

State Street Thanksgiving Parade™

2005 Volunteer Application - Due October 14, 2005

This is an application to participate as a volunteer in the 2005 State Street Thanksgiving Parade™. This application is ONLY valid for the person who completes it. Each individual volunteer must fill out his/her own application to be considered. Each member of a group must fill out individual applications and the group section of the application to be considered for the same volunteer committee. Chicago Festival Association cannot guarantee that groups will be assigned to the same volunteer position but will try its best to fulfill requests.

All volunteers must be at least 12 years old to participate. There are specific restrictions and age requirements for each position. Restrictions are specified in the position description. All volunteers are required to attend their assigned volunteer orientation session to be held in November prior to the Parade. (More details will be mailed)

Please include complete information and print clearly in pen. The Chicago Festival Association reserves the right to accept or reject any volunteer application. You will be

NAME _____ AGE _____

HOME # (____) _____ WORK # (____) _____ MOBILE # (____) _____

ADDRESS _____ APT/SUITE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

(PLEASE NOTE: YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS SHOULD BE ACCURATE AND ACTIVE AS WE WILL COMMUNICATE VIA EMAIL)

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS PREFERRED *(Volunteer positions are assigned on a first-come first serve basis We cannot guarantee your first choice)*

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Volunteer Group or Organization (If Applicable) _____

Referred by: _____

Please group me with the following friends/family members. *CFA cannot guarantee pairing but will do its best to accommodate requests.*

Have you volunteered for this Parade before? YES _____ NO _____ If yes, how many years? _____

If yes, what positions? _____

Would you be willing to do some light physical labor? YES _____ NO _____ *(i.e. lifting boxes or carrying light equipment)*

You must be in good health to participate. Volunteer may be required to walk in excess of 2 miles.

I understand and have read this application and if chosen, agree to participate in the 2005 State Street Thanksgiving Parade™, in Chicago, Thursday, November 24, 2005, and any training activities before the date required for this event. I understand that I may have to be on site at an early hour, Thursday, November 24, 2005 and that despite weather conditions I will attend because "The show will go on."

In consideration for being accepted as a parade volunteer, I irrevocably grant the Chicago Festival Association and all their employees, sponsors and agents the exclusive rights to use my name, likeness, photos, or reproduction of my involvement for any purpose including promotion, advertising or otherwise. With these rights, I hereby release the Chicago Festival Association and all their employees, sponsors and agents from any and all claims, liabilities and/or damages which may now or in the future arise by reason of such use.

Further, I acknowledge that I am/are aware of the risks associated with the participation of this event and on my behalf and that of my heirs', do hereby release the Chicago Festival Association, and all their employees, sponsors and agents, from all claims, liabilities and/or damages on account of any personal injury or property damage which may occur from any cause before, during or after the 2005 Parade.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18 years of age) _____ Date _____

APPLY ONLINE TODAY AT WWW.CHICAGOFESTIVALS.ORG OR RETURN APPLICATION TO



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Here's your chance to get involved in Chicago's most exciting holiday tradition, the 2005 State Street Thanksgiving Parade™! Come and be a part of this amazing event on **Thursday, November 24 — Thanksgiving Day**. We have many opportunities for individuals, families and groups to show their dedication to our community. Please call the Chicago Festival Association for information about how your corporation, organization, or other group can get involved at 312-781-5680.

*Please note: All volunteer applicants **under 12 years old** OR who do not meet specific position age requirements must get permission from the Chicago Festival Association to participate. All volunteers must attend their assigned volunteer orientation session in November. You will be notified of date and location.*

BALLOON HANDLER

Ever wonder how a 30 foot Kermit the Frog makes his way up State Street? Help maneuver 3,000 cubic feet of helium under the El tracks and down the parade route. **Must be 16 years of age.**

BANNER CARRIER

Make your television debut! Join hundreds of other famous hopefuls proudly carry unit and partner banners up the route. Banner carriers are required to wear khaki pants.

