



Lorain International Association 2025 Parade Entry Application

Parade Date: Sunday, June 29th, 2025

Parade Step-off Time: 11:30 am

Parade Route: Broadway Avenue (Downtown Lorain)

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 2025 Lorain International Parade. This is a great opportunity for your group or organization to share your heritage, talents and pride with our community. The theme of the parade is *International*, and where possible, units are asked to represent a nationality or culture in colorful displays, costumes, music and especially floats.

Please complete the information about your unit on the second page. Read the guidelines for participation and return your application to the address below. You will receive confirmation and detailed information via email prior to the parade. Units must meet LIA participating guidelines (detailed on page 3), and your unit leader/main contact must be willing to work closely with the parade chair prior to the event.

Commercial companies/businesses/political entries are required to pay an entry fee of \$50.00. If your company is a parade sponsor the fee is waived. Contact the parade chair for details.

LIA is a volunteer, non-profit organization and monetary donations from participating groups are greatly appreciated. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Please make any checks payable to Lorain International Association or LIA.

Please complete the application neatly and mail to:

**LIA Parade Chair Deb Rodriguez
LIA Parade Co-Chair Emmy Woltman
Send Applications to:
2826 Eastlawn St., Lorain, Oh 44052
or Email your application to loraininternational@gmail.com**

Deadline for all submissions is Friday, June 13, 2025. Information can be found at www.loraininternational.com or email the parade chair at loraininternational@gmail.com



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Please indicate which type of unit entry applies, choose all that apply

- Organization Float
- Nationality Float
- LIA Royalty
- Visiting Royalty
- Marching Band
- Flag Unit
- Junior Baton Corps
- Senior Baton Corps
- Junior Drill Team
- Senior Drill Team
- Drum & Bugle Corp
- Military Unit
- Novelty
- Motorcycle Unit
- Walking Unit
- Marching Unit
- Elected Official
- Antique Car
- Commercial Float
- Sports Team Community Group
- Non-profit organization
- Community Group
- Commercial Business

Please type or print neatly.

Name of unit: _____

Nationality/Culture/Ethnic Group represented: _____

Unit Contact Person: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

Mailing Address for Unit/Group/Organization: _____

City/ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Description of unit: _____

Drum Major or Field Commander _____

Length of Unit: _____ # of people in Unit: _____ # of Vehicles : _____

Float Motorized? Describe _____

Will the unit be playing music? Describe _____

Write a short announcement about your unit, to be read at the grandstand.

Waiver: All groups, units, organizations, businesses, individuals, and others associated with such; participate in the Lorain International Parade at their own risk. Those described above assume all responsibility and liability for any and all injury and/or damage associated with participating in the Lorain International Parade. Lorain International Association will be held harmless of any circumstance and released from any liability whatsoever in connection with anyone participating in the event described at the Lorain International Parade

I have read and do accept the LIA 2025 Parade Information and participant Guidelines.

Signature of Unit Representative _____ **Date** _____



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2025 Parade Participant Information and Guidelines

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Communication: All parade information is sent via email to each unit contact person at the email address provided. It is the responsibility of the contact person to respond to all emails to confirm receipt. It is also the responsibility of the unit contact to inform members of the unit as to the details of line-up times, locations, and other related information. Approximately one week prior to the parade, detailed information will be sent to the unit contact. Please print the materials and distribute them accordingly. Materials will include unit placement, guidelines, and related information. Information will also be available on our website, www.loraininternational.com

Weather: The parade will be held rain or shine. Plan for hot temperatures and supply your unit with water.

Parade Route: The parade will travel north on Broadway from the staging area, then west on West Erie Avenue and south onto Washington Avenue to disperse. **Do not stop any vehicles on Washington Avenue until you are south of 4th Street.** Since the completion of the Broadway Streetscape Project there are 2 medians along the route. Walking and marching units may use either side of Broadway at the split. Street legal motor vehicles will all use the northbound lane at the splits. Specialty units will be decided on a case-by-case basis by Lorain International Association.

Unit Placement: The placement of all parade units is made at the discretion of the parade chair. This decision is based on several criteria including but not limited to size and type. All units are considered important in making a well-balanced parade which is entertaining and safe.

Nationality Representation: The Lorain International Parade celebrates many cultures, nationalities, and the diversity in and around Lorain County. Parade participants / units are encouraged to represent as such. Be creative!

LIA Princesses & Visiting Royalty: No one will be permitted to sit on the roof or hood of any vehicle.

Vehicles: *Only vehicles participating in the parade will be allowed in the staging area.* Other vehicles will not be permitted in the parade or staging area. A unit will primarily consist of a float or group of people walking. A car may lead a unit but it must have signage describing the organization, business, or individual. No one will be permitted to sit on the roof or hood of any vehicle. Unsafe activity may result in removal from the parade.

Animals: Animals and pets are welcome to participate in our parade. The unit contact person will be responsible for ensuring water is provided, and that any mess made by the animal is cleaned up immediately and disposed of properly. Please be aware that only registered service animals will be permitted to enter the festival site.

Parade participation fees: All commercial/for-profit groups, elected officials, political candidates, and businesses are required to pay a nominal fee of \$50.00. This is due at the time of application submission. Unit placement in the parade line-up will not be given until the fee is received. The \$50.00 entitles the participant to include a maximum of 4 street legal vehicles in the procession. All groups are also welcome to make an additional donation. All fees are tax deductible. Checks or money orders can be made payable to LIA and mailed to the address indicated on your application.

Sponsors: If an organization or business is a parade sponsor, the registration fee is waived. For information about becoming a parade sponsor, please email the parade chair at loraininternational@gmail.com.

Parade Floats: All floats must have a fire extinguisher on board. People situated on any float or vehicle must be in a sitting position, or secured if standing, while the float is moving. Please note there is a height restriction of 18 feet.

Unit Material Distribution: **Candy may be passed out by hand to parade viewers, throwing or tossing candy from floats or vehicles is prohibited.** This is to ensure the safety of spectators. Violators of this safety guideline may be removed from the parade line up. The distribution of printed material is prohibited without prior approval. Requests to pass out other promotional items be submitted to the parade chair 2 weeks prior to the parade.

Announcements: All units are announced at the reviewing area over a public addressing system.

Parade Chair: Deb Rodriguez is the 2025 Lorain International Parade Chairperson, Emmy Woltman is Co-Chair. It is preferred that all contact be via email to loraininternational@gmail.com. If you are unable to email you may call (440) 258-9037 or (440) 522-9449 and leave a voicemail.

Only vehicles participating in the parade will be allowed in the staging area. Please plan accordingly.

4/2025 Parade guidelines are subject to change.