

47TH ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY

BLACK HISTORY PARADE

& UNITY FESTIVAL

Unity in Action

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2027 | PARADE STARTS AT 10:00 AM

PARADE APPLICATION

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App & Fees DEADLINE January 6th

A photograph is requested from all units. Completion of application does not imply acceptance.

Organization Name:

Contact Person: Phone:

Mailing Address:

City/State/Zip:

Email:

Number in Group:

☐ BANDS
☐ DRILL TEAM / DANCERS
☐ WALKING GROUP

☐ *CARS
☐ *TRUCKS
☐ *FLOATS

*Certificate of Insurance is required for motorized entries

☐ *EQUESTRIAN
(* Insurance Required)
☐ OTHER

I hereby agree that the above is eligible as entered, and to release and hold harmless the management, or any of its members or agents, and the owners or management of the grounds or location where the event is held, from any loss, damage or injury resulting from participation of above entry in this event.

Authorized Representative:

Parent/Guardian: *(if participant is under 18 yrs. of age)*

ENTRY FEE

- ✓ All Fees Are Non-Refundable
- ✓ All required documents must be submitted with application
- ✓ All applicants must be approved by the OCHC Parade Committee
- ✓ **Payment must be submitted immediately upon notification from the committee of application approval**

☐ $175 Per Unit ***(discount $50 ONLY if fee received by September 30th)***
☐ $75 Elementary - High Schools & Youth Groups ***(ages 18 & under - discount $25 if received by Sept 30th)***
☐ $0 - School Bands ***(Fee will be paid by the Event Sponsors)***

PAYMENT METHODS

- ✓ All payments must reach us on or before the deadline.
- ✓ Submit payment immediately upon approval by the committee
- ✓ Indicate organization name on payment

☐ **VENMO:** OrangeCountyHeritageCouncil
☐ **CashApp:** $OCHeritageCouncil
☐ **PayPal:** Orange County Heritage Council
☐ **Check:** Payable To: Orange County Heritage Council
Mail To: Attention Parade / P.O. Box 29037 / Santa Ana, CA 92799

VENMO CASH App PAYPAL

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date Rec'd:	Amt Rec'd:	Confirmed:	Initials:

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PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Orange County Black History Parade is to celebrate Black History Month in a fun celebratory way as we remember the great contributions African American people have enriched Orange County California and our world with. Thank you for your participation in making this a great celebration!

FEES & DEADLINES:

- All fees are non-refundable
- The event will take place rain or shine
- All required fees with completed application and paperwork must be received by OCHC on or before the deadline date.
- The DEADLINE *for all entries and fees is January 6th*. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS

PARADE ORDER & STAGING:

*Order and staging information will be sent **10 days prior to the parade** to accepted participants who completed and submitted all required documents*

RULES / JUDGING:

1. All entry applications must be approved by OCHC Parade Committee
2. All participants must be uniformed, costumed, or appropriately attired
3. All entries should have positive theme. Any entry consisting of advertising or expressing political, social, religious, and etc. viewpoints will be at the approval of the OCHC Parade Committee.
4. May carry the name of the sponsoring firm/organization in addition to Theme related wording
5. All entries must fit into a classification
6. Decorated automobiles are acceptable. All decorations must be fireproof.
7. Any deviation from the rules must be approved by the OCHC Parade Committee prior to the acceptance of the parade application.
8. Forward motion must be maintained throughout the entire parade route
9. Entrants should provide and carry an identification banner
10. No sirens, firing of firearms or any loud noises that might interfere with other units
11. No one under the age of five (5) will be permitted to march without special permission
12. At no time is any entry/participant allowed to hand out or throw anything along the parade route
13. Violations are subject to disqualification
14. The OCHC Parade Committee accepts no responsibility for false statements made by applicants or entrants

Required Documents:

15. The Required Announcer Script must be submitted
16. Entrants should provide and carry an identification banner
17. Motorized entries must have and present a Certificate of Insurance the day of the event

Check-In & Start Time:

18. All entries must **check-in between 7:00am – 8:30am.** Check-In booth will close at 8:30am
19. Staging is from 8:30am – 9:45am. **Parade will start promptly at 10:00am**

AWARDS:

