

Rules and Guidelines for the Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival Parade

- The 2023 Parade returns to downtown Cedar Rapids!!
- All entries are subject to approval by a Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival Representative.
- ALL VEHICLES MUST BE DECORATED. 2023 THEME: **MARCHING FORWARD TOGETHER**
- All entries must provide their own identification, signs, etc.
- The Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival will issue a parade number to be adequately identified by the judges and spectators.
- By submitting this Entry Form, you agree to release the Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival and our sponsors from liability for any injuries or damage that may occur (a) to any participant in your entry; and, (b) as a result of actions by any participant or component or portion of your entry.
- All participants must obey Parade Marshals at all times.
- Candy may be passed out to spectators on roadsides, hand-to-hand ONLY. For safety reasons, throwing candy or other objects into the crowd is **NOT PERMITTED**.
- The Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival has been granted a permit allowing live animal entries in the parade. No special requirements are in place, however should air temperatures be extreme at parade time, we may be required to remove certain animals from parade participation. Please be certain all animals are current on their vaccinations and are wearing appropriate tags if applicable; and, provide ample fresh water for your animal(s). Also, please be prepared to immediately collect from the parade route any feces generated by your animal(s).
- No littering or discarding of decorations or other materials on public streets or private property, including dumpsters.
- Political entries must be respectful of all parties. Any violation will be cause for removal without refund.
- Any violation of parade rules will result in immediate removal from the parade and any future participation.

All parade entries will be judged, and awards will be handed out at 11:35PM at Greene Square.

- Judges' Choice
- Most Patriotic
- Originality / Best Use of Theme (Marching Forward Together)
- Best Performance / Use of Music
- The Leonard Pfeifer Award - Best Original Float