

CHARLOTTE PRIDE PARADE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

When is the 2021 Charlotte Pride Parade?

The Charlotte Pride Parade will be held on Sunday, October 24, 2021, from approximately 1-3pm. It will be held on Tryon Street in Uptown Charlotte.

Staging times will be assigned upon approval. You can expect staging times between 8 – 10am.

How can I march in the Charlotte Pride Parade?

Submit an application online through the Charlotte Pride website.

How does the parade application process work?

Once you complete and submit your online application, our Parade Committee will review the application for completeness and accuracy. If everything looks good, we will email you an approval notice along with an invoice for your registration fees and the appropriate liability waiver. If we have any questions or need any additional information to complete your application, we will contact you.

How long will it take to hear back?

As we continue to determine capacity of our 2021 event, we will work through applications as quickly as possible. It will likely take longer than usual for you to hear back on your application this year.

Please do not email requesting status updates before the end of July. If you have not be contacted by your appropriate notification date, please email parade@charlottepride.org.

Can I register to march in the parade the day of?

No. The deadline for parade registration is Wednesday, September 8, 2021, which will allow us enough time to finalize lineups and prepare for the mandatory Parade Orientation Meeting (see below).

How many parade entries will you have?

It depends. We hope to allow almost all participants, but we will need to make final decision based on available staging area, costs associated with reservations, and additional factors.

Are there any awards for parade participants?

Our awards are being updated for 2021. We will announce the categories at the 2021 parade meeting.

How much does it cost to march in the parade?

We have different rates for different types of entries and whether the entry will have vehicles or not.

Our 2021 fee schedule is as follows:

Individual walking groups/nonprofit organizations: \$100.00

Small business/corporate entries: \$250.00

Each entry is only allowed one vehicle per entry; motorcycles are limited to 10 per entry.

A car, float, truck, or van: \$100.00

What are the requirements and limitations of vehicles/floats (permits, size, etc)?

See Parade Rules & Regulations

Can I request a specific spot/location in the parade lineup?

We make every effort to accommodate parade location requests. However, for logistical and other reasons, this is not always possible. Requests for specific placement in the parade lineup will be considered, but we **CANNOT** guarantee fulfillment of such requests. Parade placement is at the sole discretion of Charlotte Pride.

When will I find out where I am in the parade lineup?

The final lineup will be released at the mandatory Parade Orientation Meeting (see below).

When and where does my parade entry need to arrive on parade day?

You will learn this information prior to parade orientation meeting if you are approved.

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What is the mandatory Parade Orientation Meeting, and why am I required to attend?

The Parade Orientation Meeting is a mandatory meeting for all parade entries. At this meeting, the Parade Committee will be discussing check in procedures, covering the parade rules and regulations, and providing an overview of the parade and what you can expect. Here we will present the final lineup along with your parade credentials.

Please note that it is required that at least one member of your parade contingent be present at this meeting or complete the online webinar and quiz. The meeting for 2021 will be held at 6-7pm on Wednesday, October 6th. The meeting will be hosted via Zoom and recorded for those who cannot attend the session at time.

Can I bring my car onsite for load in/out?

City officials will be closing the streets to through traffic for the parade. Once the streets are closed, only authorized vehicles will be allowed in the staging area (those that have been registered).

Where do I park?

Charlotte Pride does not provide parking for the festival or parade. There are a number of public parking decks and lots, as well as on street parking available within easy walking distance of the parade staging area and along the parade route. Please make sure you adhere to all City parking rules and regulations. Charlotte Center City Partners has a useful parking map that we recommend utilizing:

<http://www.charlottecentercity.org/transportation/parking/>

Are there limitations on items that can be given away along the parade route?

Yes. Parade entrants may not solicit donations or funds from parade spectators along the parade route. Gifts, merchandise, literature and other items of your choosing may be given out along the parade route (specifically, these items must be handed out). City ordinances and regulations prohibit any items from being thrown or tossed from vehicles or floats. Parade organizers will strictly enforce all applicable City ordinances and regulations.

What if it rains?

The Charlotte Pride Festival is a rain or shine event. In the event of severe weather, the Charlotte Police Department may request that the event be temporarily closed for the safety of the public.

Do you offer refunds?

We do not offer refunds for parade entry fees.

I have a different question.

Please email our Parade Committee at parade@charlottepride.org. We'll get back to you as soon as possible.