



State Street Thanksgiving Parade™

2005 Specialty Unit Application—Due August 15, 2005

This is an application for participation in the 2005 State Street Thanksgiving Parade™. This is designed to provide the Chicago Festival Association with important information about your organization's proposed involvement. If your group is accepted, the information on this form will be used for production and planning purposes.

Please include **complete** information that is typed or printed clearly so that we can properly represent your organization. You may attach additional sheets if necessary.

The Chicago Festival Association reserves the right to accept or reject any unit application. If your group is accepted for parade participation, you will receive a confirmation letter no later than September 15, 2005.

A photo, video and 3 to 4 sentence bio of the unit is required to complete the application. Incomplete applications WILL NOT be considered. Please include any additional materials with your application that you deem necessary, including press packages, VHS tapes, or news clippings. Materials will not be returned.

Please complete and submit this application and all materials no later than **August 15, 2005**.

Name of Organization: _____

Unit Name—as it will appear in print: _____

Unit description—please provide detailed explanation of theme, costuming, props, etc: _____

Does your unit use music? Yes: _____ No: _____ If YES, what type? Live: _____ Recorded: _____

Sound system/equipment description*: _____

Presentation—mode of traveling down Parade route (walk, vehicle, etc): _____

Number of participants in the Parade: _____ Age range of participants: _____

Number and type of animals—if any: _____

Transportation—number, size, and type of vehicles used to transport unit to

Parade site: _____

*System must produce between 80 and 100 decibels and use a Digital Audio Tape (DAT) or CD with continuous looping. Audio must also be provided to CFA pre-parade for approval.

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Participation—have you participated in this Parade or others in the past? If yes, which ones and which years?

History—please provide a brief history or noteworthy details about your organization:

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Website: _____

If accepted, your group must provide a certificate of insurance naming the Chicago Festival Association as additional insured. Accepted units requiring lodging will be required to stay at the Parade's Official Hotel, the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

_____ (organization's name), if selected, agrees to participate in the 2005 State Street Thanksgiving Parade™, in Chicago, Illinois on Thursday, November 24, 2005. In consideration for being accepted as a participant, we irrevocably grant the Chicago Festival Association the exclusive right to use in any media our name, likeness, photos or reproduction of our performance for any purpose including promotion, advertising or otherwise. With these rights, we hereby release the Chicago Festival Association, its employees, sponsors, and agents from any claim, liabilities and/or damages that may now or in the future arise by reason of such use. Further, we acknowledge that we are aware of the risks associated with participation in this Parade and, therefore, on our behalf and that of our heirs, do hereby release the Chicago Festival Association, its employees, sponsors, and agents for any and 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.

X _____

Authorized Signature

Date

Please submit completed applications and materials no later than **August 15, 2005** to:

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Thank you for applying to the participant in the State Street Thanksgiving Parade™!