



SEBASTOPOL
Chamber of Commerce
& Visitor Center

71st Sebastopol Apple Blossom Parade Parade Entry Application



Saturday, April 22, 2017 - Starts 10am
THEME: 2017: An Apple Blossom Odyssey

*****Entry Deadline – Friday, February 27, 2017 at 5PM*****

ENTRANT INFORMATION

This entrant is (check one box only):

Academic School 501(c) Nonprofit Individual Service Organization Commercial Business Other

Entry Name	
Non-Profit ID #	
Contact Name	
Phone	
Email	
Address to mail parade instructions	
City, State ZIP	

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ENTRY

Number of people in unit		Approximate length of entry (in feet)	
Person in charge day of parade		Cell Phone #	

SOUND	Does your entry include sound? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> soft <input type="checkbox"/> loud
Describe music/sound:	

MOTORIZED VEHICLES	Does your unit have a motorized vehicle? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> If YES, you are required to submit a photocopy of your vehicle insurance policy with this application.	
Describe vehicle(s) number and type	

ANIMALS	Does your unit include any animals? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> If YES, you are required to submit with this application a photocopy of liability insurance , which would cover any damage, which an animal of that type might create. <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Units must supply a Pooper Scooper for each entry.	
Describe animal(s), number	
Person responsible for cleaning up animal waste	

Drop off passes needed?(Max of 4)		Drop off passes are needed to enter the staging area to drop off parade participants.
Vehicle passes needed?		Vehicle passes are needed for the actual entry in the parade, car truck, horse, etc.

CHOOSE YOUR ENTRY CLASS

Please select **ONE** entry class from the following list (School Band entries choose multiple classes, see below). In the case that there is only one entry in a class, the judges will determine an award level and a trophy will be given. **PLEASE NOTE OPEN CLASS= Not Judged.**

Antique or Classic Auto
Animals W or W/O Drawn Vehicle
Bands /Schools (See below)
Clean Emissions
Color Guard Competition

Equestrian Single Mounted
Equestrian Group Mounted
Float Commercial
Float Non-Profit

Novelty
OPEN CLASS (Not Judged)
Other Bands
Youth Organizations

SCHOOL BANDS (only one entry form per school band unit): 1. **Check one of the following:**

Elementary School K-6 gr.

Middle/Junior High School

High School

2. **NUMBER the following in the ORDER they will line up within your entire unit:**

Unit ID
Drum Major
Flag/Color/Shield Team

Band
Majorette Group
Drill Team

ENTRY DESCRIPTION AND SCRIPT

Briefly describe your entry and what it will look like (i.e. Float without walkers).	
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PARADE ANNOUNCER'S SCRIPT – EMAIL sebabf@sebastopol.org

*Please supply a script with **50 OR LESS** words describing your entry. Please make sure you provide concise script information conforming to the word limits. Scripts with more than 50 words will be edited due to the limited amount of time allowed by the announcers. Please use the following to assist you with your script:*

How many years have you participated in the parade? Is there anything unique about your parade history? Is there anything unique or unusual about this year's entry in the parade, or about your annual participation? Describe your decorations, costumes, and props. Do you have any unique stories about your entry or how it was chosen or developed? How does your entry relate to the theme? Describe any unusual points of interest about your group, its history, or its participants. List any recent honors or awards your group has received.

Please email the script to sebabf@sebastopol.org or type it and mail it in with your entry. If emailed be sure to use Sebastopol Parade Script as subject and the name of the parade entry so we can identify it properly. **SCRIPTS RECEIVED AFTER APRIL 1ST WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED INCLUSION.**

FEES, SIGNATURES & DEADLINES

Please make checks payable to the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce. ***APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WITHOUT PAYMENT WILL BE RETURNED***

Check	#	Amount	\$
Application Date & Fee (please see Fee Schedule)	Total	Amount	\$

Your signature on this form is evidence that you agree to the Parade Rules and will abide by those rules and the decision of the Parade Committee and judges. Further, your signature on this entry form indicates that you agree that the Sebastopol AB Parade and Festival and all of those organizations', volunteers, employees, contractors and agents, are released from any and all responsibility for loss, damage, or injury to any person or property relating in any way to participation in the Parade.

Signature		Date	
Title		Phone	

Please mail this form to Sebastopol ABF& Parade, PO Box 178, Sebastopol, CA 95473 or drop off at the office at 265 So. Main St., Sebastopol, CA 95473

Phone: 707-823-3032 e mail: sebabf@sebastopol.org www.appleblossomfest.com

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Category Descriptions

CLEAN EMISSIONS

Zero Emission Vehicles... do not create pollutants. Examples: bicycles, solar, electric, wind & self-propelled

ANIMALS WITH OR W/O DRAWN VEHICLE

Any animal entry; horses, goats, llamas, dogs, etc. pulling or not pulling a cart/buggy type vehicle. Entrants are responsible for all animal wastes along parade route & in staging & disbanding areas.

