



# Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission National Holiday Parade Registration

*Entries must be completed and submitted by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, January 15, 2026. Please submit completed paper applications to Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission of Florida, Inc. 1712 NE Waldo Road, Gainesville, Florida. Online registration is available at [www.martinlutherkingcommission.org](http://www.martinlutherkingcommission.org).*

## Contact information

Name:

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Phone number:

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Email:

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Secondary contact name:

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Secondary contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Organizational information

What is the name of your organization?:

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Select organization category

- Community - individual, family, organization, club or neighborhood group
- Non-profit - a certified 501c3 organization
- Commercial - may display company logo
- Government - schools, federal, state, city, county and local municipal agencies and officials

### Parade entry

Circle your entry category:

Marching band Float Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Performance group Vehicle(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**All applications must include a detailed plan or diagram for review including an estimate of dimensions in order to be considered. These details will be used to place entrants in the parade lineup. If your entry has no float component, a description may be sufficient.**

Provide a description of your proposed float or performance. Please be as specific as possible. Attach additional documentation if needed.:

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What is the approximate size of your proposed float or group?

The optimum float size is 6'x10'. Floats should not exceed 10 feet in width. (Add-ons that are installed in the staging area and removed at the conclusion of the parade, which result in the float exceeding 10 feet in width only while on the parade route, will be accepted.) Including tow unit, floats must not exceed 50 feet in length. No entries can exceed 12 feet in height. Groups may have up to 50 people. Marching bands may have up to 125 members.:

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## Entry design plan

If needed, attach documentation related to plan for your parade entry. Do you need any special accommodations?: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parade rules

### Timeline

Parade registration deadline: By Thursday, January 15, 2026,

5:00 p.m. Monday, January 19 – Parade Day

**Check each box to indicate your understanding and agreement in following these rules and regulations.**

- I have read all of the parade rules and agree to follow them. Complete rules are available online at [www.martinlutherkngcommission.org](http://www.martinlutherkngcommission.org)
- Nothing thrown or handed out.
- No stationary demonstrations, routines, or performances along the parade route
- No live animals unless prior approval is given from parade organizers.
- No sirens, bullhorns, fireworks, bubbles, silly string, balloons, or poppers.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission staff has the final approval of all parade entries. If any entries are deemed inappropriate they will be removed from the parade.
- Participant drop-off will only be at designated locations given to your representative prior to the parade.
- Lineup for staging will take place between 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. If you arrive after this time, you may be disqualified and removed from the parade entry list.
- We understand and agree that the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission has the right to remove any entry from the parade for any inappropriate display or behavior by any participant and agree to abide by the rules.
- I understand that all entries must be ready to go at 11:30 a.m. for a prompt start time of 12 p.m. I have marked important dates in my and my team's calendars.
- I understand that photos and video will be taken throughout the event. The MLK Commission will use these images to promote and celebrate the parade on the website, in printed materials, and social media.

## Release and indemnity

The undersigned, in consideration of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission and City of Gainesville providing us with space for the display, promotion and/or sale of our various services, products, goods and other valuable wares during their event, do hereby release the Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission of Florida, Inc., and the City of Gainesville and any of their employees, directors or volunteers from any liability for the loss or damage of product, personal injury or property damage. Further, I acknowledge full responsibility for all my activities at the event and for those assisting me and I agree to defend, hold harmless and indemnify the Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission of Florida, Inc. and the City of Gainesville for any damages, attorney's fees, or costs of any legal action resulting from any claims in which they, their members, employees, agents or volunteers are made parties defendant. This release and indemnity agreement applies for the duration of the event as scheduled and to any claims made within the applicable statute of limitations for a loss occurring during that time period.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Waiver

As the appointed representative of the above-named entity, I fully understand and agree that my participation in the Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission of Florida, Inc., MLK National Holiday Parade is voluntary and at my own risk. I hereby certify that there exists full liability and property damage and personal injury insurance on the float or vehicle or being entered in the parade. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission of Florida, Inc., and the City of Gainesville for any personal injury or property damage which I, my float/vehicle or passengers may cause in any way or which may be occasioned to me, my passengers or to my float/vehicle as a result of my parade participation. We understand and agree that the Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission of Florida, Inc. has the right to remove any entry from the parade for any inappropriate display or behavior by any participant and, upon signing, agree to abide by all rules and conditions of participation. Also, I hereby grant full consent to the co-producers for the free use of my picture or name in any broadcast, telecast or other account of the events of the parade.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_