

VSU HOMECOMING PARADE COMMITTEE
VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
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August 18, 2026

Dear Community and Campus Organization:

The Virginia State University Homecoming Committee is busy preparing for this year's event. The Homecoming Parade Committee requests your assistance in making this year's parade the best. We invite you to join the Homecoming Parade. This year's Homecoming Theme:

“College Hill- The Remix”

Homecoming is on Saturday, October 10, 2026, and the parade will commence at 8:30 a.m. The assembly area will be at the VSU Multipurpose Center in Chesterfield, Virginia. All participants must arrive and check in at the assembly area by 6:00 a.m. The parade will begin on Chesterfield Avenue. We will continue on Chesterfield Avenue, turn left onto Grove Avenue, and continue until we reach River Street, then disband in Old Towne near the Train Station in Petersburg, Virginia 23803. Any late arrivals WILL NOT participate in this year's parade.

If your organization is interested in participating, please click on the link below and make your payment. Complete the form below and send it before **September 25, 2025.**

Danny T. Giles, Chairperson

Virginia State University Homecoming Parade Guidelines

The Virginia State University Homecoming Committee reserves the right to reject or disqualify any parade entry that is deemed unsafe, inappropriate, or inconsistent with the standards and spirit of the University.

Parade Rules and Requirements

- **All floats must be inspected and approved before the start of the parade.**
- **All parade units must keep moving throughout the parade route.** Units are not permitted to stop and perform routines, exhibitions, or demonstrations at any point along the route.
- **Any unit that stops to perform a routine during the parade will be prohibited from participating in future Virginia State University Homecoming Parades.**
- **There is a limit of one (1) parade unit per organization.**
 - One unit is defined as: up to 10 motorcycles, or up to 10 vehicles
- **All attendees who are 15 years of age or younger must remain under the direct supervision of an authorized adult chaperone at all times.** The sponsoring organization assumes no responsibility for unattended minors and reserves the right to deny participation or request departure for violations of this policy.
- **All vehicles entered by non-campus organizations must be decorated and clearly identified with the organization's name, displayed legibly.**
- **All towed floats must be equipped with properly secured safety chains or safety hitches.**
- **Throwing candy, promotional items, or any other objects from vehicles, floats, or parade units is strictly prohibited.**
- **All float and vehicle decorations must be made of fire-resistant or flame-retardant materials.**
- **Drivers participating in the parade may not smoke, eat, drink, or use electronic devices while operating their vehicles.**
- **Each parade unit must maintain a minimum distance of one vehicle length between their unit and the unit in front of them.**
- **Riding on the hood, trunk, roof, or any exterior portion of a vehicle is strictly prohibited.**
- **Excessively loud music, language, or content deemed inappropriate for a family-friendly event is prohibited.**
- **Late arrivals will not be permitted to participate in this year's parade.** All participants must report and be checked in by the designated arrival time.
- **In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, participants should refer to the Virginia State University Homecoming website for official updates and instructions.**

Safety and Conduct

All participants are expected to conduct themselves respectfully, safely, and professionally. Failure to follow these guidelines or the directions of parade officials, law enforcement, or event staff may result in immediate removal from the parade and disqualification from future participation.

2026 Virginia State University Homecoming Parade Entry Application

**Click on the link to complete the application and make your payment:
Fees are non-refundable**

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/6ZL21xFa>

I hereby release and discharge the Commonwealth of Virginia and Virginia State University, including its agents and employees, from any claims I have or may have for damage to or loss of my property or for personal injury (including serious injuries, sicknesses, and death) arising from my participation in the Virginia State University Homecoming Parade. I agree that this release and discharge also applies to my representatives, successors, and assigns.

By signing this agreement, you have agreed to follow the Virginia State University Parade Guidelines.