COLOR GUARD

Any unit that carries the flags/colors of the USA and wishes to compete. (Walking, vehicle or mounted)

EQUESTRIAN CLASSES

- **Single Equestrian Mounted**
- **Group Equestrian Mounted**

ANTIQUÉ & CLASSIC AUTOS

Must be in collector condition & 30 or more years old.

FLOATS

Fully decorated structure/vehicle that depicts the parade theme: **“2017: AN APPLE BLOSSOM ODYSSEY”**
Floats may have fresh floral, natural materials or artificial materials. In judging, points will be added for decorated truck cabs and tow vehicles.

- **COMMERCIAL FLOAT** A unit which carries and promotes the name, logo and/or product, or other insignia, of a commercial for-profit business.
- **NON-PROFIT** Are not commercial, nonprofit organizations, academic schools, veterans groups and individuals.

NOVELTY

These are based on innovation, uniqueness, costume, decorations and theme. Humor is recommended!

YOUTH

Single or group of youths, under the age of 18.

OPEN CLASS ENTRIES (NOT JUDGED)

ANY Entries that do not wish to be judged

MARCHING BANDS*

- Elementary School ~ Highest grade is 6th
- Junior High/Middle School ~ Highest grade is 9th
- Senior High ~ Highest grade is 12th

See break down of judged categories for all school levels when applicable above. Please indicate **order of appearance** on the application.

OTHER BAND

- ♦ One that does not fall into any of the above descriptions.

THEME: 2017: AN APPLE BLOSSOM ODYSSEY

JUDGING CRITERIA

- 25 **Theme** Presentation & adherence to theme
25 **Spirit** Participants enthusiasm, personal attitude & community involvement
25 **Construction**
Design Artistic imagination, care in presentation and construction
25 **General**
Effect Overall appeal, costumes, music, fun

BAND JUDGING CRITERIA

- 25 **Theme** Addressing the theme, either musically or with some decoration on uniform
25 **Visual** Visual excellence entails precision performance (in line & in step), uniforms, grooming
25 **Musical**
Quality Rhythm, expression, musicianship and hitting notes
25 **General**
Effect Does the music & spirit appeal to the crowd & enhance the parade?



**AWARDS WILL
INCLUDE**

**Sweepstakes
(best overall)**

**1st 2nd and 3rd place in each
category with 3 or more.**

**Awards presentation will be
given out at 1:30 (approx.) on
the front stage behind the Art
Center.**

ENTRY FEES

\$50. NON-COMMERCIAL ENTRANTS

\$100. COMMERCIAL ENTRANTS

\$25. LATE FEE Applications submitted after February 27, 2017

General Rules for Entries

Safety Rules for All

- 1. PARADE PARTICIPANTS MAY NOT THROW ANY ITEM FROM THEIR UNIT, FLOAT OR AUTO.** Walkers, affiliated with an entry, may distribute appropriate items such as product samples, to the audience at the curb but should not encourage the audience to leave the curb or move into the street.
 2. Parade participants may not jump onto or off of any float or moving vehicle and may not interfere with any other unit in the parade.
 3. Drivers of any and all vehicles in the parade must have a valid driver's license and be at least 18 years of age. All motorized vehicles must submit proof of liability insurance with entry form.
 4. Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle, or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol prior to and during the parade will be removed from the line-up.
 5. Floats must have hand holds or barriers to secure riders in the event of sudden stops or starts, chairs or seating must be attached to float -bed.
 6. All floats must carry fire extinguishers with minimum ratings 2-A,10-B:C.
 7. All individuals on self-propelled and motorized vehicles must wear helmets as the law requires.
 8. This is an ALL FORWARD MOTION PARADE. Performing groups should choreograph routine to maintain forward motion at the appropriate pace.
 9. ONLY paid prior applications are allowed in the parade. NO "DAY OF" ENTRIES.
 10. All entrants and participants must cooperate with the parade organizers and volunteers and line up as directed or risk expulsion from the parade.
- AND HAVE FUN!

RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR ENTRY FEE BY 5 P.M., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017 TO:

Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce, 265 So. Main St., Sebastopol OR

Mail to P.O. Box 178, Sebastopol, Ca 95473

Parade instructions will be mailed after April 1, 2017

Late entries (after February 26 will be charged \$25.)

For questions contact the Chamber: 707-823-3032