Must be in good health; you may walk between 1 and 3 miles the day of the event.

BEAUTIFICATION

Join the most important team of the Parade! Keep the route of Chicago's #1 televised parade looking neat and clean. Each volunteer will be assigned one city block to collect refuse after the Parade ends. **Gloves and supplies provided.**

BLOCK MARSHALS

Are you always on time? Then we need you! Block Marshals are stationed at every block to maintain the speed and spacing of units as they march up State Street. Route marshals communicate with step-off, the TV Zone and parade participant units to achieve perfect parade timing.

COMMAND CENTER

Experience the central communications hub for the entire Parade. Coordinate radios and other communications equipment with our Command Center director. Technical experience is a plus.

DISBAND

Where do all the participants go after at the end of the Parade route? Find out on the disband team. Volunteers direct units to their appropriate disband areas insuring units maintain forward motion and keep the TV zone from backing up.

DRIVERS

A clean driving record and a license is all that's needed to be in the best seat in the house Parade morning. Sit behind the wheel of a convertible or tow a beautiful float and make your television debut in style.

Must be 21 and have a clean driving record.

GREEN ROOM

Here's your chance to get in where even the paparazzi can't – entertain Chicago's hottest celebrities and honored guests in the Parade's Green Room. Green Room volunteers assist as escorts to our honored guests and celebrities; making sure everyone is comfortable and relaxed. **Must have been a volunteer for a minimum of 3 Parades**

HOSPITALITY

Calling all social butterflies! Our hospitality committee hosts our very important guests by assisting with food service, clean-up, ticket collection and crowd control. Get a fantastic view of the Parade from the VIP section, right in front of Marshall Field's. **Must have been a volunteer for a minimum of 3 Parades**

HOSTING STAFF

Do your friends call you the hostess with the mostess? As a member of the hosting staff you will be responsible for entertaining honored guests and celebrities during parade week. You will pick up guests at the airport, show them the sites of the Windy City, and transport them to the Parade route.

You must be 21, have a car and a clean driving record.

MERCHANDISE

Do you have retail experience and love interacting with people? Join our merchandise team and pass out goodies to the crowd, sell Parade souvenirs, or reward other hard-working volunteers like yourself as you distribute volunteer gift bags at the end of the Parade.

POO CREW

Do you crave applause and attention? Join the equestrian waste removal squad and receive the loudest cheers on the route! Always a crowd favorite, Poo Crew teams will be assigned to an equestrian unit to monitor and remove animal waste. Grab friends or family and make a Poo Crew of your own. **Gloves and supplies provided.**

RISK MANAGEMENT

Are you good with directions or always ready with a helpful smile? Members of the risk management team are positioned at each block to assist spectators in finding restrooms and merchandise, and controlling the flow of pedestrians across the Parade route.

SHUTTLE ESCORTS

Take a ride with our Parade celebrities as a shuttle escorts! Ride with them in the shuttle from the Green Room to their on-site locations and ensure that their journey is safe, successful, and enjoyable.

STAGING

Our staging committee members are the first people to greet Parade participants. Check-in incoming units and direct them to their staging area. Then get ready to monitor, direct, and usher participants to the integration area and into the line-of-march.

TECH CREW

Learn just what goes on behind the scenes to put on such a large scale event. Techies will assemble and dismantle the décor and props along the route as well as assist with the Parade strike.

TV PRODUCTION

Be a part of the television action— live on State Street! Our TV production crew works tirelessly to communicate directions from the producer to participants on street, stopping units for commercial breaks and cueing them for staged performances. Television experience is a plus. **Must have been a volunteer for a minimum of 3 Parades**

VOLUNTEER CHECK-IN

Welcome all the wonderful State Street Thanksgiving Parade™ volunteers with a smile. Team members will be responsible for checking in volunteers and answering questions about their day-of-event responsibilities.

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