

**CITY OF MCALLEN 88TH ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE  
MONDAY, JULY 4TH, 2016 AT 9:00 A.M.**

**PLEASE REVIEW THE PARADE REGULATIONS THEN COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS APPLICATION AND THE WAIVER FORM IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MCALLEN INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE. APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL TO BE CONSIDERED AND MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN JUNE 24, 2016.**

**PARADE ENTRY INFORMATION**

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

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate the type of parade entry. (Check all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Antique Vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Marching/Walking Unit | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Color Guard  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Float           | <input type="checkbox"/> Horses/Animals        | <input type="checkbox"/> Band         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Indicate number of actual units in your entry. \_\_\_\_\_ (Example: Number of cars, floats, walkers, etc.)

**NO MORE THAN 5 VEHICLE UNITS ALLOWED PER ENTRY**

DESCRIBE HOW YOUR ENTRY WILL BE DECORATED (PLEASE INCLUDE MAJOR THEME, CHARACTERS, COLORS, PARTICIPANTS ON FLOAT, ETC.)

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DESCRIBE ANY SOUND AMPLIFICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

MEDIA INFORMATION: PLEASE PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU WOULD LIKE THE COMMENTATORS TO HIGHLIGHT, INCLUDING RECENT HONORS, LOCAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS PARTICIPATED IN, UNIQUE FUNDRAISERS, SPECIAL SCHOOL PROJECTS, EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, ETC. ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGE IF NEEDED.

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PLEASE LIST THREE (3) MAJOR POINTS OF INTEREST ABOUT YOUR UNIT. INCLUDING THE MOST ENTERTAINING AND EXCITING INFORMATION.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

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**IDEMNITY:** PARTICIPANTS SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY OF MCALLEN, ITS MAYOR, CITY COMMISSIONERS, ATTORNEYS, AFFILIATES, BRANCHES, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS AND AGENTS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF WHATEVER KIND OR NATURE, EITHER IN LAW OR IN EQUITY, WHICH ARISE OR MAY HEREAFTER ARISE FROM THEIR PARTICIPATION WITH THE McALLEN INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE. PARTICIPANTS UNDERSTAND AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY DISCHARGES THE CITY OF MCALLEN, ITS MAYOR, CITY COMMISSIONERS, ATTORNEYS, AFFILIATES, BRANCHES, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS AND AGENTS (HEREINAFTER COLLECTIVELY, THE "CITY") FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIM THAT THEY MAY HAVE AGAINST THE CITY WITH RESPECT TO ANY ECONOMIC OR NON-ECONOMIC LOSSES, LIABILITIES, DAMAGES, SUITS, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, ATTORNEY'S FEES, COSTS, EXPENSES, OR DEMANDS, RELATING IN ANY WAY TO BODILY INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT MAY RESULT FROM THEIR PARTICIPATION WITH ANY M, WHETHER CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE, GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR STRICT LIABILITY OF THE CITY, OR OTHERWISE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. PARTICIPANTS ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE CITY DOES NOT ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR OR OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR OTHER ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO MEDICAL, HEALTH, OR DISABILITY INSURANCE, IN THE EVENT OF INJURY, ILLNESS, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE:** PARTICIPANTS GRANT AND CONVEY UNTO THE CITY OF MCALLEN, MCALLEN CABLE NETWORK - CHANNEL 12, AND/ OR THE MCALLEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ALL RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST IN ANY AND ALL PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES AND VIDEO OR AUDIO RECORDINGS MADE BY CITY OF MCALLEN, MCALLEN CABLE NETWORK – CHANNEL 12, AND/ OR THE MCALLEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND SUCH IMAGES AND RECORDINGS MAY BE USED FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES BY THE CITY OF MCALLEN AND MCALLEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

*I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ALL POLICIES OF THE MCALLEN INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE. I UNDERSTAND THAT NON-COMPLIANCE WILL FORFEIT OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE CURRENT AND FUTURE PARADES. I UNDERSTAND THAT SUBMISSION OF THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE IN THE PARADE. APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A SIGNATURE.*

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY FEES:**

Non-Profit/Civic Organizations	FREE
Pageant Entries	\$50
Commercial/Business Entries	\$50

**FORMS OF PAYMENT ACCEPTED:**

Cash  
Credit/Debit Card (Visa & Mastercard)  
Check – Make payable to City of McAllen

**ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016 AT 5 P.M.**

McAllen Parks and Recreation Department  
In Person: 1000 S. Ware Rd.  
By Mail: P.O. Box 220 McAllen, TX 78505  
Via Fax: (956) 681-3300

*(OFFICE USE ONLY) DATE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIPT #: \_\_\_\_\_*

