

## Return Insurance and Payment to:

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Selection Criteria for entry into the WSABF Grand Parade are based upon the following:

- \* Entries built or designed to provide high entertainment value for parade spectators
- \* Entries displaying a creative, unique theme or approach, with broad-based appeal
- \* Entries with prior local, regional, or national parade/event experience

### GRAND PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS FOR ALL ENTRIES

1. The Festival Association reserves the right to withdraw any unit of which costume or performance does not meet Festival rules and regulations, or conform to the standards of reasonable public taste.
2. Entries must observe all applicable rules and regulations and follow all instructions from police or parade officials, or be barred from the parade. The Apple Blossom Festival and the Parade Committee reserve the right to remove any entrant from the parade, either prior to assembly, at assembly, or any time during the parade.
3. Unless approved by the Grand Parade Committee, parade participants must be 14 years of age or older.
4. No water is permitted in the parade, in connection with floats or otherwise, except at the express written approval of the Parade Committee (i.e., waterfalls on floats, etc).
6. **No material may be handed out or thrown along the line of march.** Distribution of gifts, merchandise, literature, or other material along the line of march is prohibited.
7. **ALL** units **MUST** maintain a **FORWARD MOTION!** Routines that cause any gaps **will not** be permitted and may result in removal from the parade and will jeopardize future invitation to the Apple Blossom Festival.
8. **If the American Flag is visible on your entry – it must be displayed properly; larger & above any other countries flag. No other flag should be placed to the right of the American Flag.**
9. Alcoholic beverages and other illegal substances are forbidden on any entry, in any vehicle, or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol prior to or during the parade will be removed from the line-up.
10. Entries or other units advocating, opposing, or depicting any political, religious, or social issues are subject to approval of the Parade Committee.
11. Walkers with bands, floats, etc. should wear appropriate clothing – matching school colors or float colors. Cell phones prohibited along parade route. Adults may use them in an emergency only.
12. Pepsi is the Official Beverage of the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival – no other beverage/logo will be allowed in or on any Parade entry.

## FLOAT ENTRIES:

1. Floats must be entirely decorated--no part of vehicle on which the float is attached shall be visible to the judges or spectators.
2. Floats are not to exceed 13 1/2 feet in height (due to street lights hanging down over intersections) nor 16 feet in width. The height requirement will be **STRICTLY** enforced. Maximum length will be 60 feet per unit, and clearance to the ground from the frame will be a minimum of 8 inches. The float should be so constructed that it will be able to make the turns at street intersections.
3. Floats must operate under their own power - no tow vehicle allowed.
4. Entries must furnish drivers for their floats. If in view, drivers must be appropriately attired. Drivers must remain with their float from the time of judging until the parade is dispersed, and the float is returned to designated housing area.
5. All community Royalties **MUST BE** on a float of some kind...if there is a problem with getting a float, contact the Festival for approval of another vehicle ASAP. In an emergency, the Apple Blossom Festival will provide a vehicle if needed.
6. All participants riding on floats must have a slide-in body support or an approved automotive safety belt, or have handholds while the float is moving. Floats that do not have safety belts or handholds will not be allowed in the parade. Safety belts must be worn on the outside of garments.

## BANDS & MARCHING UNIT ENTRIES:

1. Housing at local schools on the Friday night before the Grand Parade is available for bands and drill teams who request it. Any damage to the housing facilities will be paid for by those housed there. Damage will result in non-acceptance of your entry in the future.
2. All marching units must be in full uniform. Chaperones must be in school colors or dressed accordingly.
3. **There will be an inspection of all units in the Staging Area as part of the judging procedure.**

## EQUESTRIAN ENTRIES

1. No Stallions unless approved by the Committee. Please call the Festival Office if you wish to have stallions.
2. Each rider or group must provide his/her own cleanup unit including a push broom. Any unit or group without a cleanup unit will not be allowed on the parade route. One cleanup unit per 5 horses is required.
3. Only one rider per horse allowed.
4. Any rider showing inability to control his animal will be deemed unsafe at Parade Marshal's discretion and will be removed from the Grand Parade.
5. Horse units will be judged at the staging area at Wenatchee High School, beginning at 9:00 am Saturday.

## SPECIALTY ENTRIES:

1. Entries are not to exceed 13 1/2 feet in height (due to street lights hanging down over intersections) nor 16 feet in width. The height requirement will be **STRICTLY** enforced. Maximum length will be 60 feet per entry, and clearance to the ground from the frame will be a minimum of 8 inches. The unit should be so constructed that it will be able to make the turns at street intersections.
2. Any entry, on parade day, that does not match with the description or sketch according to their application, will **NOT** be allowed down the parade route. Any changes must be approved by the Festival Office **PRIOR** to parade day. Photographs and detailed description of entry must accompany all applications for participation.
4. Each specialty entry featuring classic or unique vehicles is limited to only 5-7 vehicles, unless approved by the committee. Each vehicle should be listed on the application.

## INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

A **CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE** for General Liability (bodily injury and property damage) & Automobile Liability (if vehicle is in your entry) with limits of \$500,000 is required of **ALL ENTRIES - NO EXCEPTIONS!** The Washington State Apple Blossom Festival and City of Wenatchee must be named as **ADDITIONAL INSURED**. If there is a vehicle in your entry, you must also submit an Insurance Policy Declaration from the **OWNER** of the vehicle. Certificates of Insurance may be faxed from your Insurance Company or Agent (please write entry name on fax) to 509-665-0347.

Must be received by March 30, 2018 **An example is enclosed.**



# Washington State Apple Blossom Festival GRAND PARADE AWARDS

## Float Awards

**Grand Sweepstakes Award** - The highest float award. Given to the most outstanding float, regardless of division.

**Community Sweepstakes Award** - Presented to the float that best represents their community or festival.

**Spirit of Festival Award** – Presented to the outstanding float reflecting their festival theme.

**Stemilt Growers Sponsor Choice Award** - Given to the Sponsor's favorite float.

**Royalty Choice Award** - Apple Blossom Royalty's favorite float.

**Golden Apple Award** - Given to the float deserving special recognition.

## Band Awards

Sweepstakes Award to the band with highest total points.

Classification of AAAA, AAA, AA, A, B, BB with first and second place in each class.

## Drum Major

*One award only*, regardless of school size, for outstanding performance.

## Drill Team Awards

Classification of AAAA, AAA, AA, A, B, BB with first place in each class.

## Equestrian Units

Classifications of Best Royalty, Best Group and Judge's Award

## Best Cleanup Crew

An award for the Most Original Clean-Up Crew.

## Specialty Units

Classification of Most Original and 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places overall.

### Float

Originality  
Design and Color  
Costumes  
Decorations  
Use of Your Theme

### Bands

Appearance  
Music Ability  
Marching  
Audience Appreciation  
Pre-Parade Inspection

### Drill Team

Precision  
Appearance  
Originality  
Audience Appreciation

### Equestrian Units

Cleanliness of Horse & Tack  
Riding Apparel  
Crowd Appeal  
Parade Presentation

### Specialty Units

Uniqueness  
Crowd Appeal  
Costumes

### Clean-Up Crew

Originality  
Costumes  
Crowd Appeal