

America's Thanksgiving Parade® 2011

Marching Band Application

Haven't you always dreamed of being a part of the magic and tradition of America's Thanksgiving Parade® ...well now is your chance to shine! Each year hundreds of thousands of Parade spectators line historic Woodward Avenue Thanksgiving morning to watch the larger than life floats, colorful high flying balloons, thunderous marching bands and unique performance acts. We invite you to apply to be a part of the magic Thanksgiving morning!!



The Parade Company is seeking high school and collegiate marching bands to participate in the 2011 America's Thanksgiving Parade®! The Parade Selection Committee selects units based on their performance and quality of music as well as the band's overall presentation.

Applications must be completed in full to be considered for acceptance and must be submitted no later than Friday, July 15, 2011.

Upon reviewing applications, units will be notified of their status in writing no later than Friday, July 8, 2011. (Dates are subject to change). Selected units are responsible for all transportation, accommodations and all other expenses while in Detroit. Each unit is also encouraged to purchase a minimum ten (10) grandstand seats at \$15.00 each totaling \$150.00.



All commercial units may contact our sponsorship department for further information on participating in America's Thanksgiving Parade®. A unit is identified as commercial if the entry is a promotion of a commercial venture, or recognizes any other entity, organization or business other than itself.

America's Thanksgiving Parade® will step off at Woodward and Mack Avenue on Thursday, November 24, 2011 at 9:10am. The Parade Route is 1.5 miles of smiles along Woodward Avenue from Mack to Congress. The Parade is broadcast live and nationally syndicated throughout 74.5 million households.





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BASIC INFORMATION

Official Name of Unit: _____

School Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Unit Director Name: _____

Additional Mailing Address (If you do not have access to school mailing during the summer notification period)

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone (Home or Work): _____ Mobile: _____
Please Circle One

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Number of Transportation Vehicles
(These vehicles are not participating in the Parade; they are solely for transportation of performers to and from the route).

Number of Buses _____

Number of Trucks _____

Number of Vans _____

Number of Cars _____

Number of Instruments _____

Number of Guards _____

Number of Drum Majors _____

Number of Chaperones (max 5) _____

Number of Directors (max 2) _____

TOTAL _____

Age Range of Performers: _____

Are there any other individuals that are not accounted for above? If so, explain.

Unit Length: _____ Unit Width: _____ Unit Height: _____

NOTE: All performers must be able to maintain a consistent forward movement during the Parade of approximately four (4) feet per second. Units are not permitted to stop and perform along the route while the Parade is in motion. The route is approximately 1.5 miles long.

CHAPERONE POLICY

The Parade Company allows one (1) non director chaperone per 50 students, maximum five (5) non director chaperones total. Each chaperone must be in matching marching band | high school branded apparel, which must be approved by The Parade Company. Prior to the Parade, the chaperones names should be submitted to The Parade Company staff for proper credentialing during the Parade.

BANNER POLICY

The Parade Company does not permit the use of outside banners or banner carriers. The Parade Company may provide recognition of the group via Parade Company produced signage and will work with group director on proper copy.

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

Please provide a recognizable list of traditional, upbeat and nostalgic classics that the marching band is confident playing. The Parade Company will review song selection and approve one (1) to two (2) song(s) for your Parade appearance.

You may attach a separate piece of paper with additional songs.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

TELEVISION COMMENTARY

Each unit can provide information on your appearance for the use of on air commentary. However, it is the discretion of The Parade Company and our media partners as to which information is chosen. Please provide the following information in regards to your unit's appearance.

Official Name of Unit: _____

Location & Purpose of Organization: _____





Years of participation in the Parade along with specific years and awards received:

Number of hours involved in preparation of the unit: _____

Please list five (5) major points of interest about your unit. Including the most entertaining and exciting features of the performance.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED INFORMATION
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Your application is considered complete with the submission of the following:

- One recent color photo of unit in uniform
- One recent DVD | VHS of a performance by your unit

Please label all items with your unit name.

Application is not guarantee of acceptance. Once approved, any changes to the unit's appearance must be pre-approved by The Parade Company. Failure to secure prior approval will result in the removal of the changes or the entire unit from the Parade route.

The participant is responsible for ensuring that the use of any theme does not violate the copyright, service mark, trademark or intellectual property of others.

I have read all the information above and I fully understand the terms of the application process.

Signature

Date

Please mail completed application to the following:

The Parade Company
Parade Selection Committee
9500 Mt. Elliott | Studio A
Detroit, MI 48211