

**GRAND ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
HARVEST OF HARMONY PARADE**

309 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Grand Island NE 68801

**Parade Entry Application** *(Mail to above)*

**Saturday, October 5, 2019 - 8:15 a.m.**

**Downtown Grand Island, Nebraska**

**Theme of parade: "Building Dreams, Friendships and Memories!"**

<b>Office Use Only</b>	
Category	_____
Judged: Yes	_____ No _____
Entry #:	_____ Date Rec: _____
Payment Method	_____
Check #	_____

**ORGANIZATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Street & PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (required): \_\_\_\_\_

**TV & RADIO SCRIPT - (description, sound, special effects, costuming) USE 5 LINES ONLY!**

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**NUMBER OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATING (MAXIMUM WALKERS - 35)** \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY INCLUDES:**  Walkers only     Single Vehicle     Single Vehicle with Walkers

Flatbed trailer pulled by tow vehicle - total length \_\_\_\_\_ft     Trailer with Walkers

Car     Pick-up     Step van     Other \_\_\_\_\_

**CATEGORY: (Check One)**

**COMPETING**.....  Civic     School     Children     Business

**NON-COMPETING**.....  Civic     Business

**2017 PARADE ENTRY FEE: \$50.00** \_\_\_\_\_ **Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_ **(date)**

This form will serve as your invoice – please copy for your records.

Application and check payable to Harvest of Harmony must be postmarked or delivered to the Chamber of Commerce on or before September 6, 2019. I have received, read and understand the Harvest of Harmony Guidelines for Parade Entries. It is understood that the Harvest of Harmony Parade cannot be held liable for damages that may come as a result of participating in the parade

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2019 HARVEST OF HARMONY GUIDELINES FOR PARADE ENTRIES

### CIVIC

Open to any organization or non-profit group, entering a float into competition that relates to the theme. This is a judged category. Cash, trophy, and rosettes awarded.

### SCHOOL

Open to any group representing a school (middle, secondary, business or college) entering a float into competition that relates to the theme. This is a judged category. Cash, trophy, and rosettes awarded.

### CHILDREN

Open to any school age children (pre-school, kindergarten, 1st-5th grade) entering a float into competition relating to the theme. This is a judged category. Cash, trophy, and rosettes awarded.

### BUSINESS

Open to any business entity entering a float into competition that relates to the theme. This is a judged category. Cash, trophy, and rosettes awarded.

### CIVIC NON-COMPETING

Open to any organization, non-profit group, school, or children's group wanting to participate in the parade but are not required to relate to the theme. This includes winners of area beauty pageants, political candidates or elected officials, antique cars, other original floats, rebuilt vehicles or walking units. Must provide own vehicle and signage. Non-competing entries are still required to be decorated for the parade. Not judged. No awards.

### BUSINESS NON-COMPETING

Open to business submitting entries for commercial advertising, but not relating to the theme. Not judged. No awards. We encourage you to decorate your entry for a parade.

### TOWED FLOAT SIZE LIMITS

The competing float, not including tow vehicle, should be no more than 10' in width, 13' in height, and 35' in length. Maximum height is 13' - no exceptions.

### ADVERTISING

All entries must have signs advertising their name, not to exceed 1/4th of the total float size. A suitable DECORATED vehicle must be used to pull the float but will not be considered part of the float for judging purposes. Literature may be handed out, but must not be adhesive-backed.

**RESTRICTIONS – these guidelines will be strictly enforced! Harvest of Harmony representatives reserve the right to remove any individual or organization from the parade, who does not comply.**

- Walkers with a float entry, or walking units, must not exceed 35 people. No limit on persons riding float.
- Distribution of candy or promotional items is strongly discouraged. **For safety reasons, candy or promotional items, must NOT be thrown, tossed or handed from floats and NO beach balls, footballs, etc. are allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS!** Children have fallen from floats when tossing items and parade bystanders have risked injury to themselves and others by running into the street in front of oncoming vehicles or bands to retrieve items thrown from floats. *Candy or promotional items may be distributed only if handed directly to parade bystanders by walking entrants AND only in such a manner that parade flow is not interrupted and safety is not compromised. Harvest of Harmony reserves the right to confiscate product or implement immediate withdrawal of any parade participant if it is deemed that distribution of items by the participant(s) is adversely affecting parade flow or compromising parade safety.*

