



Saturday, December 2, 5:00 pm
2023 Rules & Application

2023 Main Street Laurens Parade Theme:
“A Hometown Christmas”

To provide a safe and well-organized parade, Main Street Laurens has set forth and strictly adheres to the following rules:

GENERAL RULES:

- **No entry may feature a live or life-size Santa Claus.**
- All participants (unit members, escorts, staff, etc.) must be in some type of uniform, holiday dress or color coordinated attire.
- All entries **MUST** include holiday lighting.
- It is unlawful to throw **ANYTHING** from any moving entry, including candy. This rule must and will be enforced for the safety of small children who might be tempted run out into the street. Any participant caught throwing candy from their entry will be immediately removed from the parade and disqualified. **NOTE:** You may have walkers with your float to hand out candy, items etc. to parade attendees, but please do not throw anything.
- No one is allowed on or off moving floats. Staff or escort changes should only be made when your float has come to a complete stop.
- Each float is requested to have a walking crew of at least 4 persons to walk at curbside.
- No ATV's, mopeds, or tractor trailers will be allowed.
- Any child participating in the parade must be supervised by an adult who will assume the responsibility for the safety and well-being of that child. Due to the length of the parade route, children walking in the parade must be 6 years of age or older.
- All music **MUST BE** holiday themed and family friendly.

PARADE LINE-UP

- Entry numbers will be assigned one week before the parade. The contact person will be notified and it will be their responsibility to pass on the line-up information to the participants with their entry.
- Entry numbers must be visible on the driver's side of each entry for judging.
- Vehicles pulling floats **MUST** be at assigned number at the parade site by 4:00 PM. Walking units and riders of floats should assemble at assigned numbers **NO LATER THAN 4:30PM.**
- The parade will start promptly at 5PM.

VEHICLES

- All vehicles must be decorated and lighted with holiday lights. **INSIDE DOME LIGHTS AND HEADLIGHTS ARE NOT ENOUGH.**

- Tractors are encouraged as part of the parade, but must be lit with holiday lights and or themed to the parade theme.
- All motorized vehicles must be operated by a licensed driver 18 years of age or older.

BANDS, PERFORMING GROUPS, WALKERS & MARCHING UNITS

- All walkers must be in uniform, holiday dress or color coordinated attire. The dress for walkers, staff or escorts should coordinate with the individual float theme which should be in accordance with the overall parade theme.
- Walking units not associated with a float must carry a banner/sign with their organization name at the front of their unit.
- Entries must maintain a consistent speed to avoid gaps & prevent accidents. Performances are limited to 45 seconds.
- Stationary performances are only allowed for the judges. All other performing should be conducted while moving in a forward motion.

FLOATS

- Floats must be a fully decorated trailer, flatbed truck, or other platform on wheels that is self-propelled or pulled by a tow vehicle. All floats **MUST INCLUDE** skirting and be decorated in accordance with the overall theme of the parade.
- Floats must not exceed a height of 14 feet.
- The parade is a **NIGHT PARADE**, so each entry **MUST HAVE** bright lighting to participate. This does not include headlights or dome lights.
- All floats must display a sign/banner with their organization name on **BOTH** sides of the entry.
- Adult supervision is required for any riders under 13 years of age.

AWARDS

- A cash prize of \$150 and a trophy will be awarded to:
 - Spirit of Christmas Award (Overall Winner)
- Trophies will be awarded in each of the following categories. (1 winner per category)
 - Commercial Business
 - Non-profit/Religious/Government/Schools
 - Performing Groups (dance groups, cheerleaders, school marching bands, etc.)

NOTE: Unless otherwise determined, you will be scored in the category selected on your application. Please select only ONE category

Online Registration is preferred at www.mainstreetlaurens.org

OR, Mail Application and Entry Fee to:

Main Street Laurens
PO Box 1736
Laurens, SC 29360

Parade Entry Fee: \$15 (If received by Nov. 21)

Late Entry Fee: \$25

Last Day to register is November 28 at noon. All entries must be received by this date.

****In the event of inclement weather, a rain date of Sunday, December 4 at 5PM
NO REFUNDS FOR WEATHER DELAY OR CANCELLATION**

2023 Main Street Laurens Christmas Parade Application

THEME: A Hometown Christmas

Details posted on website: www.mainstreetlaurens.org

It is YOUR responsibility to inform all members of your group of your official entry name, number, line-up instructions, pick-up instructions and rules.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Organization/Participant: _____

Type of Entry (walkers, float, band, etc.): _____

Size & Length of entry (include car & trailer): _____

Walkers: Yes or No If Yes, how many? _____

Horses: Yes or No If Yes, How many? _____

Circle One:

1) Commercial

2) Nonprofit/Religious/Government/Schools

3) Performing Group/Marching Bands

BECAUSE THIS IS A NIGHTTIME PARADE, ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE BRIGHT HOLIDAY LIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE!

Contact Person: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

For safety reasons, candy and/or any other items are NOT PERMITTED TO BE THROWN. Candy and/or other items MUST be HANDED out by walking crew. Throwing of candy WILL result in the removal of the entry from the parade and future parades!!!

CHRISTMAS PARADE RELEASE of LIABILITY

My signature below indicates that I have read, understand, and will abide by all of the rules governing the Main Street Laurens Christmas Parade. I further understand that any violation of the rules before or during the parade will result in the removal of my unit from the parade.

I/we understand that I am participating in the Main Street Laurens Christmas Parade of my own free will. I understand that I am responsible for my actions before, during and after the Laurens Christmas Parade. My signature below indicates that I hereby release the City of Laurens, Main Street Laurens USA, or any other volunteer/sponsor involved in the parade from being held liable for my participation or actions. I further give unrestricted permission for my image to be used in print, video, and digital media by Main Street Laurens or any local media outlet for a variety of purposes and that these images may be used without further notifying me.

I/WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A NIGHT PARADE AND ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS INCORPORATED. HEADLIGHTS ARE NOT ENOUGH!!! FOR QUESTIONS OR IDEAS ABOUT LIGHTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE MSL OFFICE.

Responsible Party Signature: _____ Date: _____