

**16th ANNUAL CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS
CHRISTMAS PARADE ENTRY APPLICATION
SPONSORED BY BANK INDEPENDENT**

Parade Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Rain Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Deadline for application submission: Monday, December 3, 2018 by 4:30 p.m.

Guidelines for Entries:

NO ENTRY WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE PARADE ROUTE WITHOUT A PARADE ID CARD. DEVIATION FROM ANY GUIDELINES BELOW MAY RESULT IN APPLICANT NOT BEING ALLOWED PARTICIPATION IN THE PARADE. NO ADVERTISING IS ALLOWED FROM ANY ENTRY. THE PARADE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISMISS ANY ENTRY THAT IS: 1) DEEMED A SAFETY ISSUE OR HAZARD TO ANY ENTRY, PARTICIPANT, OR PARADE SPECTATOR OR 2) OFFENSIVE BY DESIGN OR DECORATION.

NO SANTA CLAUS OR MRS. CLAUS IMPERSONATORS ALLOWED IN OR ON ANY PARADE ENTRY. SANTA AND MRS CLAUS HAVE THEIR OWN FLOAT!

All entrants must be pre-registered by the deadline date above. Floats must be on a flatbed or flat trailer (a minimum of 16 feet) towed by a decorated vehicle. NO RIDERS ALLOWED IN THE BACK OF TRUCKS. ANY ENTRY WILL BE PULLED THAT DOES NOT ADHERE TO THIS GUIDELINE. A MINIMUM OF 4 WALKERS AROUND EACH FLOAT IS REQUIRED FOR SAFETY – NO EXCEPTIONS! *Please identify your entry by sign or poster on the PASSENGER side of the entry.* No float riders are allowed to exit during the parade from the entry except in an emergency.

Christmas music is allowed in the design of the parade entry. We encourage this for the entertainment of the parade spectators. Please do not sound horns during the parade. Please refrain from smoking while on the parade route.

Participants are encouraged to throw candy **TO THE CROWD! ANYONE THROWING CANDY SHOULD BE ABLE TO THROW PAST THE WALKERS BESIDE THE ENTRY!**

Floats will be judged prior to the parade based on creativity, originality, Christmas spirit presentation, and adherence to Parade guidelines. Prizes will be awarded for float competition - 1st Place - \$500 / 2nd - \$250 / 3rd - \$100.00.

Passenger vehicles are for dignitaries/invited guests and are accepted at the discretion of the Parade Committee.

Only pets participating in the Pet Parade are allowed and must be leashed and under control of a handler at all times. Due to liability concerns horses are not allowed. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Parade Committee.

Twirler groups will be placed behind bands when possible.

No stopping to perform along the entire parade route with the exception of marching bands stopping for a short performance in front of City Hall in front of the grandstands.

**ALL ENTRIES MUST ENTER THE PARADE ROUTE FROM THE WEST END OF AVALON AVENUE AT THE INTERSECTION OF AVALON AVENUE AND JOHN R STREET. NO ENTRY WILL BE ALLOWED WITHOUT A PARADE ID CARD. DO NOT ENTER FROM ANY SIDE STREET ONTO AVALON AVENUE.
FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL: LINDA EVANS AT 256 386 9250.**

CHRISTMAS PARADE APPLICATION
PARADE ENTRY FORM AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
SUBMIT PAGES 2 & 3 ONLY FOR ENTRY

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Entry Name: _____
(Organization or Individual)

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contact: _____

In participating in the Muscle Shoals Christmas Parade, _____ agrees
(Name of Entry)
to follow all rules and guidelines of the Parade Committee, _____
(Name of Entry)
that failure to comply may result in immediate removal from the parade at the discretion of the Parade
Chairperson.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I/we further agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City of Muscle Shoals, Bank
Independent, the Muscle Shoals Parade Committee and its employees or agents against loss or expense,
including attorney's fees, except in the cases of the sole negligence of the City of Muscle Shoals, Bank
Independent or the Muscle Shoals Parade Committee for loss or expense because of bodily injury,
death or property damage sustained by any person or persons. It is further agreed that I/we, as
participants, will maintain general liability and auto insurance for the parade entry.

Name of Organization

Organization Representative

Muscle Shoals Christmas Parade
City/Event

Date