

39TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL PARADE
Saturday, September 23, 2017
Nation Group Application

Organization Name:	Non Profit 501 c(3): Yes/No (Circle one)
Address:	
Phone:	E-mail:
Number of Marchers:	Age Range of Marchers:
A Vehicle? Yes/No (circle one) If yes, Number and description:	
A Float? Yes/No (circle one) If yes, description:	
Special needs:	

The Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County, any businesses involved and any government agencies involved are not responsible for accident or loss before, during or after the parade period. By signing below, participant attests that all conditions, policies, procedures and guidelines set forth in the application have been read, understood and agreed to.

Signed _____ Date _____

NOTES:

- 1. Include a \$75 check for your refundable* deposit made payable to The Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County. Deposit will be returned following the festival and after successful completion of the parade without incident and country sign returned to Arts Council.**
- 2. Parade narrative for emcee must be included with application.**

Return by August 28, 2017
The Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County
P.O. Box 318
Fayetteville, NC 28302

Need more information? E-mail: Bob Pinson, Operations Director, bobp@theartscouncil.com or call (910) 323-1776, or visit www.theartscouncil.com.

Date Received _____	Entry Fee _____	Deposit _____	Accepted _____	Confirmation _____
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2017 International Folk Festival Parade Guidelines

The following will be taken into consideration when reviewing parade applications from new group applicants:

- Structure of organization applying.
- Does it have bylaws?
- What is its purpose?
- Does it promote education about a specific culture?
- Space requirements of applicant.
- The need for a variety of unique, traditional and original participation.
- History of participation in previous International Folk Festivals.

Failure to abide by parade policies, operating procedures and standards of good conduct for all related activities may result in sanctions and will jeopardize participation in future events.

Only participants who have been officially recognized by the Arts Council are authorized to participate. To participate in the parade, a written application and entry fee/deposit must be submitted to The Arts Council for approval prior to the set deadline.

Participation in the International Folk Festival Parade places participants in a position of being photographed and/or recorded by visitors and the media. The Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County does not prohibit such activity. The Arts Council does, however, control commercial use of photography and/or recordings when aware of such activity.

The Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County reserves the right to accept or decline any entry.

It is the responsibility of participating organizations to notify The Arts Council regarding changes in leadership within the organization, the correct contact person, address, telephone number, etc.

The Parade shall not be used as a platform for any group's or individual's personal views or beliefs.

Political campaigning is not permitted. This includes political t-shirts, buttons and stickers worn by participants during parade.

Each unit is permitted one banner on which they may print their organization's name. All banners must be neatly lettered and legible. Banners or signs with mottos are prohibited.

No material may be handed out or thrown along the parade route. Candy may not be thrown or otherwise given out. Distribution of gifts, merchandise, literature or other material during the procession is prohibited.

A spacing of 50 feet between each unit will be enforced. All units are required to close the gap between units when requested by parade officials. Failure to do so may warrant removal from the parade. Groups will be permitted to stop to perform in front of the reviewing stand for no longer than one (1) minute.

Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle, or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol prior to or during the parade will be removed from the lineup. All city, county and N.C. State statues concerning the consumption of alcoholic beverages will be strictly enforced by the police before, during and after the parade.

Drivers must possess a valid driver's license and be at least 21 years old.

Livestock, reptiles, wild and domestic animals shall not be permitted in the parade without special written approval by the Arts Council. If approval is granted, a person must be designated to clean up any animal waste along the parade route. Safety measures including harnesses, leashes or other necessary control devices must be used at all times.

Use of high intensity sound making devices is not permitted. Sound of any type must be approved by the Arts Council. A compatible sound level must be maintained throughout the parade route at all times. Music should not begin until the group begins their parade march. Parade officials have complete authority in this matter and reserve the right to withdraw any unit that does not comply with their instructions to turn down or turn off sound when instructed to do so. Failure to comply with the official's instructions may result in exclusion from future participation and forfeiture of deposit. For music, it is recommended that a designated participant carry a portable stereo, mounted on a movable cart for ease of movement along the parade route.

Vehicle and float entries will be lined up in order. Lineup is scheduled to begin 8:00 a.m. All units must be in place no later than 9:30 a.m. Any unit not in place at 9:30 a.m. will forfeit their participation.

The parade route will be determined by the Arts Council in cooperation with the City of Fayetteville.

Participants must be suitably dressed in full uniform or native/cultural attire. The group must be identified as a whole to ensure proper safety and security during the procession. Any group that is not easily identifiable by its attire will be asked to leave the lineup site.

A request for a vehicle or float must be included in application and may be limited if necessary. Floats must be decorated in an international or cultural theme. The float shall be no larger than 12' x 24' and no decorations and/or float construction material may protrude from its sides. All electrical devices must be properly grounded. Float must have handholds or stand-up holds for each rider. The float must have a spotter beside it, who is in two-way communication (e.g. two-way radio) with the float driver. No participants may jump on a float to ride and must not interfere with any other unit in any way.

The Arts Council does not accept the responsibility for travel, food or lodging expenses.

The Arts Council reserves the right to withdraw any unit at any time whose attire or performance does not meet parade regulations or conform to the standards of reasonable public taste. Entries that do not appear on parade day without prior notification to parade officials may be excluded from future participation in the parade.