



# FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

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## FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY 2024 PARADE REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Complete This Form Online: [www.fvsu.edu/homecoming-parade](http://www.fvsu.edu/homecoming-parade)

Theme: TBD • Saturday, October 12, 2024

The deadline to register without penalty is Friday, October 4. Late fees may be charged after this date.

Organization/Unit Name:

Street Address:

Point of Contact:

Daytime Phone Number:

City/State/Zip:

Email Address:

Cell/Evening Number:

### ENTRY CATEGORY

**Vehicles** - All vehicles must have professional identifiable magnetic signs on both sides of their vehicle (excluding floats, miniature vehicles, and antique cars). **No poster board signs.** You have the option to purchase magnetic signs upon registering for the parade.) **CHECK ONE :**

- **On-campus Organization Vehicle** - \$50
- **Community Vehicle** - \$100; (after deadline \$125)
- **Political Vehicle** - \$100; (after deadline \$125)
- **Alumni Chapter Vehicle** - \$50
- **Motor Coach** - \$100; after deadline \$125
- **City Vehicles** – No charge
- **Car clubs/Slingshots** – 1 unit (1-10 vehicles) \$200

Would you like to purchase a magnetic sign?  Yes or  No

The deadline for ordering signs is **October 4, 2024**. The cost is \$50 for two 18x24 signs – marching groups with vehicles may use a banner in lieu of signs. See page 4 of this document.

**Floats** To qualify as a float, an entry must be skirted, and all objects on it must be completely decorated in sheeting or its equivalent. **CHECK ONE:**

- **On-campus Float** – (No charge)
- **Community Float** – (No charge)
- **Alumni Chapter Float** – (No charge)

What type of vehicle will pull the float?

Car  Truck  SUV  Other

Will your organization have music played?  Yes or  No If yes, what type of music? \_\_\_\_\_  
No inappropriate music or vulgar language will be allowed and will result in banning from future FVSU parades.

Does your organization plan to distribute any information?  Yes or  No If so, what type of information: \_\_\_\_\_  
All information must be approved by committee prior to parade.

### Horses

- **Horse entry** - \$50 (No entry fee will be accepted after deadline of **October 4, 2024**. Owners must submit negative Coggins Test with application.) *Note: A horse expert will examine and screen all horse entries two weeks prior to parade. We have the right to deny unsuitable horses.*

### Walking Units—CHECK ONE:

- **Military Marching Unit/Youth Walking** - (No charge)
- **Adult Miniature Riding Cars** – (No charge)
- **Adult Walking** (Non-dance Group, No music) - \$25 after deadline; \$50
- **Youth Dance Group with Music/Walking with 1 vehicle** - \$50; after deadline \$75
- **Youth Dance Group with Music/Walking with 2 or more vehicles** - \$100; after deadline \$125
- **Adult Dance Group with Music/Walking without a Vehicle** - \$100; after deadline \$125
- **Adult Dance Group with Music/Walking with 1 or more vehicles** - \$150; after deadline \$175

**FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**2024 HOMECOMING PARADE ENTRY GUIDELINES**

Parade Entry Deadline: 5 PM, Friday, October 4, 2024

All parade entrants are asked to observe the following guidelines, and supply information where requested to assist the Homecoming Parade Committee in proper planning of the event. **Incomplete applications will not be registered.**

- All parade participants must comply with current traffic laws and regulations. For everyone’s safety, we ask all motorized vehicles to refrain from excessive acceleration, wheelies, burnouts, etc.
- Drivers of all units must have a valid driver’s license and insurance and all doors to vehicles must remain closed during the parade. **All passengers must wear seatbelts at all times.**
- Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or consumption of alcohol is permitted in the parade. Any participant judged to be in possession of or under the influence of alcohol, or any other substance, shall be asked to leave and subject to removal if not done.
- To avoid excessive gaps in the parade route Walking Units will not be allowed to stop and perform along the parade route—only bands and select Walking Units can perform at the President’s Viewing Stand (two-minute limit).
- No bicycles, motorcycles, mopeds, or go-carts allowed.
- Under no circumstances are children allowed to ride outside of vehicles.
- Candy, prizes, novelty items or any other items may not be thrown from the float but may be distributed by associated walkers upon approval by parade coordinators.
- No loud or profane music allowed during the parade. All dance teams must refrain from lewd and suggestive routines.
- **The parade begins promptly at 9 AM. To facilitate a smooth parade route transition, all units must be in place by 8:30 AM. After 8:30 AM, your spot in the parade will be forfeited and you may not be allowed to participate in the parade.**
- **We reserve the right to deny an individual/organization’s entry into the parade. SAFETY IS OUR #1 CONCERN!**
- All vehicles must have an identifiable sign of their organization on BOTH sides of the vehicle. You have the option to purchase magnetic signs upon registering for the parade. **The deadline for ordering signs is Friday, October 5, 2024. The cost is \$50 for two signs** – marching groups with vehicles may use a banner in lieu of signs. **(Must provide your own magnetic signs after October 5th).**
- Only paid and registered participants will be allowed to participate on parade day.
- Individuals/organizations that do not cooperate with these rules/regulations and/or parade officials will be removed from the parade lineup and may not be allowed to participate in future FVSU activities.

