

Seneca Falls Canal Fest Parade Float Contest Rules

Eligibility

- Open to community organizations, businesses, schools, clubs, and individuals.
- All floats must complete and submit a parade entry form by 06/15/26.

Float Theme

- Floats should maintain a respectful, family-friendly presentation suitable for all audiences. Entries containing offensive, discriminatory, or political content will not be permitted.

Safety Requirements

- All floats must be constructed safely and securely.
- Riders must remain seated or standing behind railings while the float is in motion.
- No open flames, fireworks, or pyrotechnics allowed.
- Drivers must hold a valid driver's license and operate vehicles safely at all times.

Size and Vehicle Limits

- Floats should not exceed **40 feet in length** and **12 feet in height**.
- Each entry must provide its own tow vehicle, properly insured and inspected.

Music and Sound

- Music and sound effects are encouraged but must be family-appropriate.
- Volume should be kept at a reasonable level to allow communication between parade officials and participants.

Line-Up and Timing

- Participants must check in at the designated staging area by the time specified in their confirmation email.

Judging Criteria

Entries will be judged based on Creativity, Originality, Overall Appearance and Design. Judging will take place prior to the parade during the week of June 29th. We will coordinate with you on time of judging. The winner will be announced prior to the parade.

Awards

\$100 prize will be awarded to the winning entry. Winners will be announced during the parade and posted on the festival's website and social media.

Conduct & Clean-Up

- Participants must maintain appropriate behavior throughout the parade.
- No throwing candy or items directly from vehicles — walkers may distribute items safely along the route.
- All floats must be removed from the staging and disbanding areas promptly after the parade.