



# Float Competitive Entry

Float decorations are a great way for your organization to display the spirit of MTSU and the homecoming theme. Organizations are welcome to work together to create a float to be displayed during the parade. A float is best described as a decorated platform, either built on a vehicle, truck or towed behind on a trailer. The rules stated in the General Parade rule will be considered along with the following are. If there are any questions, please

contact the Homecoming Director.

1. Entries must be in good taste supporting MTSU spirit. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to reject and/or disqualify any entry not in compliance with contemporary community standards.
2. All participants must conduct themselves in a respectable, sportsmanlike manner at all times. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to limit individual student, alumni, or any other participation in the Homecoming Parade. If an individual participant cannot maintain the appropriate conduct as defined by contemporary community standards, he/she will be asked to leave the parade, float, or vehicle and site. If that individual refuses to leave the vehicle or float (including the immediate area) that group will be immediately disqualified from the event.
3. Floats may be pulled by any vehicle or means approved for street operations in the state of Tennessee.
4. No person participating in the parade is allowed to be inside the truck bed, if the truck is pulling a trailer during the parade.
5. Each group must, as a part of their official entry, designate a qualified, sober (**meaning NO alcohol has been consumed**) driver for the entry and any other vehicle used in the parade. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to determine the satisfactory state of each driver and may disqualify a driver if he or she does not meet the agreed standards. Upon disqualification of the driver, the entire entry will also be declared ineligible to participate in the parade.
6. No person participating in the parade is allowed to enter or litter on any private property (people's yards, business, churches, etc.) If a group is found guilty of this, a 15 point deduction and you will be asked to leave the area.
7. Floats must have at least one working fire extinguisher on board at all times. Any entry not having a fire extinguisher will be disqualified. The homecoming committee will be inspecting floats at check in to ensure all entries meet this requirement.

8. The location of the float construction site must be on the parade entry form. The Homecoming Committee and Parade Director reserve the right to visit each site at any time throughout the building process.
9. Any float that has movement must have consistent movement throughout the parade route.
10. All (theme) attire should be family friendly.
11. All size specifications will be strictly enforced. If an entry does not conform to the specifications for the event it will be automatically deducted 5 points per width, length, and height. Indicated measurements are from skirt to skirt of the trailer.
12. All entry forms are due September 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM through MyMT.

**Float dimensions may not exceed:**

- **Maximum Width: 9 ft**
- **Maximum Length: 16 ft**
- **Maximum Height (from the ground): 10 ft**

Non-float specifications will be determined on an individual basis.

Judging of the float will begin at noon on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Parade entries will be informed of their judging time prior to the parade. However, spirit judges will be placed at strategic locations throughout the parade route.

- ***25% School Spirit & Incorporation of Theme on Float***
- ***25% School Spirit & Incorporation of Theme during Parade***
- ***30% Workmanship & Color Scheme***
- ***20% Originality & Creativity***