



68th CHARLOTTESVILLE DOGWOOD FESTIVAL

PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The parade is rain or shine. In case of extreme weather, please listen to local media stations for updates and cancellations.
2. All applications must be signed, dated and turned in by the deadline. Applications that are received after the deadline that are accepted will be placed at the end of the parade line up.
3. The Dogwood Parade is a forward moving parade. All entrants are expected to keep up with parade pace during the parade. If you have a routine, you must be able to perform it while moving. **DO NOT STOP TO PERFORM**. Entrants should maintain an average distance 75 - 100 feet from the entrant in front of them.
4. Parade entries need to have a level of entertainment that appeals to a general audience watching the parade. Floats add to the entertainment appeal level and should be highly considered by all applicants. The Charlottesville Dogwood Festival will only approve applications for entry into the parade that meet or exceed the level of entertainment necessary. The entertainment value can be obtained in many different ways. Please include a photo, sketch, or very detailed description of your entry along with your application.
5. Parade line up will be posted on our website after April 1. The parade will be divided into three sections for the purpose of lining up. Section A will line-up from 8:00-8:30am, Section B will line up from 8:30-9:00am, and Section C will line up from 9:00-9:30am. Entrants should enter from the 250 Bypass end of McIntire Rd. Please pay close attention to your assigned section and arrive on time. The parade line-up order will be posted on our website the week of the parade. Please visit the website (www.charlottesvilledogwoodfestival.org) to find out your position number and section.
6. Entries may not under any circumstances throw, dispense, hand out, or give away any items from a vehicle or float while on the parade route. Any entry dispensing or handing out items **must do so on foot**. Any entry that is witnessed violating this rule will be removed from the parade route and from participating in any future Dogwood Parades.
7. Amplified music must be played at a level that does not interfere with the entry in front or behind. Music shall be family friendly and shall not contain overly suggestive lyrics. Music selections shall not contain explicit lyrics.
8. Motor vehicles shall not race or rev engines. Motor vehicles shall not spin tires. Failure to follow these safety rules will result in immediate removal from the parade route and charges for violation of local ordinances and state code.
9. All vehicles participating in the parade or pulling floats must be covered by liability insurance and must be free of any safety defects.
10. The Charlottesville Dogwood Festival reserves the right to reject any application that does not fit the needs of the parade or that it deems to be offensive to a general audience. Parade entries must obey all Ordinances of City of Charlottesville and laws of Virginia. Any unit deemed on parade day by parade officials to be substantially different from the description on its application or to display behavior, signage, or dress offensively to a general audience may be denied entry into the parade or be removed from the line of march and barred from participating in future parades.
11. There are two judging zones along the parade route. Judging Zone 1 is located on McIntire Road, in front of the County Office Building, at the very beginning of the parade. Judging Zone 2 is located on Market Street, between 4th Street & 6th Street. Judging Zone 2 is also the live broadcast television zone for NBC29. Award categories are: Best Float, and Dogwood Spirit. **DO NOT STOP TO PERFORM IN THE JUDGING ZONES** or anywhere along the parade route.

