



# The 2018 Kansas City St. Patrick's Day Parade

Theme: The Pipes are Calling: A Celebration of Irish Music

The 46th Annual Kansas City St. Patrick's Day Parade will kickoff Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 11:00 am. The Parade has become Kansas City's largest single-day civic event, as well as one of the largest St. Patrick's Day Parades in the nation. Tens of thousands of onlookers line the streets to see the hundreds of Irish Floats, Bands, Families, Organizations, Business entries and others celebrate the Feast Day of St. Patrick and our Irish Heritage.

The objective of the Kansas City St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is to successfully present the Parade in a safe, entertaining and enjoyable manner for all who attend. Our focus is on the families and thousands of children lining the streets of Kansas City to celebrate the heritage and tradition of the Irish in America on St. Patrick's Day.

We require each entrant to reflect the parade theme and decorate their entry appropriately in keeping with Irish tradition and our patron saint, St. Patrick. All entrants must abide by the rules, application requirements and deadline. You must provide proof of insurance and fill out the description paragraph about your entry. The detailed description assists in processing your application and allows us to ensure that your entry meets the criteria and standards set out for the Parade. The description also helps during the telecast.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Payment and insurance must accompany this application. Applications must be mailed by the March 1, 2018 deadline in order to be considered. A parade division head will contact you to provide additional details concerning the mandatory meeting for all entries, held just prior to parade day.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions concerning the application process or anything else about the Parade. We welcome your questions, as well as your thoughts and ideas.

Thank you for your interest in this great Kansas City tradition. We look forward to seeing you on St. Patrick's Day!

**Return Application to:**

**Mail in:**  
7539 Baltimore  
Kansas City, Missouri 64114

**Scan and email:**  
[entries@kcirishparade.com](mailto:entries@kcirishparade.com)

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# ENTRY APPLICATION

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**STEP 1**

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Unit Name: .....

Primary Contact: .....

Street Address: .....

City: ..... State: ..... Zip: .....

Phone #: ..... Fax #: .....

Email Address: .....

This application is intended to provide the Parade Committee with information necessary to choose the most appropriate units for the parade. We need you to provide as complete a description as possible so that we have every opportunity to consider your unit's merit. Information provided to us may be used by interested media.

The Parade Committee reserves the right to re-classify categories or refuse any entry into the Parade that does not reflect the theme or does not adhere to the policies of this Parade.

**STEP 2**

### CATEGORY & ENTRY FEE - Please select the category that best describes your entry.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Band</b> School Based	<b>\$75</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Media</b>	<b>\$325</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Business</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Organization</b>	<b>\$180</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Drill Team</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade Organization</b>	<b>\$230</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Family</b>	<b>\$125</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>School</b> Public, Private	<b>\$75</b>
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>School</b> Commercial, Trade	<b>\$325</b>

**NOTE** - Due to time, space and security costs, each entry is limited to one vehicle and up to 100 marchers. Each additional vehicle or set of marchers will require an additional entry fee.

**STEP 3**

### PAST PARTICIPATION

Have you participated in past parades?  Yes  No

If yes, how many years under current unit name? ..... Years under a different name? .....

**STEP 4**

### DESCRIPTION - A brief description and history of your unit. Feel free to attach additional materials.

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## STEP 5

**MOTORIZED vs. MARCHING** - Based upon your category, fill out the appropriate section below.

**MOTORIZED UNITS** - Any entry whose primary unit is a vehicle.

# of Riders:	# of Walkers:	Any Music?	If yes, type:	
Approximate float dimensions - Overall Length:		Width:	Height (MAX. 15'):	
Animals - Type:	Breed:	# of Animals:	# of Handlers:	
Any equipment or support units (including animal clean-up):				

**MARCHING UNITS** - Any entry whose primary unit is on foot (Drill Teams, Marching Bands, Cheerleaders, etc.)

What is the primary age group?	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult	Total # of Walkers:	
# of Ranks (across):	# of Lines (deep):	Any Music?	If yes, type:	
Any equipment or support units:				