Trophies will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place winners in each category. Awards will be presented at the Unity Festival on the Center Street Promenade immediately after the parade. Awards that are not picked up will be held for 10 days only!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please submit all applications, paperwork, and questions to…

Email: BlackHistoryParadeApplication@gmail.com
Phone: [714] 579-9966

Website: OC-HC.ORG **Facebook:** Orange County Heritage Council **Twitter:** @OCBlackHistory

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Instagram: @orangecountyheritagecouncil

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REQUIRED ANNOUNCER SCRIPT

A PARADE SCRIPT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH EACH APPLICATION. IF A SCRIPT IS NOT SUBMITTED THE PARADE ANNOUNCER WILL ANNOUNCE ONLY THE GROUP NAME. The following questions are required to be completed and submitted with your script before your entry will be considered by the OCHC Parade Committee. See the script guide line below.

Entry Name:	
Entry Type:	
City:	

List of individuals responsible (i.e., manager, captain, director, etc.) and give titles. You may attach an addition page if needed:

How many in group? | Youth Group Age (range):

Description of costume/uniform:

In 2-3 sentences describe your organization:

If band, what music have you selected to perform?

Any additional information you wish the Announcer to share:

Use the above questions as a guide for your Parade Script format.

- **The Parade Script must be on a separate page**
- The script must be typed
- Font size 18 (this is Arial font size 18)
- Font color black

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PREMIERE JUDGING

RULES/GUIDELINES

THIS IS A COMPETITIVE EVENT FOR MARCHING UNITS/BANDS/DRILL TEAMS

All Entries are reminded that this is a forward moving parade, and as such all routines and / or performances must be executed while in forward motion along the parade route. When units stop to perform, it effects every unit behind them and can cause large "gaps" between units. To make this a wonderful event for both participants and spectators alike, please do not stop and make sure to keep up with the unit in front of you.

Start Line/Competition Area: Units must stop and await instruction before entering the competition zone to begin their performance.

Judging Stand/Salute Point: Often located at a specific point within the competition area (e.g., the 250 ft mark)

Award Ceremony will take place soon after the parade.

At no time is any participant allowed to throw, hand out, or distribute anything along the parade route.

Horn honking, sirens, loud music, and / or air horns that interfere with other units is prohibited.

Rules and stipulations set by the parade committee

By filling out and submitting the application, you agree to the following rules :

1. All participants must be uniformed, costumed, and / or appropriately attired.
2. All entries should have a positive theme which respects diversity, is non-controversial, and does not advocate any political candidate, proposition, or position.
3. All entries in the parade must be approved by the parade committee. Any deviation from the rules must be approved prior to acceptance of the parade application.
4. The parade will start promptly at 10:00 am.
5. The California Premier Judges Association accepts no responsibility for any false statements made by any applicant, participant, and / or unit.
6. Forward motion must be maintained throughout the parade route, stopping at any time, to perform is prohibited.

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7. All sound equipment used in the parade must be self-propelled. Vehicles of any kind are not allowed in the parade for the purpose of being used as a music platform.
8. No one under the age of five (5) will be permitted to march in the parade without prior approval from the parade committee.
9. All entries must fit a classification offered.
10. All decorations must be fireproof / fire retardant.
11. All entries are encouraged to carry an identification banner.
12. At no time is anything to be thrown or handed out along the parade route.
13. Applications must be submitted by the entry deadline of date for acceptance into the parade.
14. Application, including script and insurance (if required) must be completed and signed to be considered.
15. All equestrian units are required to provide a cleaning crew to pick up any refuse from their horses both on the parade route and in the formation / disbanding areas
16. The parade committee accepts entries based upon the information submitted on the application. No changes to any entry will be allowed once submitted and accepted without committee approval.
17. No firearms, sirens, or loud noises (including music) that interfere with other units are allowed.
18. Acceptance into the parade is at the discretion of the parade committee and all decisions are final.
19. Any violation of these rules may lead to removal from the parade and / or disqualification from participating in the parade for a minimum of two years.
20. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people gather

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SAVE THE DATE

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9 AM - 4 PM | PARADE KICKS OFF AT 10 AM

205 W Center Street Promenade
Anaheim, CA 92805

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