



Grand Feature Parade Application

Return application to: WV Strawberry Festival, P.O. Box 117, Buckhannon, WV 26201

Name of Group: _____

Directors: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Website: _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Fax Number: (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____

Type of Entry: _____
(Float, Novelty, Military, Dignitary, etc.)

Float Categories: Professional Amateur Fair/Festival

Other Categories of Competition: Drill Team Twirling Unit Novelty Unit Dance

Cartoon Character

Performance Fee or Financial Requirements: _____

Please provide a complete description of your entry.

Please furnish a picture of your entry for publicity purposes.

WEST VIRGINIA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL GRAND FEATURE PARADE FLOAT RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The float must be completely decorated. All floats must include skirting or fringe on the bottom. Every float must have constructed sides.

Craftsmanship on every float must produce a neat decorative and creative effect.

Any group or individual can build or obtain a float from any source and enter it in the West Virginia Strawberry Festival Grand Feature Parade, if issued an invitation and if all rules and regulations herein are met.

The parade float application for competitive entries must be completed and returned to the Parade Committee by no later than May 1st. Acceptance reply will be issued as soon as the float application is approved.

NO POLITICAL or CONTROVERSIAL issues may be represented or alluded to in any way on any float.

NO INDIVIDUAL RUNNING FOR POLITICAL OFFICE MAY RIDE OR BE REPRESENTED IN ANY WAY ON A FLOAT.

All vehicles used for pulling of floats **MUST** have prior approval, if not provided by the West Virginia Strawberry Festival Grand Feature parade Committee.

All floats **MUST** be at judging location by 10:00 a.m. on Parade Day. Once at this location the drivers must remain with the float at all times and be ready to move float to parade line-up after judging.

All float entrants must obey the instructions of the Parade Officials in order to provide even movement of the Parade as a whole. These Officials will be properly identified and have the authority to disqualify or eject entrants from the Parade.

A distance of 40 to 60 feet must be maintained between any two entries.

Floats **MUST NOT STOP** during the parade unless the entire position has come to a halt.

In case of mechanical difficulties the float must be moved to the side and out of the Parade flow as quickly as possible to prevent gaps in the Parade.

Float riders must remain on the float throughout the entire parade. The Parade Committee **MUST** approve any exceptions.

Failure to comply with the rules and regulations may result in competitive disqualification, ejection from the parade and removal from future invitation.

FLOAT DIMENSIONS:

Maximum Length 40 ft. (excluding towing vehicle)
Maximum Width 12 ft.
Maximum Height 14 ft.

The parade committee must approve any exceptions.

SAFETY:

Any float considered unsafe will not be allowed in the line-up. Decorative material **MUST** be fire retardant. Holding a sample of the material in the vertical position and placing the flame of a match one-half inch below determine satisfactory flameproofing. If the material ignites, it must extinguish itself when the flame is removed. **AS A RULE TISSUES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE** for the Grand Feature Parade.

Due to crowd control and safety: **NO ITEMS ARE TO BE THROWN OR DISTRIBUTED FROM THE MOVING FLOAT OR VEHICLE PULLING THEM. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The use of alcoholic beverages by drivers as well as riders' before and during the Parade is **PROHIBITED**.

Safety devices must be incorporated into the float for each rider, whether seated or standing.

TOWING VEHICLES:

Vehicles must pull floats no larger than a pick-up truck. Automobiles or small pick-up trucks are preferred. **NO FOUR WHEELERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PULL A FLOAT.** The vehicle pulling the float should be as inconspicuous as possible. No signs are to be placed on the towing vehicle. No display is to be included on the towing vehicle and if a pick-up truck is used, no persons or animals are to ride in the bed of the truck. (Any exceptions must meet prior approval)

If the Festival is requested to provide a pulling vehicle:

- A) The request must be made on the Parade application and be received by May 1st.
- B) The Parade Committee will assign pulling vehicles to floats.

JUDGING:

All float riders must be in costume and on the float by the time the Parade starts at 1:00p.m. They need not be present for judging. **FLOATS WILL NOT BE JUDGED DURING THE GRAND FEATURE PARADE.....**

Impartial judges who work independently will judge floats. The judges' decisions are final. The official list of awards will be completed for announcement on TV during the Parade.

PARADE ADJUDICATION STANDARDS:

Originality	20 points
Use of Color	15 points
Spectacular Appeal	30 points
Design Excellence	20 points
Use of Theme	15 points

All winning floats will receive special edition West Virginia Strawberry Festival Plaques. The Sweepstakes Winner will also receive a plaque.

COMPETITIVE CATEGORIES:

Sweepstakes Award: Presented to float with overall highest total points.
Theme Award: Presented to float best depicting Festival Theme.
Fairs/Festivals: First, Second, and Third Place Awards.

Professional Floats: First, Second and Third Place Awards.
Amateur Floats: First, Second and Third Place Awards.