- The leader, or driver, must maintain 1/4 block spacing behind the marching band AHEAD OF THEM.
- Shopping carts are not allowed as a float entry.
- No entries of semi-trucks, moving vans, drag cars, motorcycles or farm equipment. Farm tractors used as tow vehicles are subject to committee approval.
- Animals are NOT allowed in the parade unless prior approval has been requested and granted by the committee before October 6<sup>th</sup>. Pets must remain on vehicle at all times.
- Out of consideration for the marching bands whose performances are judged on the parade route, any use of vehicle horns, sirens, and generation of other distracting noises are strictly prohibited. Music is encouraged during judging, but will need to be off during parade.
- Provide a “safety hand hold” for use by persons, especially children, riding on your float. For safety and supervision, children riding on float must be accompanied by adults at a ratio of one adult per every three children aged 10 and under.
- Parents or chaperones must meet their children at the end of the parade route on North Oak Street.
- Keep a steady even, forward pace. No stopping to perform at the TV zone.

#### **FACILITIES**

For your comfort and convenience, two unisex sanitation units will be at 5th & Cedar Streets, near the church.

#### **LIABILITY**

The contact person (at least 18 years old) must sign a liability release on the Parade Entry Application.

#### **AWARDS**

<u>Category</u>	<u>1st Place</u>	<u>2nd Place</u>	<u>3rd Place</u>
Civic	\$100 cash Trophy Rosette	\$75 cash Rosette	\$50 cash Rosette
School	\$100 cash Trophy Rosette	\$75 cash Rosette	\$50 cash Rosette
Children	\$100 cash Trophy Rosette	\$75 cash Rosette	\$50 cash Rosette
Business	\$100 cash Trophy Rosette	\$75 cash Rosette	\$50 cash Rosette

GRAND MARSHAL'S CHOICE - A traveling trophy is awarded, plus \$125.00 cash. The Grand Marshal's Choice winner is selected by the Harvest of Harmony Grand Marshal(s) for the "best overall float relating to the parade theme." The Grand Marshal's Choice float is also eligible for placement awards in its judging category.

SPIRIT AWARD - A traveling trophy is awarded, plus \$50.00 cash, which is chosen by the Judges for the float "generating the most spirit and enthusiasm of the parade." Eligible for placement awards in its judged category.

## **JUDGING**

There are five criteria used by the judges. 1) Originality; 2) Flair - instinctive attraction to workmanship; 3) Beauty of float; 4) Relation to theme; and 5) Animation - use of music, action, etc., on the float.

## **COMPETING FLOATS LINE-UP, JUDGING TIME, AND LOCATION**

**Floats can be decorated 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m September 30 through October 3.** Contact Tracy at Fonner Park (308-382-4515) to let her know when you will be on the property. Final adjustments can be made until 9 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, in the Thompson Arena. Judging of all competing floats will be on Friday evening, October 4; participants (excluding the driver) must be on your float for the judging, in costume and actively participating by 5:30 p.m. **Results will be announced immediately following the judging of competing floats.** Floats (drivers only) will line up and go to staging area on Saturday, October 5, at 5:45 a.m.

## **ENTRY FEE**

<u>COMPETING (judged):</u> Civic, School, Children or Business	\$50
<u>NON-COMPETING (not-judged):</u> Civic or Business	\$50

## **ENTRY DEADLINE**

**Entries must be postmarked or delivered to the Chamber of Commerce on or before September 6, 2019.** Entries received after September 6 will be notified of acceptance only if there is a cancellation. If you're unable to fill in all the details by the deadline, mail the application and entry fee on time.

Your parade entry application has space for radio and television narration. Ensure the information is accurate and complete -typed or clearly printed. Use only the 5 lines provided. Make a photocopy of your completed entry application for your spokesperson to refer to during the judging process. To ensure your receipt of a parade invitation next year, advise all your float participants of the guidelines and restrictions. Thank you for your cooperation.