

2019 MARION POPCORN FESTIVAL PARADE APPLICATION
PLEASE REVIEW ALL NEW INFO FOR 2019 INCLUDING NEW FLOAT POLICY
ENTRIES DUE AUGUST 12TH (except Float Applications which are due July 15th)

Please Print Clearly

Name of Entry _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Person in Charge of Parade Unit: (Mailing Address)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ Phone (Work) _____ Email _____

Note: Person in charge of Parade Unit will be notified of unit position in parade and any other pertinent information.

NEW POLICY ON FLOATS Those wanting to enter a float in the parade **MUST APPLY** to be considered. Float applications must be received no later than **July 15, 2019**. All applicants will be notified no later than July 22, 2019. The Parade may contact applicants between submission and notification to ask additional questions about your entry. **All accepted float applicants are encouraged to attend one of two Float-Building Seminars** being presented by the Parade Committee: **July 31 @ 6pm** or **August 3 @ 10am** (both at Marion Public Library). If your float submission is not selected, your entry fee will be refunded.

Please provide a brief explanation of your non-float parade entry, indicate type of vehicle(s), and explain how it adds entertainment value to the parade: _____

COMPLETE ONLY IF ENTRY IS A FLOAT

Please use the following space to explain your float construction materials, design concept, and the structure you'll be building on (ex: wagon) AND explain how your float adds entertainment value to the parade. Your detailed explanation will be heavily considered by the committee when deciding which floats will be accepted.

Please note that we no longer accept entries using semis, flatbed trucks, or flatbed trailers for ANY entries with the exception of those used for floats.

Mail Entries to: Don Wolfe, Parade Director
Marion Popcorn Festival
PO Box 1101
Marion, OH 43301-1101

Questions for the parade can be directed to 740-387-FEST or marionpopcornparade@gmail.com.

\$40 Entry fee MUST accompany entry form. Please make cashier's checks or money orders payable to **The Marion Popcorn Festival**. **DO NOT SEND CASH.** PayPal is available for payment, just call 740-387-FEST for an invoice.

Please Note: Due to city restrictions and lack of participation, there is no rain date for the parade.
All fees paid to the Marion Popcorn Festival are non-refundable except for float entries not selected.

PARADE INFORMATION FOR 2019
INCLUDES NEW INFO - PLEASE READ

- **New Shorter Parade Route**
 - Parade route lines up on Forest Lawn Dr, West (toward downtown) on Center St, left on State St, left on Church St (in front of the Wyandot Popcorn Museum), disband at fork of Church St, Mount Vernon Ave, S Vine St.
- **New Policy for Business Vehicles**
 - Sponsored vehicles (vehicles bearing logos of businesses for advertisement) are not required to decorate in the festival theme. They will be in the Sponsors Block at the end of the parade.
- **New Policy on Youth Groups (ex: sport teams, dance studios, etc...)**
 - Youth groups will be walking in organized "Power Blocks"
 - We will provide these groups with colorful props
 - One vehicle will be allowed to follow behind the walkers for carrying water and health concerns. This vehicle can have the name of the group or organization displayed.
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 - The Parade may contact applicants between submission and notification to ask additional questions about your entry.
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- **Antique Cars**
 - Any classic/antique car club may enter up to ten (10) vehicles under one entry fee with no limit on the number of passengers per vehicle. For each vehicle over 10 there will be an additional \$20.00/per vehicle fee.
- **Horses/Animals**
 - All horses/animals will be considered one unit up to five (5) participants. There will be an additional \$20.00/per animal fee for all horses/animals over the five (5) allotted. Participants are solely responsible for animal waste cleanup during the parade.
- **Political**
 - Any politically affiliated club or organization may enter one (1) vehicle at the \$40 fee for **each** office official.

We're always working to improve the quality of the parade. Please take note of this important information including new/revised rules. Any entry not adhering to festival rules and direction may be denied entry in future years at the discretion of the Parade Director.