

## NON-FLOAT COMPETITIVE ENTRY

The non-float entry is one of the less costly and more creative ways for organizations to be involved with Homecoming Parade. If your organization wants to be in the parade but does not have resources to create a float, this is a good way to participate.

Organizations or individuals can choose to walk behind/with a banner or a vehicle in order to be recognized in the parade.

1. Non-float entries may be described as an organization driving a car, golf cart or simply walking the parade route. An organization can choose to have a decorated banner to introduce their organization.
2. Participants should arrange to be dropped off at parade check in location at the corner of Bell and Highland, as no through vehicles will be permitted.
3. All participants must conduct themselves in a respectable, sportsmanlike manner at all times. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to limit individual student, alumni, or any other participation in the Homecoming Parade. If an individual participant cannot maintain the appropriate conduct as defined by contemporary community standards, he/she will be asked to leave the parade, float, or vehicle and site. If that individual refuses to leave the vehicle or float (including the immediate area) that group will be immediately disqualified from the event. Murfreesboro Police will then be contacted and student will be sent to Judicial Affairs.
4. All participants must be dressed in MTSU school colors (Royal Blue and White) or according to the 2023 theme while participating in the parade. Keep in mind that school spirit is considered for competition. Other school spirited items (balloons, pompoms, signs, etc.) are encouraged. All attire should be family friendly.
5. All registered primary drivers should arrive at the parade start at 10:00 AM to get their spot in the parade. Participants should be at the intersection of Bell St and Highland (old hospital parking lot) one hour prior to parade start time to decorate their cart. The person responsible for the vehicle must check in with the parade director to receive access to parade spot.
6. Each vehicle may only have participants riding that have available seating. (ex: if there are four seatbelts, only four people can ride in the car). Organization members can walk behind the vehicle in the parade!
7. Vehicles entries can chose to be decorated before they arrive or on site. If you wish to be judged you will need to indicate this on the entry form, judging will take place on the parade route.
8. Each group must, as a part of their official entry, designate a qualified, sober (**meaning NO alcohol has been consumed**) driver for the float and any other vehicle used in the parade. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to determine the satisfactory state of each driver and may disqualify a driver if he or she does not meet

the agreed standards. Upon disqualification of the driver, the entire entry will also be declared ineligible to participate in the parade.

9. All entry forms are due on Wednesday, September 20 at 12:00 PM through MyMT.