

2026 DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE APPLICATION

PARADE DATE – MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Complete form and return to:

Thomasville YMCA

ATTN: Claire Goodrich

P.O. Box 1037

Thomasville, GA 31799

OR Register ONLINE at <https://ymca-thomasville.org/events/downtown-christmas-parade>

PLEASE PRINT IN INK OR TYPE. MUST BE LEGIBLE!

Please make sure application is filled out completely.

Organization Name: _____

Name of Person in Charge: _____

(All contact will be with this person and all correspondence sent to the address listed below)

Address: _____ City, St, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Which category best describes your entry? **APPROXIMATE LENGTH NEEDED:** _____

☐ Float ☐ Walking Group ☐ Band ☐ Animal
☐ Vehicle/Trailer ☐ Car/Truck (#____) ☐ Go-Carts/Golf/Motorcycles

Will your entry have music? _____

JUDGING INFORMATION – THEME: A Bicentennial Christmas: 200 Years of Cheer

Please only select (1) of the following in the categories section. If you would like your entry to be judged, please check the appropriate box. Judges will evaluate the entry's interpretation of the parade theme. All entries being judged must be in place no later than 5:30 PM. Judging will begin promptly at 5:30 PM and entries not ready at that time will not be judged. Entries not being judged must be lined up by 6 PM.

BUSINESS/CORPORATION/MISC	NON-PROFIT/CIVIC	SCHOOLS	RELIGIOUS
Judged? YES ☐ NO ☐ This shall include all, but not limited to: a. Business & corporations b. Private daycare & preschool facilities c. Individuals	Judged? YES ☐ NO ☐ This shall include all, but not limited to: a. Non-profit/charitable b. Clubs c. Civic groups	Judged? YES ☐ NO ☐ This shall include all, but not limited to: a. Public & Private b. Universities c. Technical d. Marching Bands	Judged? YES ☐ NO ☐ This shall include all, but not limited to: a. Churches b. Religious organizations c. Houses of worship

ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13th!!

(TURN OVER) MUST SIGN WAIVER ON BACK!

CASH PRIZES:

The judged parade entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges who will rate each entry based on originality, theme and design. A total of six cash prizes will be given:

- \$250 – Christmas Spirit (Best Overall Presentation of Theme)
- \$150 – Christmas Spirit 1st Runner-up
- \$100 – Business/Corporation
- \$100 – Religious
- \$100 – Non-profit/Civic
- \$100 – Schools

In order to receive your cash prize you must return the award sign to the YMCA Corporate Office located at 102 S. Dawson St. Please contact Claire Goodrich at 229-226-3446 or at cgoodrich@ymca-thomasville.org for more information.

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED

Signature of Applicant assumes all responsibility for any loss or damage in connection with their entry in the 2026 Downtown Christmas Parade. The City of Thomasville, Thomasville YMCA, and all other parties directly involved will not be liable for any damage, theft or loss of property or injury. Once your entry form has been received you will receive a parade packet.

Applicant assumes the responsibility of making sure that everyone in his or her unit understands and will abide by the Parade Guidelines. Guidelines will be mailed along with your line-up number. You are also required to inform all drivers of rules and regulations and ensure that they follow the guidelines set forth. Failure to abide by guidelines will result in not participating in future parades.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED IN OFFICE: _____ ENTRY NUMBER: _____

DATE PARADE INFO E-MAILED: _____