



**The Dunnellon Chamber & Business Association
in conjunction with the City of Dunnellon
Presents: **A Florida Christmas****

**Parade Date: December 6, 2025, at 6:00 PM
Deadline for Applications: November 26, 2025**

Dear Applicants,

The Dunnellon Chamber & Business Association and the City of Dunnellon are proud to hold the **Annual Dunnellon Christmas Parade**. Thank you for your enthusiasm in participating in this important community holiday event.

The theme of this year's parade is **"A Florida Christmas"** the Chamber Board of Directors chose three themes and asked for feedback on Facebook. This was the theme that got the most votes. We can't wait to see what you do with the theme! Embrace the holiday spirit through festive themed décor, bright lights, dramatic display of colors, music, costumes and more.

Please review the information contained here carefully as all the floats are accepted for participation based on compliance with the rules. Awards will be presented based on theme, originality, visual and audio effects, costumes and Christmas spirit. We look forward to providing our community with another wonderful Christmas Parade. Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

The Dunnellon Chamber & Business Association

We are looking for sponsors and volunteers to help make our small-town Christmas Parade Celebration the best it can be. If you would like to be involved financially and/or as a volunteer, please email us at- info@dunnellonchamber.com

INSTRUCTIONS:

Step 1: Download and complete the Application in full including the Disclaimer of Liability Form.

I. Application:

Applications must be completed in **FULL** and submitted with payment prior to the deadline (November 26, 2025). All applications will be given equal consideration. Incomplete applications will be returned. Please be sure to review the official rules. NO applications will be accepted after November 26, 2025 at noon.

II. Disclaimer of Liability Form:

Please be sure all waivers for each person participating in the parade are completed in **FULL** and signed. Applications will not be accepted without the completed waivers.

Step 2: Application Submission.

Email the Application and all the DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY FORMS along with a signed copy of the Parade Rules to the chamber at info@dunnellonchamber.com or drop off at the DCBA office - 20500 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Dunnellon, FL 34432.

Step 3. Payment & Signed Application

The parade entry fee is \$35. If you have multiple vehicles, it is \$35 for up to 20 vehicles and \$5 for each additional vehicle up to 50 vehicles maximum. Groups with animals must have pooper scoopers to clean up after the animals. Please note that any applications which do not meet the requirements for participation will **NOT** have their entry fee refunded to them.

Please note the following:

- a. Marching Bands are exempt from the application fee. However, they must complete the Application and Liability waivers for each participant.
- b. All checks will be cashed upon receipt. Cashing a check is not an indication of acceptance in the parade. However, you will receive a refund if your application is not accepted.
- c. If you do not show, or decide to cancel, there will be no refunds issued, your fee will be considered a donation to the DCBA.

NO APPLICATIONS or LIABILITY WAIVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED THE DAY OF THE PARADE

Application: Submission Deadline November 26, 2025

General Applicant Information:

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____ Number: _____

Contact Email: _____

Type of Parade Unit Applying: (Circle one and complete corresponding section of the application below)

A. Float B. Vehicles C. Marching Band C. Other (walking groups, animals)

Float Application-

Please describe your float/entry:

Dimensions: Float Height (Restricted to 10 ft) _____ Length _____

Towing Vehicle: Yes _____ No _____ Type: _____ Car _____ Truck _____ Jeep

Will you have lights: Yes _____ No _____ **Will you have music:** Yes _____ No _____

Number of people on the float: _____ **Number of walkers:** _____

Vehicle Application-

Type of vehicles: _____ **Number of vehicles:** _____ **Number of participants:** _____

Marching Band Application-

Number of participants: _____

Other Application-

Number of walkers: _____ **Types of Animals:** _____

ALL APPLICANTS, please read the official Parade Rules and descriptions of unit types and decorating guidelines.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email info@dunnellonchamber.com

The Applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Dunnellon, The Dunnellon Chamber & Business Association, Sponsors of the parade, Marion County Sheriff's Office their agents, and employees from and against all claims, demands, losses and damages of any kind or description resulting from injury to persons, or death or property damages arising from applicant participation in the Dunnellon Christmas Parade.

Applicant Signature

Date

Chamber Use Only:

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Date received: _____ Received by: _____

Dunnellon Christmas Parade

Release of Liability Disclaimer and Hold Harmless Agreement

The Undersigned hereby agree(s), that in consideration for the below named individual(s) participating in the Christmas Parade on 12/6/2025, in Dunnellon, FL. he/she will not make claims in tort or other law against the DCBA, the City of Dunnellon, Dunnellon Police Department, Marion County Sheriff Office, the Marion County School Board and or the Dunnellon Middle School, First Baptist Church of Dunnellon and Volunteers for any fact; whether intentional or neglect, on the part of any person, animal or object either prior, during or after the parade. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Dunnellon Chamber & Business Association (AKA the DCBA), the Marion County School Board, and/or the Dunnellon Middle School, the City of Dunnellon, the Dunnellon Merchants, and volunteers from any act committed prior, during or after the parade on the part of the below named participant which may cause harm to another person or property.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. NO persons are allowed to dress as SANTA CLAUS in or on any unit.
2. All walking and marching parade participants must be a minimum of 8 years of age. The parade route is 1.4 miles long.
3. Candy CANNOT be thrown AT people. It can be handed to spectators along the route as well as advertising or marketing materials. Please note you are responsible for cleaning up any materials you hand out that are left behind by parade goers.
4. This is a moving parade. All units MUST drive FIVE (5) MPH so that walkers can keep up and spectators are able to enjoy your unit. This is also for the safety of spectators and participants.
5. Your vehicle or unit must maintain a safe distance of at least 10' feet from each curb and 10' feet from the unit in front of you. Vehicles are expected to be in good mechanical and braking condition. Please make sure you have enough gas to run engine at slow speed for the entire 1.4 mile of parade route.
6. This is a NIGHT time parade. Please have your vehicle/unit decorated with Christmas themed decorations. Music and special effects are all considered in judging.
7. Parade units (especially floats) must arrive decorated and prepared. Please have all of your group members together prior to check in and in the staging area.
8. There will be a drop off area assigned for riders to be dropped off OUTSIDE of the staging area to meet their unit.
9. We are opening Float Lineup and check in at 2:00 pm if you need to decorate your float you are able to park at beginning at 2 pm and finish decorating your float.
10. All non-participating vehicles or individuals must be out of the parade line up area by 4:30 pm, all participating units should be fully decorated and parade ready by 5:00 pm.
11. Drivers are to stay with their vehicle in the staging area.
12. All unsafe or disabled units will be removed from the parade route and not allowed to re-enter.
13. There will be no parade entry fee refunds after acceptance for any reason. The parade will be held rain or shine, unless conditions are deemed dangerous to participants that are present.
14. The parade officials have the right to eliminate any unit from the parade if instructions are not followed or if any unit is considered unsafe to proceed down parade route.
15. The parade committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.

16. Parade participants are required to clean trash and debris from their area prior to the beginning of the parade.

17. I understand that any rule violation by any member of this group may result in non-acceptance into subsequent parades.

Parade rules listed have been developed for the safety and enjoyment of participants and spectators. Any violations to parade rules will be written up by parade committee and will be taken into consideration upon review and acceptance into parade for subsequent years.

Signed by: _____

Printed Name: _____

Group Leader of: _____

Date: _____



Please be sure to hand this in at the Parade.

Parade Float #: _____

Group or Organization Name:

Float Theme:

Description:
