



Christmas PARADE ENTRY FORM- 2025
Theme: Old Fashioned Christmas

PLEASE READ ENTRY FORM CAREFULLY, SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS NEEDED

NAME: _____

- PERSON/ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS (Your parade number will be listed next to this name)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ EMAIL: _____

TYPE OF ENTRY & NUMBER OF UNITS

- Vehicle(s) Marching Band Bicycle(s) Motor Cycle(s)
 Wagon Walking Group Float Horse(s)
 Other - Please Describe _____

ALL ENTRIES SHOULD RELATE TO THE THEME!

ENTRY DESCRIPTION: The Master of Ceremonies will read the description to the spectators as you pass the reviewing stand. PLEASE TYPE or PRINT the description of the entry clearly.

- **What you write here will be read during the parade. Limit this to 50 words or less.**

DESCRIPTION: _____

SIGNED: _____

ENTRY FEE: \$25 PER ENTRY UNIT
NO FEES WAIVED FOR ANY ORGANIZATION, GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL(S)

Director@mainstreetdayton.org

Dayton Christmas Parade Rules

To keep the parade safe, fun, and festive for everyone, entrants must follow these rules:

Applications

- Due by **4:00 PM on Wednesday December 3, 2025** at MainStreet Dayton (379 2nd Ave.).
- Application fees are due with the submission.
- Entries are subject to Review Board approval.
- **Mail or bring your application and fees to:**
MainStreet Dayton
379 2nd Ave
Dayton, TN 37321

Who Can Participate

- Individuals, Riding Groups, Civic, Community, School, Military, Entertainment, Religious, Political, Retail, and Manufacturing groups. Festive attire is encouraged!

Vehicles & Floats

- Motorized vehicles must pull a float, be historic, or fit the theme.
- All vehicles (including go-carts, 4-wheelers, etc.) will ride through the parade at an even, non-racing, non-stop-&-go pace, not to exceed 5 MPH. Failure to follow this rule will be cause for immediate removal.
- Horses, mules and carriages will line up at the end of the parade (except the Grand Marshal's carriage).

Candy & Giveaways

- Do not throw items from floats or vehicles.
- Items may only be handed out by walkers for child safety.

Animals

- Horses & riders and horse/mule drawn vehicles are encouraged.
- "Christmas Critters Pageant" animals may walk; all others (except horses/mules) must ride on floats or vehicles. Any unruly or unsafe animal may be removed at any time.

Parade Flow

- Maintain 20-40 feet between entries. (No more than 100 feet max).
- Do not stop unless directed by Parade Officials.

Prohibited

- No open flames.
- No alcohol at line-up, during the parade, or along the route.

Parade Authority

- All entries are under the direction of the Parade Marshal & Officials.
- Failure to follow rules may result in removal.
- MainStreet Dayton reserves the right to accept or decline entries.

Entry Details

- Provide measurements for your entry so we can assign the correct amount of space.
- For example: **Do not** list "walking group" if you will also have a float.
- Parade spaces are assigned according to what is checked on your application.

Parade Numbers

- Parade number assignments will be posted on the door of the **MainStreet Dayton Business Centre located at 379 2nd Avenue** the evening of **Friday, December 5th**.
Please do not call the office for parade numbers.

Parade Day Schedule

- **Date:** Saturday, December 6, 2025
- **Line-up begins:** 12:00 pm (EST)
- **Parade starts:** 1:00 PM (EST)
- **LINE-UP Location:** Alabama Avenue, both sides of Market Street
 - Horses & walking groups → East side (by the walking track)
 - Floats & vehicles → West side (behind Ed Financial, toward Railroad St.)

Thank you for helping us keep the parade safe, orderly, and full of holiday cheer!