

## Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival

# Parade Application

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ State/ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Day of Parade Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of Entry (Circle Preferred Choice)

Float    Band/Marching Unit    Emergency Vehicle    Antique/ Classic Car    Tractor    Horse

Other (Please Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Units/ Vehicles in Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of individual Operating Vehicle (Must be Licensed): \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a description of your entry (this will be used when announcing your entry): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(By affixing your signature, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to abide by the Conditions of Parade Participation set forth by the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival included on the back of this form)

Please email, mail, or drop off application to:

Appomattox Outdoor Equipment  
252 Old Courthouse Road  
Appomattox VA, 24522

AppomattoxRailroadFestival@gmail.com





The Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival would like to invite you to participate in this year's parade celebrating the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival. The parade will take place on Saturday, October 10, 2026 and begin at 9:30 am at Appomattox Elementary School (176 Kids Pl, Appomattox, VA 24522). The parade will travel through downtown Appomattox and end back at AES. The parade route is approximately 2 miles long.

Participants are asked to decorate their entry. All entries are subject for judging.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the top 3 Most Creative Floats.

There is no fee to participate; however, a parade application must be completed and returned to the festival committee by October 1, 2026. Applications can be mailed, scanned, completed on our website, or dropped off at Appomattox Outdoor Equipment (252 Old Courthouse Road, Appomattox VA, 24522).

Applicants can start arriving at AES at 7:30am and arrive no later than 9:15am. When you arrive, you will be assigned a number and directed to your assigned location.

Below you will find the Conditions of Parade Participation.

#### Conditions of Parade Participation

- (1) The participating organization shall indemnify and hold harmless the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival from all claims for injury to or the death of any person and for damage to or the loss of any property arising out of or attributed directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to the participation of the organization and its member participants in the parade.
- (2) Participants shall follow all instructions of the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival, or their designees, including law enforcement officers, to ensure the parade takes place in an orderly fashion which does not endanger the health or safety of participants or spectators.
- (3) The individual(s) listed as operators of the float and/or motorized vehicles, who are licensed driver(s), shall be the only person(s) operating the float/vehicle. Operators shall obey all traffic laws and, in addition, shall not exceed a speed of 5 miles per hour or the maximum safe speed for the conditions, whichever is less, during the parade. Floats are subject to inspection and approval of the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival, or their designees, including law enforcement officers, who may remove a float from participation in the parade upon a determination that the operation, design or construction of the float constitutes a hazard to the health or safety of participants or spectators.
- (4) Participants shall not throw candy or any other items from the vehicles into the crowd, as this may create a risk of injury to spectators. If participants wish to distribute candy or other items, they shall hand the items directly to spectators. Participants shall not commit any acts that endanger the health or safety of participants or spectators. The Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival, or their designees, including law enforcement officers, may remove a participant or his/her organization from participating in the parade upon a determination that such participation constitutes or will constitute a hazard to the health or safety of participants or spectators.
- (5) Only those individuals listed on the parade application shall be permitted to participate in the parade. No other participants shall take part in the parade without approval, in writing, by the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival, or their designee prior to the beginning of the parade.
- (6) All horse entries shall provide their own equipment to clean up after their horse(s) before and after the parade. Any horse and/or rider that CAN NOT control their horse during the parade route will be asked to exit the parade.
- (7) All entries with children participating SHALL HAVE ADEQUATE ADULT SUPERVISION, as determined by the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival, or their designee.
- (8) Elected officials and candidates for political office (collectively "politicians") are permitted to participate in the parade. However, politicians shall not display campaign signage during the parade except on the vehicle in which the politician is riding. Each politician participating shall be limited to one vehicle in the parade.
- (9) By his/her signature on the parade application form, the representative agrees to ensure that all participants in his/her organization comply with the conditions of parade participation listed above and, with proper lawful authority, binds his/her organization to such conditions.