



The Parade Company

America's Thanksgiving Parade® Presented by Gardner White

2026 Parade Day Assignment Application

Please note the following:

- Parade Performers must be at **least 16 years**. Those under 18 must volunteer with parent/guardian.
- Parade Performers **must** have a Parade Company Volunteer Application & Waiver on file.
See bottom of page.
- Please type or **print** clearly. **No cursive.**

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Email: (print very clearly) _____ Date of Birth: _____ Jacket Size: _____

Are you interested in a leadership position in the Parade? (i.e. Volunteer Captain) Yes No

Instructions: Indicate your **“Top 3”** desired positions for Parade Day participation with “1” being your most desired. We will do our best to accommodate your request.

Volunteer Positions in the Parade - Outdoors

___ Balloon Handler***	___ Band Marshal	___ Banner Carrier
___ Float Driver/Spotter**	___ Unit Marshal	___ Costumed Marcher*
___ Equestrian Escort	___ Papier-mâché Head (very limited)	___ Big Head Corps Handler

* Requires 10 hours of Parade Company volunteer work in 2026

**Requires: Copy of Valid Driver License, attendance at Float Driving School, and MVR submission

***Requires attendance at Balloon School if you did not attend in 2024 or 2025

Prior Parade Experience Required for the following positions:

___ Parade Technical Support	___ Parade Captain	___ Super Marshal
		___ Assembly Crew

Parade Day Support - Outdoors

___ Grandstand Usher	___ Parade Production Crew	___ Dispersal Crew
	Pinch Hitter (Willing to Step in for	___ Shuttle Driver
___ VIP Logistics (Limited)	Cancellations - Assignment will be	
	given Parade Day)	

Parade Day Support - Indoors

___ Volunteer Services	___ Sponsor Breakfast (Limited)	___ Clown Breakfast (Limited)
(Costume Dresser & Check-in)		

All volunteers are subject to a background check. Drivers/Spotters must also submit a MVR. After completing a successful background screener, you will receive an email confirmation with your assignment and next steps.

- Do you consent to a criminal background check? Yes or No (Circle One)

Return Selection Form to:

Volunteer Program
c/o The Parade Company
9500 Mt Elliott, Studio A
Detroit, MI 48211

Via fax to 313.923.2920
Via email to volunteers@theparade.org

****If you do not have a Parade Company Volunteer Application & Waiver already on file you can go to www.theparade.org and complete the online application under the volunteer tab. **Please note that everyone must have a Parade Company application & waiver on file.******



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Please let us know who we should contact in case of emergency.

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Relationship: _____

FLOAT DRIVER/SPOTTER & NEW VOLUNTEERS: You will need to provide a copy of your Driver's License

Drivers License State & Number and/or Additional Comments:
