



It's not just a parade,
It's a community celebration!

2012 Application Instructions

1. Complete the application in its entirety. Ensure all appropriate information is included.
2. If applicable, please enclose check or money order for appropriate amount.
Please make checks payable to: St. Patrick's Day Parade.
3. Please mail completed application and check if applicable to: Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade
P.O. Box 36
Utica, NY 13503
4. Deadline for application is: **Monday, February 27, 2012.**
5. You will be notified of your position in the parade approximately one week prior to the parade.
Please don't contact for your position beforehand.

2012 Parade Rules and Regulations

Parade marshals will be posted along the parade route to ensure the safety of parade participants and spectators and to keep spacing between units consistent.

1. The applicant shall be responsible for the conduct of all of its participants and agrees to notify ALL participants of these rules and regulations.
2. Candy and other items being passed out must be **handed to the crowd at the curb. No throwing is permitted.** Please distribute candy HAND-TO-HAND by walking along the parade route next to the spectators since it is very dangerous for spectators to run into the street for candy and other handouts.
3. Drivers and all vehicles participating in the parade must have insurance as required by the State of New York. Drivers must also possess a valid driver's license.
4. The owner warrants that the vehicle is in sound mechanical condition with no known defects or safety concerns.
5. Parade entries must line up in the space they have been assigned.
6. Marching locations are based on the applicant's entry; therefore, no units can change their marching position without prior approval.
7. During the parade, your unit **MUST maintain 25 -50 feet** from the preceding unit.
8. No one may step on or off a float or any motorized unit until it is at a **COMPLETE** stop.
9. **No alcohol or glassware** is allowed in the parade. Bottled water and cans of soda are permitted.
10. Animals in the parade must be listed on the entry application. All animals must have updated vaccinations and be in good medical health and be able to cope with crowds and other animals. The GAIF, Inc. is NOT responsible for cleaning up after the animal. Participants must provide immediate clean up after the animal(s). Violators of this rule will be removed from the parade.
11. The parade begins promptly at 10 a.m. ALL units **MUST be in position by 9:00 a.m.**

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