



**HENDERSONVILLE MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE APPLICATION**

**THURSDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

**HISTORIC DOWNTOWN HENDERSONVILLE**

**PARADE STARTS AT 10:30 AM**

**The 2024 Hendersonville July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade is sponsored by the Hendersonville Merchants and Business Association.**

**THEME: “America the Beautiful”**

*Family friendly event open to all.*

***Decorate in red, white and blue, wave those flags, get out the bicycles, tricycles, wagons, and decorate the family vehicle and Celebrate “America the Beautiful” this year!***

Please complete & sign pages 1 & 2 of this application. Please remit by mail with check made payable to:  
**Hendersonville Merchants and Business Association (HMBA)**  
**PO Box 6043, Hendersonville, NC 28793**

**Entry Deadline: Tuesday, June 25, 2024**

Organization/Club or Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (e.g. from Etowah) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry description & size such as car, truck, horses, trailer, truck with bed, etc.  
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Please list any important information such as awards, accomplishments for live radio announcements during parade:  
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For information/questions, call the Hendersonville Merchants & Business Association office at 828-692-4179 (please leave a message) or contact:

Call: Sandra Walker at 828-702-6903 or email: [walker.sandra50@icloud.com](mailto:walker.sandra50@icloud.com)

Call: Sheila Kelly at 828-778-4147 or email: [sheila@kellysignswnc.com](mailto:sheila@kellysignswnc.com)

Call: Bessie Bright at 828-388-1642 or email: [bessiebright@hotmail.com](mailto:bessiebright@hotmail.com)

FEE: \$15.00 per parade entry (if your entry has more than 10 units such as cars, motorcycles, horses, etc. we request that you pay the appropriate entry fees.

Entry Categories:

Category	Fees	Total
School Marching Bands/ROTC/ School Groups/ Scout Troops	Free	
Fire / Emergency Entry (1 per department)	Free	
Non-profits(Includes 501c3, churches, school groups)	Free	
Business/Commercial	\$15.00	
Political Candidate Entry	\$15.00	
Antique Vehicle Clubs (up to 10 units, additional units \$10.00 each)	\$15.00	
Equine (Horse) entry	\$15.00	
Other (please describe)	\$15.00	
Total Fees		

Entry Details: Description of Entry- Please provide a complete description of your entry. \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ Make/Model \_\_\_\_\_

Length of entry at lineup \_\_\_\_\_ feet. Number of participants \_\_\_\_\_ Age range \_\_\_\_\_

Will your entry have sound? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Will the sound be amplified? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If sound how will it be amplified? \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you want your entry to be included in the judged? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

Special needs or requests – The parade committee will try as best we can to accommodate special requests such as line up position near or away from sound/music. \_\_\_\_\_

**Agreement:**

**I, the undersigned, agree to abide by all parade rules and regulations. All members of my group has read and agree to the parade rules and regulations (page 3, please keep page 3 for your reference.) I understand that I will not be allowed to participate in the parade and the entry fee will be forfeited if my group violates any rules or regulations. My group is fully responsible for their actions and holds the Hendersonville Merchants and Business Association harmless from any and all claims, injuries or damages arising from our involvement in the parade.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Date

Contact Information: phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*Please Note: You will receive a phone call, text or email confirming receipt of your entry. When line-up has been determined you will receive a call, text or email with your entry number.**

Parade line-up begins at Babcock Furniture on the south end of Main Street no later than 9:00 am if planning to be judged for an entry. If not planning to be judged arrive no later than 9:30am. Entries must have or know their space number. Parade officials will assist you with lineup. Parade begins at 10:30.

**PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

**Please retain this page for your reference.**

**Completed, signed application with payment must be received by Tuesday, June 25th, 2024**

**-NO BOX VEHICLES ALLOWED DUE TO SAFETY AS PER POLICE DEPT.**

*-NO SUGGESTIVE, OFFENSIVE OR INAPPROPRIATE ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED. THIS IS A FAMILY FRIENDLY PARADE.*

*-No alcoholic beverages are allowed on any float, in any vehicle or on the person of any participant at any time during the parade, smoking is also prohibited.*

*-All entries are requested to use the theme: "America the Beautiful"*

*-Each entry must include a sign or banner with the organization's name.*

*-Entries can be **no wider** than 12 feet and **no higher** than 13.5 feet and vehicles **no longer** than 70 feet.*

*-Throwing items from any parade entry is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Police will immediately remove anyone caught doing this. Any action that would cause spectators to come into the street while the parade is in progress is strictly prohibited. Designated persons should go to the individuals on the sidewalk rather than encouraging children and other spectators to step into the street to hand out flyers, literature, candy, etc. Candy baskets must be filled from the back end of the float, never from the side for safety reasons.*

**-NO REVVING OF ENGINES WHILE IN PARADE ROUTE. ALL WHEELS MUST STAY ON THE GROUND AT ALL TIMES. PARADE OFFICIALS WILL REMOVE YOUR ENTRY IMMEDIATELY. All City Ordinances must be followed at all times.**

*-Large commercial vehicles or panel trucks are NOT allowed unless they are fully decorated and approved.*

*-The parade will not be cancelled due to rain, snow, cold or heat, come prepared with the weather. If parade is canceled, entry contact person will receive a phone call informing you of that decision as soon as the HMBA becomes aware of it.*

**-Report to parade line up area promptly at 9:00 AM if planning to be judged and 9:30 AM if not planning to be judged.**

*-Entries must have or know their space number. You will receive a phone call in the days prior to the parade with information. Please call (828) 692-4179 if you have not received a phone call with the number by July 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

**-Parade officials will assist you with lineup. Parade officials are authorized to enforce the rules of the parade. They Do have the right to pull parade entries that do not comply with the parade rules and regulations.**

*-The parade starts promptly at 10:30 AM. Units not ready to leave on time will be bypassed and may fall in line at the end of parade with the approval of parade officials.*

*-Refunds will NOT be given for no shows.*

*-All units are to exit ONLY at the end of Parade route, at 6th Ave. No units are to exit prior to the end of the parade route with the exception of mechanical breakdown. Disembark at Hendersonville Presbyterian Church parking lot or Hometrust Bank parking lot.*

*-Entries with animals are responsible for cleaning up their own animal waste and must be pre-approved for participation,*

**Rules for Awards Judging:**

- 1. ENTRIES WILL BE INCLUDED IN AWARD JUDGING ONLY IF INDICATED ON APPLICATION.**
- 2. Judging will be done prior to parade between 9:30am & 10am.**
- 3. Entries must comply with rules and regulations as indicated above.**
- 4. All entries must be in line-including person-by 9:30am. If you are not in line on time, your entry will not be judged.**
- 5. Criteria for awards are: 1) Attractiveness 2) Best use of theme 3) Originality.**
- 6. Decisions of the judges are final.**