



Ontario Celebrates America's Independence



Parade Application Monday, July 4, 2016



ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

ONLY ONE CATEGORY PER APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED

Organization Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Alternate Contact: _____ Phone: _____

SCRIPT/DESCRIPTION FOR ANNOUNCER

Please provide the following information for a script that may be read by our Parade Announcer on the day of the event.

EXAMPLE: "THE ABC SERVICE ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN A PROUD PARTICIPANT IN THE ONTARIO FOURTH OF JULY PARADE FOR 45 YEARS. THEY HELP THE COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING FOOD AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO THE HOMELESS. THIS YEAR, THEIR WALKING GROUP IS WEARING HAND MADE SCARVES COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ONTARIO. FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS, THEY HAVE WON THE JUDGE'S CHOICE AWARD. BOARD MEMBERS INCLUDE: JOHN SMITH, PRESIDENT, BOBBY WALKER, VICE PRESIDENT AND SUZIE CUE AS TREASURER."

Please provide your script/description of your organization/entry below: *(Please attach additional sheet if necessary)*

Early Bird Registration.....Now through April 1, 2016

- \$15.00 Entry Fee Single Vehicle (Automobile/Small Pick-Up Truck)
- \$20.00 Entry Fee Youth, Community, Church or School Organizations
- \$25.00 Entry Fee Businesses

Regular Registration.....From April 4, 2016 through May 6, 2016

- \$25.00 Entry Fee Single Vehicle (Automobile/Small Pick-Up Truck)
- \$30.00 Entry Fee Youth, Community, Church or School Organizations
- \$50.00 Entry Fee Businesses

-WAIVER-

The undersigned parade participant hereby assumes all risk of loss, damage or injury, by reason of participation in this event, and releases the City of Ontario, its agents, employees and otherwise from any and all claims, and agrees to indemnify the City of Ontario against claims for such loss, damage or injury sustained by the undersigned. I have read and understand the rules & requirements for the Ontario Independence Parade and agree to abide by them at all times. I understand that I am responsible for the conduct of all participants in this entry.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PLEASE PRINT NAME _____

Return this signed application to the Armstrong Center, 1265 S. Palmetto Ave, Ontario, 91762

Applications must be signed by an authorized representative at least 18 years of age. Submission of application DOES NOT constitute acceptance.

Amount Paid \$ _____ Receipt # _____ Staff Initials: _____ Other: _____

FLOAT CATEGORY	Music (Y or N)	# Vehicles	# Walkers
* Flat/Stake Bed Truck	Y N		
* Truck/Trailer Combination	Y N		
* Military Float	Y N		
* Military Float with Vehicles	Y N		
* School Bus	Y N		
Description of Entry:			
Entries are limited up to 20 walkers. Entries are limited to 1 banner/1 organization.			

VEHICLES - In order for your entry to be considered, you MUST submit a completed application including photos and completed script. VEHICLES WITHOUT PHOTOS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE PARADE.

VEHICLE CATEGORY	Make	Model	Music (Y or N)	# Vehicles	# Walkers
*Single Vehicle/Small Pick Up Truck (Ex: Ford Ranger Truck)			Y N		
* Multiple Vehicles/Car Clubs			Y N		
* Bicycles/Scooters/Strollers			Y N		
Description of Entry:					
Entries are limited up to 15 vehicles, up to 20 walkers, up to 20 bicycles, scooters or strollers. Entries are limited to 1 banner/1 organization.					

WALKING GROUP CATEGORY	Music (Y or N)	Vehicle (Y or N)	# Walkers
* Marching Groups Up to 100 walkers	Y N	Y N	
* Community/Church/Youth Org's Up to 50 Walkers	Y N	Y N	
* Bicycles/Scooters/Strollers/Carts	Y N	Y N	
Description of Entry:			
Entries are limited up to 20 bicycles, scooters, strollers or carts. Entries are limited to 1 banner/1 organization.			

LARGE VEHICLE CATEGORY	Music (Y or N)	# Vehicles	# Walkers
* City Vehicles-Solid Waste, Police, Fire	Y N		
* Large Passenger Van/Truck/Bus (Not a School Bus)	Y N		
* Tractors	Y N		
* Large Military Vehicles (Not a Float)	Y N		
Description of Entry:			
Entries are limited up to 20 walkers. Entries are limited to 1 banner/1 organization.			

EQUESTRIAN CATEGORY	Music (Y or N)	# Horses	# Walkers
* Horses with Single Rider	Y N		
* Horses with Carriage	Y N		
Description of Entry:			
Entries are limited up to 20 walkers. Entries are limited to 1 banner/1 organization. Groups must provide their own clean-up crew.			

MARCHING BANDS	Parade Vehicle (Y or N)	# Buses	# Equipment Trailer/Trucks
* Under 75 Participants	Y N		
* Over 75 Participants	Y N		
Description of Entry:			
Entries may have 1 support vehicle. Entries are limited to 1 banner/1 organization.			



