

GENERAL PARADE RULES

PARADE & NON-COMPETITIVE ENTRIES

The Homecoming parade is one of the longest standing traditions of Middle Tennessee State University. It is the best way to unite and feature the community of students, alumni and local residents. Anyone has the opportunity to be recognized by walking in the parade or building a float. For those interested in participating in the parade please check the web page for information, route location and forms.

1. All entry forms for parade are to be submitted to <https://mtsu.edu/sga/homecoming.php> by 12:00 PM on Wednesday September 20th.
2. Entries must be in good taste supporting MTSU spirit. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to reject and/or disqualify any entry not in compliance with contemporary community standards.
3. All participants must conduct themselves in a respectable, sportsmanlike manner at all times. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to limit individual student, alumni, or any other participation in the Homecoming Parade. If an individual participant cannot maintain the appropriate conduct as defined by contemporary community standards, he/she will be asked to leave the parade, float, or vehicle and site. If that individual refuses to leave the vehicle or float (including the immediate area) that group will be immediately disqualified from the event.
4. Where applicable, each group must, as a part of their official entry, designate a qualified, sober (**meaning NO alcohol has been consumed**) driver for the entry and any other vehicle used in the parade. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to determine the satisfactory state of each driver and may disqualify a driver if he or she does not meet the agreed standards. Upon disqualification of the driver, the entire entry will also be declared ineligible to participate in the parade.
5. Participants may choose to either enter a float, vehicle, or a non-float entry. The 2023 Homecoming Committee must approve all entries. Once the Homecoming Committee receives an entry form no changes may be made.
6. All participants must be dressed in MTSU school colors (Royal Blue and White) or according to the 2023 theme while participating in the parade. Keep in mind that school spirit is considered for competition. Other school spirited items (balloons, pompoms, signs, etc.) are encouraged. All (theme costumes) should be family friendly.
7. Floats may be pulled by any vehicle or means approved for street operations in the state of Tennessee. All float entries must be at the intersection of Bell St and Highland (old hospital parking lot) at 9:00 AM vehicles and walkers should arrive at 10:00 A.M., the parade begins at 11:00 AM. Any entry not in its correct

location and checked in with the parade by this time will receive a penalty of five points for every 15 minutes late. All participants must be in the correct location one hour prior to parade Kick-off.

8. Participants should arrange to be dropped off at the parade check in location, as no through vehicles will be permitted.
9. **ATTENTION: The check in location is the parking lot at the corner of Bell and Highland. NO cars will be allowed to park at the parking lot beside Oakland Mansion. People walking in the parade may park in the parking garage at the corner of Bell and Highland.**