

6. MUSIC – Is Entry accompanied by live music/entertainment? YES NO
(If YES, music MUST be directed to the sides, not the front or back of the float.)

7. NUMBER OF WALKERS WITH FLOAT: _____
NEW! All walkers join their entry from the Research Station.

8. PLEASE PROVIDE A SKETCH OR PICTURE OF YOUR FLOAT ENTRY

9. AWARDS AND PRIZES- please visit ABF website at www.appleblossom.com/parade for a complete list

10. RULES AND REGULATIONS: A FULL AND COMPLETE LIST of Grand Street Parade Rules and Regulations is found on the ABF website www.appleblossom.com/parade and must be reviewed as there is strict enforcement for public safety and enjoyment. Entries not compliant will NOT be allowed to Parade.

ABF Grand Street Parade Conditions and Criteria Acceptance Form:

I have read and understand this Entry Form and its Rules and Regulations. On behalf of the firm/ organization/individual above and all participants in the entry, I the undersigned, agree that neither the Apple Blossom Festival, the Grand Street Parade Committee nor any agent, employee or volunteer of either assumes any responsibility for any personal injury or property damage suffered in connection with the Parade howsoever caused (including negligence) and agree to release and hold harmless such parties from any claims for such injury or damage.

Name of Entry _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Please PRINT Full Name

PROOF OF INSURANCE from INSURANCE COMPANY	
Insurance policy /company	_____
Insurance policy number	_____
Sponsor’s name (please print clearly)	_____
Signature	_____ Date _____

APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT AND PROOF OF INSURANCE (where applicable).

Fax, Mail or E-mail Completed Entry Form and Payment To: 217 Belcher Street, Kentville, Nova Scotia, Canada, B4N 1E or by **Fax - 902.678.3710** or **Email: info@appleblossom.com**
Please check our website for our privacy policy: www.appleblossom.com

I hereby authorize the Apple Blossom Festival Committee to share my contact information with other Community Parade Committees, if requested.

Signature



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Apple Blossom Festival GRAND STREET PARADE Awards:

Each entry in the parade is eligible to compete for the Parade Awards. Please check **ONE** of the following categories for your entry, for Judging Purposes:

- Princess Floats**
- Most Outstanding - overall appearance and workmanship
 - Most Artistic - workmanship, art and colour
 - Most Original - originality, live characterization

There will be 1st and 2nd Awards for each category, awarded with Apple Plaques and winner signs for your float.

- All Other Floats**
- Commercial
 - Community Groups
 - Service Club
 - Comic
 - Historic

There will be 1st and 2nd Awards for each category awarded with Apple Plaques and winner signs for your float.

There will be Honourable Mention awards given in various categories with Apple Plaques and winner signs for your float.

- Bands**
- Youth Band
 - Community Band
 - Mixed Adult/Youth Band
 - Adult Pipe Band
 - Military Band

There will be 1st and 2nd Awards for each category, awarded with Apple Plaques.

- Majorettes**
- Majorette Groups
 - Best Baton Twirler

There will be 1st and 2nd Awards for each category, awarded with Apple Plaques.

- Equestrian and Other**
- Rosettes will be awarded.

Please note that Parade Entries line up on the Cornwallis River Crossing in New Minas will be awarded their awards **BEFORE** the Parade begins. Be sure your entry is well identified with banners, signs and so on, so that everyone watching knows who won!

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RULES AND REGULATIONS- ALL ENTRIES - IMPORTANT CHANGES – PLEASE READ

KEEP THIS SECTION FOR REFERENCE

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1. **COMPLETED Parade Applications MUST be received at the Festival Offices by May 1, 2011.** Entries received after this date **WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED** for the 2011 Grand Street Parade.

2. **All entries must be decorated to reflect the current theme of the Apple Blossom Festival. If an entry fails to meet the standards established by the ABF, it will not be permitted to enter the Parade.**

3. **Float entries** must submit a complete description of the float including a name for the entry, theme, construction detail and number of construction hours, cost of construction, size plus any other pertinent information. This is important as it may be used for media commentary. **FLOATS MUST BE 100% DECORATED, including tow vehicles.**

Please Note: the Parade Committee MUST approve any changes in writing, by May 1, 2011.

4. A detailed drawing, photograph or description must accompany all motorized or mechanical entry Applications. Deadline is May 1, 2011.

5. Entries must be entertaining to a Family audience. The Parade Committee may reject any application that does not meet regulations or, any entry on Parade Day that does not meet regulations or conform to the description on the Parade Application.

