



**APPLICATION FOR ENTRY IN THE 85th GRAND STREET
PARADE SATURDAY May 27, 2017**

Parade Entry/Application Deadline is May 14, 2017

Late entries will be added to the back of the parade in the order of receipt.

Floats & vehicles LINE UP on CORNWALLIS RIVER CROSSING starting at 9:30 am. Judging starts at 10:30 am sharp! Entries that are not ready by 10:30 am will not be judged.

Walkers & Marchers LINE UP at RESEARCH STATION 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Parade START TIME - 1:00 P.M.

1. ENTRY INFORMATION (please print)

NAME OF ENTRY:	
CONTACT NAME:	
MAILING ADDRESS:	
Daytime Phone:	Evening Phone:
E:mail:	

2. GRAND STREET PARADE ENTRY FEES 2016:

Commercial/For Profit/Political

\$300

Non-Profit Groups/Community Clubs/Schools

No Charge

(CRA Charitable Organization Number may be requested to confirm status)

3. DESCRIPTION AND THEME OF ENTRY: This will be supplied to media to be read while your entry is being filmed. Examples of info to include: are you advertising an event, soliciting support for a charity? Who is your group leader or mascot? How often have you been in ABF parades? Please **limit to three sentences.**

4. DIMENSIONS OF ENTRY (LENGTH, including tow vehicle, is important):

50 feet _____

5. MUSIC – Is your entry accompanied by:

Live music/entertainment	YES	NO
Recorded music/entertainment	YES	NO

Please direct your recorded music to the sides, so as not to interfere with other entries.

6. PROOF OF VEHICLE INSURANCE IS MANDATORY

Proof of Insurance from Insurance company is attached:	YES	NO
Insurance Policy/Company		
Insurance Policy Number		
Vehicle Owner's Name (Print clearly!)		
Signature of Owner:	Date:	

7. ENTRY CLASSIFICATION:

Please check closest description – this will determine your judging classification.

Note that ABF awards are ribbons and plaques.

BAND	FLOAT	MAJORETTE OR DANCE	OTHER:	
Drum Corps	Princess	Junior	Equestrian	Marching Unit
High School	Community	Senior	Livestock	Walking Group
Pipe	Commercial	Combined	Other animal/pet	
Military	Service Club			Clown(s)
Other	ABF Sponsor		Decorated Vehicle	Costumed Character
	Historic		Antique Vehicle	
	Comic			

8. ENTRIES WITH WALKERS:

It is strongly recommended that all walking entries, particularly those with smaller animals or members under the age of 16, have a support vehicle or float/flatbed. Support vehicle should be decorated or at least carry a banner identifying it with your group. All walkers can join their vehicle at the Research Station.

Number of walkers:	
Support Vehicle: (circle one)	YES NO
Insurance for support vehicle must accompany application	

Reason for support vehicle (for example, walkers under age 16, handicapped walkers, animals which may become bothered by heat or crowds, etc.):

9. Provide a SKETCH OR PICTURE of your motorized or mechanical entry. (Rough drawings are acceptable, provided they are detailed... these are used for line-up purposes only.)

ABF Grand Street Parade Conditions and Criteria Acceptance Form:

I have read and understand this Entry Form and its Rules and Regulations. On behalf of the firm/ organization/individual above and all participants in the entry, I, the undersigned, agree that neither the Apple Blossom Festival, the Grand Street Parade Committee nor any agent, employee or volunteer of either assumes any responsibility for any personal injury or property damage suffered in connection with the Parade howsoever caused (including negligence) and agree to release and hold harmless such parties from any claims for such injury or damage. All participants in parade agree to ABF ownership, and publication of, photographs and videos.

Name of Entry _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Please PRINT Full Name _____

APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT AND PROOF OF INSURANCE (where applicable).

Fax, Mail or E-mail Completed Entry Form and Payment To: 217 Belcher Street, Kentville, Nova

Scotia, Canada, B4N 1E or by Fax - 902.678.3710 or Email: info@appleblossom.com

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RULES AND REGULATIONS- ALL ENTRIES PLEASE READ and KEEP THIS SECTION FOR REFERENCE