***I have reviewed all rules and regulations listed above and signed/returned the attached Waiver of Claim Clause for the 2024 Homecoming Parade. I understand I must abide by all parade guidance.***

Print Name:

Today’s Date:

Authorized Signature (must be 18 years or older to sign) \_\_\_\_\_

**You may mail application and fees to:**

FVSU Department of Military Science • Hubbard Education Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Flr  
1005 State University Drive • Fort Valley, GA 31030

Or

You may email or fax applications to [jordanc01@fvsu.edu](mailto:jordanc01@fvsu.edu); Fax: 825-6352

To pay registration fees online go to [www.fvsu.edu/donatetofvsu](http://www.fvsu.edu/donatetofvsu) (Arrow down to Cardholder Information/Type in “*ROTC Cadet Fund*” in the **Designation** block) **Registration fees are non-refundable.**

**To pay by check--make checks payable to “ROTC Cadet Fund” and handcarry or mail to above address**

***There will be a \$30 charge for any returned checks.***

**For more details or questions, call 478-825-6340 or 825-6341.**

## FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY FLOAT COMPETITION INFORMATION

**Line-Up: Starting at 7:30 AM, Saturday, October 4, 2024**

Fort Valley Festival Park, 310 Martin Luther King Jr Dr., Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

**Route:** Parade begins promptly at 9 AM on E. Main Street, travels on to S. Camellia Blvd. and on to State University Drive and ends at the entrance of the FVSU campus.

To qualify as a float for competition purposes, an entry must be skirted, and all objects on it must be completely decorated in sheeting or its equivalent. All floats will be inspected for safety by the FVSU Risk Management, Safety and Transportation Officer prior to the start of the parade--unsafe floats will be denied entry into the parade so please ensure the structure of your float is secure and sturdy! **(All standing personnel must have something to hold on to.)**

**Floats will be judged based on the following criteria for a total of 100 points:**

*Originality - 50 points*

*Adherence to FVSU colors/culture – 30 points*

*General Appearance - 20 points*

**Floats will be judged and prizes awarded as follows:**

### **On-Campus Floats**

**1<sup>st</sup> place - \$500**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$300**

### **Off-Campus Floats**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$500**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$300**

**To clear State University Drive curbs, floats should be limited to 11 feet (width) and a minimum of 8 inches (height).**

Winners will be announced during the homecoming game and notified by email.

**Please deliver your application to the FVSU Hubbard Education Bldg., 3<sup>rd</sup> Flr, FVSU Military Science Department or mail to:**

Fort Valley State University  
Military Science Department  
Attn: Cheryl McNeil-Jordan  
1005 State University Drive  
Fort Valley, GA 31030

Or email to:

[Jordanc01@fvsu.edu](mailto:Jordanc01@fvsu.edu)

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**FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING PARADE  
MAGNETIC SIGNS ORDER FORM**

**DEADLINE: Friday, October 4, 2024**

Name of Organization/Information to be printed on sign (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY BELOW):

Person to Call to Pick Up Magnetic Signs:

Contact Phone Number:

Secondary Phone Number:

**Cost for 2 (two) signs is \$50 (Size 18X24)**

How many signs do you need:

Total Amount:

I acknowledge the above information on this magnetic sign order form is correct.

Print Name:

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

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**FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY  
2024 HOMECOMING PARTICIPANT  
WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

The Participant, \_\_\_\_\_ desires to participate in the Fort Valley State University’s Homecoming Parade (“the event”). The participant understands that participation activities may require a variety of skills, physical exertion and exposure to various other parade participants.

The Participant does hereby freely and voluntarily execute this Waiver and Release of Liability in accordance with the following terms:

**1. Waivers and Release.** Participant does hereby release, hold harmless and discharge the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, Fort Valley State University and the City of Fort Valley, their officers, directors, employees, and agents including the Fort Valley State University Homecoming Parade Committee and its members, employees and agents (hereafter, “Releasees”) from any claim, demand or liability that arises from such participation.

Participant understands and acknowledges that this Waiver and Release discharges the Releasees from any liability or claim that the Participant may have against the Releasees with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death or property damage that may result from Participant's participation in said event whether or not caused by the negligence of the Releasees. Participant also understands that, except as otherwise agreed to in writing, the Releasees do not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health, or disability insurance.

**2. Assumption of Risk.** The Participant understands that other entities and individuals will participate in the event and that such other participants may use motorized vehicles, perform with items, animals and equipment and engage in activities which may result in injury or death. The Participant hereby expressly and specifically assumes the risk of injury or harm associated with and arising from such activities by other participants. Further, Participant agrees to hold-harmless and indemnify Releasees for injuries, damages or demands that arise from Participant’s participation in the event.

**3. Grant of Media Rights.** Participant does hereby grant and convey unto the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the benefit of Fort Valley State University all rights, title, and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by Fort Valley State University during the event including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.

**4. Non-Employment.** Participant does hereby confirm and acknowledge that participation is voluntarily and further acknowledges and agrees that Participant is not an employee or agent of Releasees and is entitled to receive no pay, benefits, or other privileges of employment of any kind for participation in the event or for costs incurred for participating in the event, including, but not limited to, salary, travel, parking, transportation, or any other expense whatsoever that is incidental to Participant’s participation.

**Acknowledged and Agreed:**

**Name of responsible Person:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_