## STEP 6

### THE FINE PRINT

As a prerequisite to participation in the Kansas City St. Patrick's Day Parade, the undersigned, as responsible party and representative for all participants of the aforementioned entry, knowingly and voluntarily assumes, on behalf of all participants, any and all risks inherent to participation in the Parade. Further, the undersigned waives on their behalf and all participants associated with this entry, any rights to claims against the Kansas City St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc., their officials, volunteers, agents or employees for any reason including, but not limited to, loss of life, bodily injury, property damage and/or loss that may be sustained as a result of participation in the Parade. The undersigned acknowledges receipt of, and agrees on their behalf and all participants associated with this entry, to abide by the rules and regulations for participation in the Kansas City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Acceptance of this application and participation in the Parade is strictly subject to the discretion of the Kansas City St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc., and the Committee reserves the absolute right to reject any application for participation in the Parade. Submission of a signed application and payment of the non-refundable entrance fee shall not be deemed as granting any applicant the right to enter or participate in the Parade. **The Kansas City St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc. is not responsible for any negligence or damage on your part.**

## STEP 7

### RETURN AGREEMENT & PAYMENT

Please Indicate how You Wish to Pay for Your Entry:

**Checks:**

Make payable to **KCSPDPC**

Please remit the following by March 1, 2018:

1. This completed application
2. Payment
3. A picture/diagram of your entry
4. A copy of your insurance certificate

MAIL TO:  
**The Parade Committee**  
7539 Baltimore  
Kansas City, MO 64114

or SCAN and EMAIL or questions to:  
**entries@kcirishparade.com**

**Credit/Debit Cards:**

Visa, MC, Discover, Amex

We will use PayPal to process all credit/debit card transaction. Once your application has been submitted and approved, you will receive an invoice from PayPal for the amount of your entry fee to the email address indicated below:

Email Address:



# RULES & REGULATIONS

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The Kansas City St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc. is a Missouri not for profit, non-partisan and non-political organization.

- 1 One vehicle per entry and up to 100 marchers per entry.
- 2 To help ensure the safety of children and spectators along the route, throwing candy, trinkets or goodies of any kind is strictly prohibited.
- 3 No alcoholic beverages or carrying of cans or bottles is allowed in the Staging areas or on the Parade route. There are no exceptions.
- 4 Please maintain continuous forward movement by ensuring all routines are forward moving/marching. Please do not stop along the route for special recognition or exhibition.
- 5 All motorized units over 20 feet in length and/or vehicles with children 13 years of age or younger riding are required to have a minimum of two walkers on each side of the vehicle for safety.
- 6 All entries must provide a copy of a current insurance certificate to the Committee prior to the Parade in order to comply with requirements of the Parade insurance provider. (Copy of current automobile coverage for vehicles in Parade and homeowners for personal entries. All business and school policies will be accepted for commercial entries.)
- 7 Motorized units, floats and units with generators must carry a fire extinguisher.
- 8 Weapons, firearms, and/or explosives, including firecrackers, will not be allowed.
- 9 Silly string and/or confetti are flammable and are not allowed.
- 10 No commercial or promotional signs, logos, give-aways, etc. are allowed on the Parade route without prior approval from the Committee.
- 11 No campaigning, politicking, or proselytizing.
- 12 All live animal units MUST have their own cleanup crew to pick up droppings in the Staging area and along the Parade route.
- 13 All entries must reflect good taste and adhere to the Parade theme. Inappropriate dress, behavior, music and/or disruption of the event could result in removal from the Parade. Music must be radio edit version.
- 14 For reasons of public safety, please limit your use of air/car horns on the parade route. Frequent horn blaring is not allowed as it may interfere with the operations of police and emergency vehicles.
- 15 To ensure the safety of children and people seated along the parade route, please refrain from loud revving of engines and burnouts.
- 16 Please make way for emergency vehicles and cooperate with police and all Parade staff. They are there to help you, to assure everyone's safety and to help the Parade move smoothly.

Failure to comply with the above listed requirements in the Staging area and/or along the Parade route will result in immediate removal from the Parade and/or exclusion from future Parades. If you are removed from the Parade, no refunds will be given.