

TCC After Dark: Costume Ball FAQs

Who can attend?

This event is open to all TCC students, faculty, and staff.

Is there a cost to attend?

No. Student Life events are free for TCC students.

Where is the event located?

Portsmouth Campus Student Center
120 Campus Drive
Portsmouth, VA 23701

Can I bring a guest?

Yes. Students may bring one guest ("+1"). Both the student and guest must present valid photo IDs to enter.

Is there an age restriction?

Guests must be 18 or older. The only exceptions are Dual Enrolled students and current TCC students. All guests must show a valid photo ID and sign in at the entrance.

Are certain items prohibited?

Yes. The following items are not permitted:

- Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs
- Glass bottles or aluminum cans
- Ice chests, coolers, or thermos containers
- Sticks or clubs
- Fireworks, firearms, or other weapons
- Bullhorns or noisemakers
- Confetti or balloons
- Animals, except certified service dogs
- Beach balls or other inflatables
- Outside food or beverages
- Skateboards or rollerblades
- Water bottles or mugs

Is there a bag policy?

- Bags must be clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC and may not exceed 16" x 16" x 8".
- Small non-clear clutch bags measuring 5" x 7" x ¾" or smaller are permitted, with or without a handle or strap.

What if I don't have my student ID yet?

Visit any of TCC's four Student Centers—Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, or Virginia Beach—before the event to receive your student ID at no cost if you have never had one.

ID Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Bring your student ID number and a valid photo ID. The process typically takes five minutes or less.

What should I wear?

Costumes are **strongly encouraged** but not required! Get creative, coordinate a group look, or come as you are. Whether you go all out or keep it casual, wear something that makes you comfortable and ready to have fun.

Can I wear a costume mask?

Costumes are encouraged, but **full-face masks are not permitted**. Costume accessories or masks that do not completely cover the face are welcome as long as your face remains visible for identification and safety purposes.

What should I expect at the event?

TCC After Dark: Costume Ball is an evening of music, food, activities, and dancing. Come ready to enjoy:

- Catered food and refreshments
- Live DJ and dancing
- Games and fall activities
- Photo opportunities
- Costume contest and prizes for **Best Dressed, Most Creative, and Best Group Look**

Come dressed up, bring your friends, and stay for as much—or as little—of the evening as you'd like.

Questions?

Email StudentEngagement@tcc.edu.