1. APPLICATION DEADLINE: **Parade Applications MUST be received at the Festival Office by May 14, 2017.** Entries received after this date WILL BE ADDED TO THE BACK OF THE PARADE IN THE ORDER RECEIVED and may not be acknowledged by media.
2. DECORATION OF ENTRIES: **All entries, including floats, tow vehicles, support vehicles, and commercial entries must be decorated to reflect the current theme of the Apple Blossom Festival. The theme in 2017 is "Rooted In Tradition".**
3. **Fees, insurance and sketch/picture must accompany application, or application will be deemed incomplete and not added to parade lineup. Fees will not be refunded.**
4. Entries must be entertaining to a Family audience. No entry may depict anything inflammatory, controversial or otherwise offensive, or distribute literature, pamphlets, leaflets, brochures, flyers or any other written or printed items without express permission of the ABF.
5. The safety of spectators must be respected at all times. Adequate side clearance must be maintained constantly. NOTHING is to be handed out or thrown from vehicles on the Parade route although walkers may, with prior permission of the parade marshal, hand items directly to the audience.
6. **Proof of Public Liability Insurance is mandatory for horses & motor vehicles taking part in the Festival.** Coverage must be at least that required by law and must be provided by **May 14, 2017** for the Parade date of May 27, 2017. Your Application is considered incomplete until such copy is in our files, and failure to complete your application, will result in removal from the Parade up to and including the Grand Street Parade Day, regardless of past or current Parade history.
7. Maximum dimensions (Float and Tow vehicle combined) must be no more than 75' length x 8 1/2' width x 13' high.
8. Any motorized or mechanical units should be well finished, clean and in safe running condition. All entries fuel tanks should be topped off just prior to the Parade as no types of fuel storage containers are allowed on the Parade Route. **All motorized vehicles must carry a fire extinguisher** that is approved, charged, sealed and tagged, and ACCESSIBLE. It is the responsibility of the entrant to supply their own gas and drivers, and no meals are provided.
9. SUVs, pick-up trucks and flat beds are restricted to being a TOWING vehicle only, and **MUST** be fully decorated to match the entry they are pulling.
10. The Apple Blossom Festival will not be responsible for any injury or damages to entrants prior to, or during the Parade.

11. Sponsorship identification on floats must be restricted to a panel, maximum 8' long by 1' wide (proportionate to the size of the float), unless otherwise agreed to by the Parade Committee. All entries should be visibly marked for recognition on all sides. Walking groups should carry a banner. Parade Entry Number must be clearly displayed on entry front. The Apple Blossom Festival Parade Committee will supply these Numbers.

12. Entrants will be provided with detailed information with regard to line up instructions, maps, etc. prior to the Parade.

13. Any entry that slows the progress of the Parade may be withdrawn at any location along the Parade Route. There will be no premature exiting of the Parade Route, with the exception of an emergency. It is expected that ALL entries complete the Parade Route from start to finish. All entries are asked to **maintain a constant speed** and should follow the entry ahead **at a distance of 25-50 feet**. Do not worry about the space behind your entry.

If you are more than 50 feet behind the entry in front of you, you may not stop or pause for any reason, with the exception of an emergency, or by request from ABF or emergency personnel.

14. With permission from the Parade Marshal, walking entries are allowed. At least one (1) support vehicle is strongly recommended for entries as detailed in Item 8, page 2. Support vehicle will line up at the Cornwallis River Crossing to join up with the walkers at the Agricultural Centre. An adult **MUST** accompany children under 10 years of age. Please bring enough water to keep your walkers hydrated.

15. Bands, Majorettes, Equestrian, Livestock and Walking entries form up at the Kentville Agricultural Centre between **10-11:00am** on Parade Day. Trailers and vehicles may be parked in an area near the soccer fields at the west end of Kentville. All motorized entries are responsible for the delivery of their float to the marshalling area on Cornwallis River Crossing in New Minas no later than **10:30am** on Parade Day, and are responsible for the removal of floats from the dispersal area in west Kentville immediately after the Parade. **Parade starts at 1:00 pm sharp.**

16. Any damages caused through storage or travel to the Marshalling Area must be repaired prior to the Parade to the standards set by the Parade Committee. You are encouraged to have sufficient cover (tarps, etc.) in case of inclement weather.

17. Equestrian and Livestock units **MUST** provide their own clean-up personnel, with any necessary cleanup to be completed promptly. Any entry without a cleanup crew may be subject to additional fees.

18. First Aid support will be available for emergency use only and is spaced regularly along the parade route.

19. All entrants are expected to be professional, neat, organized and well mannered (no profanities) at all times while on Parade. Any alcohol or illegal drug consumption or possession is forbidden before, during and after the Parade festivities. Any individuals who do not comply will be dismissed from the parade and turned over to the proper authorities.

20. Entries will be judged by the Grand Street Parade Judging Committee. The Criteria and Opinions of the ABF Invited Judge Members will be based on: originality, photogenic/visual appeal, use of people, material, animation and special effects. Awards are presented in various categories, a complete list of which is on this application. Float awards will be presented before the Parade, in the line-up. All other awards will be issued after the Parade and will be publicized in a press release and on our website.

21. We cannot guarantee your entry will be on television or that your description will be read in its entirety.

22. **The Parade Marshal has complete authority over the Parade.** The Parade Committee may

The Parade Marshal or Designate will inspect all entries as they arrive. If an entry fails to meet the standards established by the ABF, and as outlined in this application, it will not be permitted to enter the Parade. No fees will be refunded.

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