

MLK Parade Entrants Guidelines

1. All fees must be paid when application is turned in. Deadline - Friday, January 2, 2026. Please make sure you are accurate with your vehicle descriptions, tractors pulling flat bed trailers are not cars, and if your group enters more than one vehicle into the lineup, please note that on your registration. All vehicles must be marked displaying your organization's title to be entered. Example, if you are part of an auto club and you plan on participating, please state how many vehicles you will be using. All spots are based on what the registration form states, if there is only a car marked on the application, there will only be 1 spot reserved for that vehicle.
2. If your organization/group will be participating, please notify all those involved with your group that there will be no cars/vehicle allowed within the parade lineup area after 11:00 a.m. unless they are an entrant in the parade. If you have children, etc, please arrange for them to meet you in Dyess Park at a certain time. These persons must walk to your designated meeting location; there will be no parents, etc allowed to drive within the parameter of Dyess Park (Road Closures - 9th & Laney Walker and Walton Way, 10th and Laney Walker and Walton Way, as well as all side streets within this square.) Please Park at the John H. Ruffin Courthouse at the corner of James Brown Blvd @ Walton Way.
3. All parade lineup numbers will be assigned as they come in, Your assignment will be emailed to the address listed on the application - It is imperative that you print CLEARLY. If you cannot attend the mandatory meeting on Friday, January 16, 2026 You will get your line up number on Saturday morning at the Check - In, on 8th Street. (Only vehicles in the parade will be allowed to check in). Once your number has been assigned, please follow the following directions to enter the parade line up area: (please note the road closures will occur at 10:00 am sharp, and unless your vehicle is in the parade you will not be able to enter.) *Please look carefully over the map enclosed in this packet.*

#'s 1-20 -Will enter from Walton Way and James Brown Blvd.

21-40 - Will enter from Laney Walker and 8th Street

#41- 60 - Will enter from Walton Way and 8th St.

#61-and up - Will enter from Laney Walker and 8th Street

ONLY FLOATS ORDERED FROM SOUTHEASTERN FLOAT COMPANY OR KIRBY PARADE FLOATS OR PARADE FLOATS BY ALLEN WILL LINE UP ON JAMES BROWN BLVD. & D'ANTIGNAC ST. RIDERS MUST WALK TO MEET THEIR FLOATS ON JAMES BROWN BLVD, NO CARS WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE EVENT LINEUP AREA.

4. If you are part of a High School Band, Marching Unit with 50+ participants, Motorcycle group, please note your line up locations on the enclosed map.
5. Richmond County High School Bands will line up on Hopkins Street and be weaved into the parade by their corresponding numbers and on-site parade staff. All School Buses and Bands will be notified of their drop off schedule.
6. All parade entrants line up numbers MUST be displayed at all times, please follow the following requirements:
 - Cars/Trucks/etc. - display in left side of front windshield
 - Floats - display in left side of front windshield in vehicle pulling float.
 - Walking Entrants - Pin to sign or leader of the group
7. If you should have any questions about parade line -up, please call Sharla Hambrick 706-821-1754 or James Riles 706-796-5025.