PARADE INFORMATION and Guidelines

Please read all instructions, including the additional guidelines attached

Applicants are encouraged to use their imagination to help make the parade an exciting patriotic experience for all of the spectators. Costumes and colorful decorations, along with enthusiastic participants, help set the patriotic mood of the parade. The City of Ontario reserves the right to make any necessary modifications to entries to ensure the safety and success of the Parade. All entries should be decorated prior to check-in and staging. Only approved entries may enter the staging area. All entries are limited to (1) banner representing (1) organization.



FLOATS— Entry is limited up to 20 walkers

Consist of flat bed trucks, low trailer, stake bed truck or professionally built chassis or other large vehicles such as military vehicles. A standard pickup truck is not considered a float. Signage should include name of the group or organization or sponsor in addition to any wording that pertains to the parade theme. The parade theme needs to be carried out throughout the entry. **Floats must be completely decorated before checking in and arriving to the staging area. All floats wishing to be judged must be staged no later than 7 a.m.**



VEHICLES – Entry is limited up to 15 vehicles and up to 20 walkers

Trailers are counted as a vehicle. More than one entry per organization is not permitted. Entries with multiple vehicles will need to check-in together. Vehicle entries consist of one or more cars, small trucks, and specialty or historical vehicles. Motorized scooters or golf carts must meet the approval of the parade committee. Vehicles included with a walking group must check-in at the vehicle check-in area. All vehicles included with a walking group must be decorated.



LARGE VEHICLES – Entry is limited up to 20 walkers

Consist of large city vehicles-Solid Waste/Fire Trucks, large passenger vans or trucks, tractors and large military vehicles (not a float).



WALKING GROUPS – Marching Groups are limited up to 100 walkers. Community, Church, School and Youth organizations are limited up to 50 walkers

All participants need to meet at a designated area before entering the staging area. A limit of 1 support vehicle to assist with special needs is allowed per group which must be checked-in at the vehicle check in area. Example: seniors, disabled, children and music. Vehicles must be decorated. Minors must have a responsible adult with them at all times. All walkers must be able to keep up with the flow of the parade and not create gaps this includes young children walking or riding a bike or tricycle.



EQUESTRIAN GROUPS— Entry is limited up to 20 walkers

Horse and rider must have prior parade experience. **All youth riders must wear a helmet.** Riders must have control of their horse at all times. Equestrian groups must clean up after their horses in the staging area. Youth riders must be accompanied by an adult in the staging area, parade route and disbanding. **Each equestrian entry must provide a volunteer(s) and equipment to follow the entry along the route for clean-up duty.**



BUSINESSES

Any entry that represents a business excluding non-profit is considered a business entry. All business entries need to be decorated adhering to the theme of the parade. Undecorated business vehicles will not be allowed to participate. Mobile billboards are not allowed.



MARCHING BANDS

Bands may dress in either a formal or Summer uniform, depending on weather conditions. Summer uniforms must be in good taste and consistent from one band member to another. **Absolutely no cut-offs or jeans.** Bands in full dress will receive a \$100 bonus. All bands will receive a participation fee based upon compliance with all rules and regulations **and** the number of band members (including drill team, color guard &/or tall flags). The fees paid are as follows: **\$600** for **75** or more marching members, **\$400** for **74** or fewer marching members. In order to receive payment in full, an invoice must be submitted with the band's tax I.D. # or S.S.# if the check is to be made payable to the band director **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2016.**

Reasonable transportation fees will be paid for all bands. To receive reimbursement for transportation, you must submit an original copy of the bus company's invoice **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2016.**

Bands may not measure-off or stop to perform. Forward motion must be maintained for the entire parade route to the band disbanding area. Bands must follow direction of parade staff and march down the parade route. Participants agree to abide by all the rules & requirements indicated on the parade application or by direction of parade officials. Failure to do so may result in the withholding or reduction of the participation fees as determined by the City of Ontario.

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FLOAT AWARDS

All judging will be done by a committee of community members. Floats will be judged on the morning of the Parade beginning at 7:00am. Float trophies & banners will be presented prior to the start of the parade. Floats receiving a trophy will be required to carry the provided banner announcing their award. Please turn in all award banners to staff in the disbanding area. All Float award winners will be recognized at the July Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting held on Monday, July 25, 2016 in the Council Chambers (303 E. B Street).

- ★ **Sweepstakes Award.....Best Overall Entry**
- ★ **All-States Award.....Best Theme Entry**
- ★ **Community Service Award.....Best Service Club Entry**
- ★ **Youth Expression Award.....Best Youth Group Entry**
- ★ **Chaffey Heritage Award.....Best Historical Entry**
- ★ **Judge’s Choice Award.....Best Non-Category Entry**
- ★ **Red, White & Blue Award.....Most Patriotic Entry**



GENERAL AWARDS

Parade entries will be judged for additional awards by a committee of community members as they proceed down the parade route. General Award Recipients will be notified approximately one week following the parade. Winners will receive their trophies at the July Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting held on Monday, July 25, 2016 in the Council Chambers (303 E. B Street).

- ★ **Showmanship Award.....Overall Best Performance**
- ★ **Additional Award Categories will be formed based upon the number and type of entries received by the deadline. A sample of possible categories include: Equestrian, Musical, Marching Group, Historical Vehicle, Novelty, etc.**

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