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1. **ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016 AT 5:00 P.M.**  
Only registered entries will be allowed to participate in the parade. For the safety of all participants and spectators, parade officials may limit the number of entries allowed and may close registration early.
2. **ENTRY FORMS:** Please complete entry forms in their entirety. Provide a detailed description of your float and organization on the space provided on the entry form. If additional space is needed please attach a separate page with the form. This information will be used for publicity purposes by the announcers for the McAllen Cable Network (MCN) and at the Archer Park review stand.
3. **MANDATORY MEETING:** A representative from each entry must attend a mandatory parade meeting on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at the McAllen Main Library from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. with parade officials to review all parade policies. **FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN REMOVAL OF THE PARADE.**
4. **PARADE TIME:** The parade will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will finish at approximately 10:30 a.m. In the event of any weather situation that results in cancellation of the parade, please note the parade will not be re-scheduled.
5. **LINE-UP:** All parade entries are requested to be at the **STAGING AREA** no later than **7:30 a.m.** Parade numbers will be assigned upon check-in at the parking lot. Parade monitors will be on hand to direct all entries to their assigned locations. Vehicles must remain in assigned location until start of parade. **ONLY VEHICLES THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTUAL PARADE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE LINE-UP & STAGING AREAS.**
6. **THEME:** All entries must be thoroughly decorated in accordance with the American patriotic spirit. **FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN REMOVAL OF THE PARADE.**
7. **POLITICAL ENTRIES:** Political candidates running for an elected official position are not allowed. Current elected officials are invited and encouraged to participate.
8. **COMMERCIAL ENTRIES:** Commercial/Business participants will ONLY be accepted if the entry conforms to and is decorated in accordance with the theme of the parade. **FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN REMOVAL OF THE PARADE.**
9. **PAGEANT ENTRIES:** Pageant participants must be on floats. Each pageant is allowed one float that should include all title holders. Title holders are not allowed individual floats. **NO INDIVIDUAL CARS WILL BE PERMITTED FOR PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS.**
10. **HANDOUTS: ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IS ALLOWED TO BE HANDED OUT, THROWN FROM OR DISTRIBUTED IN ANY MANNER FROM ANY FLOAT OR MARCHING ENTRY WHILE ON THE PARADE ROUTE. THIS INCLUDES CANDY, PROMOTIONAL ITEMS, FLYERS, ETC. FAILURE OF PARADE PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR SUPPORT PERSONNEL TO COMPLY WITH OFFICIAL PARADE GUIDELINES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE PARADE AND WILL JEOPARDIZE FUTURE PARTICIPATION.**
11. **DISASSEMBLE:** The parade ends at the intersection of Date Palm and Main Streets. Entries will disperse from Main Street at the intersections of Ebony or Fir.
12. **PERFORMANCE:** No stopped performances are allowed. There will be no limit on the number of performances you do while moving at regular parade speed.

13. **VEHICLES:** Individual vehicles are not eligible to participate, with the exception of antique/historic vehicles, military vehicles, car clubs and sponsors. Car club groups are limited to five entries maximum. Hot-Rods, race cars, motorcycles, etc. will not be allowed to REV their engines, do burn outs or conduct tricks/wheelies while in the parade. ***ENTRIES FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THIS POLICY WILL BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY FROM THE PARADE ROUTE BY THE MCALLEN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MAY BE SUBSEQUENTLY NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE PARADES.***
14. **FLOATS:** For safety purposes, participants must ride on the inside of the float. No one is to sit on the edge of the float trailers with their feet dangling over the side. Floats/entries with potential fire hazards must provide suitable fire extinguishing equipment.
15. Other than certified Law Enforcement Officers, no one may possess live ammunition while in the parade.
16. Parade Officials will inspect all entries before the parade begins. Entries not complying with the rules or judged not in good taste will be removed from the line-up.
17. Two parade marshals will be stationed along Main Street and will keep the parade moving at an enjoyable speed and a uniformed distance of two car lengths between entries.

**PARADE LINE-UP & STAGING AREA:**

- Floats & Vehicles: TBA
- Walking Groups: Parking lot south of McAllen City Hall
- Horses: Old Sam Houston Elementary parking lot.

**JUDGING**

All parade entries will be eligible to compete for trophies and/or prizes. There will be one overall parade excellence category. Judges will begin reviewing competitive entries prior to the beginning of the parade in the line-up area beginning at 8:00 a.m. Entries arriving later than 8:00 a.m. will not be judged. In the event of a tie, judges will decide tie-breaker. All decisions are final. Winners will be announced on the review stand during the parade.

The judging criteria are as follows:

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| • Adherence to Parade theme | 1-35 points |
| • Overall Appearance        | 1-23 points |
| • Creativity                | 1-21 points |
| • Workmanship               | 1-21 points |

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TOTAL Possible points	100 points
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**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL ENTRIES ADHERE TO THE PARADE RULES.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (956) 681-3333.**