6. Commercial Entry Fee must accompany application submission and is **non-refundable**. All commercial entries **must** be decorated to reflect the Apple Blossom Festival theme. **Any commercial entries not decorated will be refused entry in the line-up and there will NOT be a REFUND of ANY FEES paid.**

7. The safety of spectators must be respected at all times. Adequate side clearance must be maintained constantly. **NOTHING is to be handed out/thrown from vehicles on the Parade route to the spectators.** No entry may depict anything inflammatory, controversial or otherwise offensive, or distribute literature, pamphlets, leaflets, brochures, flyers or any other written or printed items without express permission of the ABF.

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8. **Proof of Public Liability Insurance is mandatory for horses & motor vehicles taking part in the Festival.** Coverage must be at least that required by law and must be provided by **May 1, 2011** for the Parade date of May 28, 2011 Your Application is considered incomplete until such copy is in our files, and failure to complete your Application, will result in removal from the Parade up to and including the Grand Street Parade Day, regardless of past or current Parade history.
9. Maximum dimensions (Float and Tow vehicle combined) must be no more than 75' length x 8 1/2' width x 13' high.
10. Any motorized or mechanical units must be well finished, clean and in safe running condition. All entries Fuel tanks should be topped off just prior to the Parade as no types of fuel storage containers are allowed on the Parade Route. **All motorized vehicles must carry a fire extinguisher** that is approved, charged, sealed and tagged, and ACCESSIBLE. It is the responsibility of the entrant to supply their own gas and drivers, and no meals are provided.
11. **Automobiles are restricted to a mode of transportation for INVITED GUESTS ONLY** and are not acceptable as an entry. Antique and modified vehicles are permitted as a mode of transportation but may not TOW a float or entry.
12. SUV's, pick-up trucks and flat beds are restricted to being a TOWING vehicle only, and **MUST** be fully decorated to match the entry they are pulling.
13. The Apple Blossom Festival will not be responsible for any injury or damages prior to, or during the Parade.
14. Sponsorship identification on floats must be restricted to a panel, maximum 8' long by 1' wide (proportionate to the size of the float), unless otherwise agreed to by the Parade Committee. All entries should be visibly marked for recognition on all sides. Walking groups should carry a banner. Parade Entry Number must be clearly displayed on entry front. The Apple Blossom Festival Parade Committee will supply these Numbers.
15. Entrants will be provided with detailed information with regard to line up instructions, maps, etc. prior to the Parade.
16. Any entry that slows the progress of the Parade may be withdrawn at any location along the Parade Route. There will be no Pre-mature exiting of the Parade Route, with the exception of an emergency. It is expected that ALL entries complete the Parade Route from start to finish. **All entries are asked to maintain a constant speed and should follow the entry ahead at 25-50 feet in distance. (Please do not worry about the space behind your entry.)**
17. With permission from the Parade Marshal, walking entries are allowed One (1) support vehicle that will line up at the Cornwallis River Crossing and join up with the walkers at the Agricultural Centre. An adult **MUST** accompany children under 10 years of age.

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18. Bands, Majorettes, Equestrian, Livestock and Walking entries form up at the Kentville Agricultural Centre between **10-11:00am** on Parade Day. Trailers and vehicles may be parked in an area near the soccer fields at the west end of Kentville and a shuttle service is available for after the parade. All other entries are responsible for the delivery of their float to the marshalling area on Cornwallis River Crossing in New Minas no later than **9:30am** on Parade Day, and are responsible for the removal of floats from the dispersal area in west Kentville immediately after the Parade. **Line-up will begin moving on to Commercial Street at 12:30 pm sharp.**

19. Any damages caused through storage or travel to the Marshalling Area must be repaired prior to the Parade to the standards set by the Parade Committee. You are encouraged to have sufficient cover (tarps, etc.) in case of inclement weather. **The Parade Marshal or Designate will inspect all entries as they arrive. If an entry fails to meet the standards established by the ABF, it will not be permitted to enter the Parade.**

20. Equestrian and Livestock units **MUST** provide their own clean-up personnel.

21. First Aid support will be available for emergency use only and is spaced regularly along the parade route.

22. All entrants are expected to be professional, neat, organized and well mannered (no profanities) at all times while on Parade. Any alcohol or illegal drug consumptions or possession is forbidden before, during and after the Parade festivities. Any individuals who do not comply will be dismissed from the parade and turned over to the proper authorities.

23. Entries will be judged by the Grand Street Parade Judging Committee. The Criteria and Opinions of the ABF Invited Judge Members will be based on: originality, photogenic/visual appeal, uses of people, material, animation and special effects. Awards are presented in various categories, a complete list of which is on the application. Float awards will be presented before the Parade, in the line-up. All other awards will be issued after the Parade and will be publicized in a press release and on our website.

24. **The Parade Marshal has complete authority over the Parade.**

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