible for the care, cleaning, and upkeep of any mascot props.
11. The McKendree University Mascot plays an important role in the entire athletic department and its athletics programs and community. As such, I will always know I am an official representative of McKendree University, its students, faculty, staff, and alumni. I will always conduct myself in a manner to uphold the character, tradition, integrity, and spirit of McKendree University.
12. I will adhere to all NAIA rules pertaining to mascots.
13. Failure to adhere to any of the items within this contract will result in the suspension or dismissal from the McKendree University Mascot Program.

**IF SELECTED TO REPRESENT MCKENDREE UNIVERSITY AS THE MCKENDREE UNIVERSITY MASCOT, I WILL FULLY ADHERE TO THE CONTENTS OF THIS CONTRACT**

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SIGNATURE

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DATE

**III. Please address the following questions on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form:**

1. Why do you want to be Bogey, the McKendree University Mascot?
2. In your opinion, describe the role of the Mascot at sporting, student recruiting and community events. Give at least one example of how you would fulfill the role at a sporting event. Give at least one example of how you would fulfill the role at a community event.
3. What type of mascot or other relevant experience do you have that you feel would help you as the Mascot (i.e. high school mascot, leadership, tumbling, etc.)

**IV. In order to determine your eligibility we may need to confirm your cumulative GPA with McKendree University. Please indicate your consent by signing the statement below.**

**I permit the Office of Campus Activities, for the purpose of determining eligibility, to obtain my grade information from McKendree University.**

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Full name (printed)

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Signature

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Date

**Deliver completed application to:**  
 McKendree Office of Campus Activities  
 Lower Deneen Center – The Lair  
 701 College Road  
 Lebanon, IL 62254

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